ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MAY 7, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOM ALLEN
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the Anderson County Council’s special resolutions and proclamations meeting to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here. Thank you for coming.

At this time we’ll go down and start with Resolution 2(a), R2019-017, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We gather once again to honor a spectacular group of young people.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE ANDERSON DISTRICTS I AND II CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING BROADCASTING PERFORMANCES AS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RADIO STATION OF THE YEAR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, in October 2012 the Anderson Districts One and Two Career and Technology Center’s Media Broadcasting Program founded WPPB, The Pulse, a broadcasting radio station created and operated by students from Wren, Palmetto, Powdersville and Belton-Honea Path High Schools; and,

Whereas, on March 1-3, 2019, The Anderson Districts One and Two Career and Technology Center did compete in the 79th Annual Intercollegiate Broadcast System Student Media Conference in New York City. During this competition seventeen schools from across the country did compete. WPPB students became a finalist in 19 categories, receiving first place in twelve categories, and for the second consecutive year were chosen as the winner of Best High School Radio Station of the Year; and,

Now Therefore, be it resolved that, the Anderson County Council wishes to honor and recognize the accomplishments of Anderson Districts I & II Career and Technology Broadcasting students for representing the best qualities of our youth, bringing tremendous pride for being outstanding ambassadors of our community.

Again, congratulations and we wish you great success in your future endeavors.

THIS RESOLUTION IS RESOLVED in meeting duly assembled this 7th day of May, 2019.

May I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis.

Any discussion? I’d just like to echo Ms. Wilson’s things. They do great work over at that Career Center and appreciate what all y’all do for the county and for your community. Y’all are part of what makes Anderson
County, to me, very, very special.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time, show of hands in favor of the motion. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I have my fellow council members join me and all of the young people, their families and teachers. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

FEMALE: We also have a manufacturing meeting on Thursday, so we invite you all out to our Career Center on Thursday morning to come to the manufacturing alliance meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item 2(b), 2019-019, Councilman Wooten. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a resolution to honor and recognize the Anderson Cavaliers for their dedication, ---

TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. I don’t think they got here yet. So if you don’t mind -- I apologize. They’re downstairs. So I don’t know what -- if you’ll go check on them, Mr. Burns, and we’ll move to the next one if that’s all right. I’m sorry. I thought about that a few minutes ago.

If it’s all right we’ll move on to Item number 2(c), Proclamation from council. Mr. Graham is going to present it. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Didn’t mean to catch you off guard.

RAY GRAHAM: This is in recognition of a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Whereas, the President of the United States has designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week"; and,

Whereas, the police officers of America work devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of the Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and,

Whereas, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and,

Whereas, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting our nations; and,

Whereas, these men and women by their patriotic
service and their dedicated efforts have earned the
gratitude of the Republic; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Anderson
County Council do proclaim May 15, 2019 as Peace
Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State
and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled
in the line of duty, designating the week of May 15 as
Police Week, in recognition of service given by men and
women who night and day stand guard in our midst to
protect us through enforcement of our laws and too
often making the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Be this resolved this 7th day of May, 2019.

TOMMY DUNN: I bring this in the form of a motion.

RAY GRAHAM: Have a motion Mr. Graham. Second by Ms. Wilson. Anyone have any further
discussion? I’d just like to echo Mr. Graham’s
comments for the full council in honor of the men and
women that protect us. Very, very appreciative of
that.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr.
Graham, you have anything down there or whatnot?

RAY GRAHAM: At this time if I
can -- I know we’ve got some Sheriff’s Department
representatives here, and naturally any other law
enforcement, if y’all could come forward we’ll -- yes,
sir, and the Fraternal Order of Police, if you guys
could step forward, definitely be honored to present
this to you guys.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

RAY GRAHAM: At this time I’d
just like to present this. Hopefully y’all can put it
up over there at the lodge. And again, can’t say
enough how much we appreciate the service that each one
of you has given through the years and continues to do
so. And we definitely appreciate what you do for
Anderson County.

MALE: Let me just say
thank you to the Anderson County Council and Anderson
community. Just as a matter of information, we’ll be
having our Police Memorial Service across in front of
the new courthouse May the 15th at 6:00. We’ll be
recognizing the officers that have laid down their life
in our community. And we’ll also be unveiling the new
K-9 Memorial honoring two K-9, K-9 Duchess and K-9
Hyko. And I appreciate the work that the county has
done. Mr. Burns has worked with us for at least two
years to make this memorial happen. And we’re having
that service on May 15 at 6:00. We’d like to invite
the County Council, as well as the community.

Appreciate this proclamation.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN:  At this time we’ll
be moving on to Item number (d), a proclamation to
recognize May 18 through 24, 2019 as National Safe
Boating Week.  Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS:  Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

For nearly one hundred million Americans, boating
continues to be a popular recreational activity.  From
coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are
taking to the water and enjoying time together boating,
sailing, paddling and fishing.  During National Safe
Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal,
state, and local safe boating partners encourage all
boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters
responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation.  The Coast
Guard estimates that human error accounts for 70
percent of all boating accidents and that life jackets
could prevent more than 85 percent of boating
fatalities.  Through basic boating safety procedures
carrying lifesaving emergency distress and
communications equipment, wearing life jackets,
attending safe boating courses, participating in free
boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating,
we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal,
inland, and in shore waters stay safe throughout the
season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring
attention to important life-saving tips for
recreational boaters so that they can have a safer,
more fun experience out on the water throughout the
year.

Whereas, on average, 650 people die each year in
boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 76
percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are
cased by human error or poor judgment and not by the
boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose
their lives by drowning each year would be alive today
had they worn their life jackets.

Therefore, the Anderson County Council, do hereby
support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and
proclaim May 18-24, 2019 as National Safe Boating Week
and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe
boating.

In Witness Thereof, we urge all those who boat to
practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

Proclaimed this 7th day May, 2019.

I make that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Do you have anyone here, Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: Yep.

TOMMY DUNN: If you could step down.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: While we’re waiting I’d like to appreciate and recognize the young scout we’ve got here. I don’t know if that’s his scout master or dad or whatnot, but we appreciate you being here and hope we don’t bore you too bad. What troop y’all with? 215.

Want to welcome y’all here. And appreciate y’all coming out tonight. At this time we’ll ask Councilman Wooten if he’ll read Resolution R2019-019. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE ANDERSON CAVALIERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION, SPORTSMANSHIP AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE PIONEER LEAGUE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the Anderson Cavaliers were created in 2009 to offer Christ-centered athletics to the youth in the upstate of South Carolina; and,

Whereas, the Anderson Cavaliers provides assistance to a blend of youth with diverse backgrounds who need an opportunity to excel in athletics, mentoring and life; and,

Whereas, the Anderson Cavaliers Athletics program includes football, cheerleading, baseball, and volleyball. The program would like expand in the future by adding basketball, soccer, and competitive dance; and,

Whereas, these activities are all overseen by volunteers who provide support by serving as mentors, coaches, and directors; and,

Whereas, the Anderson Cavaliers High School Varsity football team had great success in defeating their opponents earning the title of the Pioneer Football
League Champions in 2016, 2017, and 2018; and,
Whereas, the Anderson Cavaliers JV Football Team ended their 2018 football season with an 11-0 record beating the Carolina Crusaders with a 14-0 victory and becoming the 2018 Champions of the Pioneer Football League; and,
Whereas, the Anderson County Council is grateful for our volunteers, mentors, coaches and directors who dedicate their time to make a difference in the lives of the youth in our communities. We are proud of our youth who demonstrate qualities of integrity, dedication, sportsmanship, and team work required to participate in the opportunities offered by the Anderson Cavaliers. We would like to wish each of you great success in all of your future endeavors.

BE IT RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 7th day of May 2019.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Wooten.
Second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? I’d like to congratulate. It’s a great honor. I’m sure the record y’all had and what y’all are doing, it’s people like that makes our community and our county special. Appreciate what all y’all are doing and the grownups and their leadership, too. Thank you very much.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: If we could gather up front for a picture.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

CRAIG WOOTEN: Well, I think it goes without saying, this is a group of individuals that have not only made a positive impact on each other and in our community, but they’ve achieved great success. It’s shown by their record. It’s shown by how they represent Anderson and other places. And it starts with I know Coach Floyd, Coach Hauser, Coach Peppers. These folks are dedicated to being mentors and striving for athletics, but also striving to make a difference in these youths’ lives. And I know that with this crew up here there’s going to be more mentors. There’s going to be more coaches going forward. And this is going to be a program that’s going to see great success for a long time. So thank you for what you do.

APPLAUSE

MALE: I just want to say something real quick. I’ve only been part of this
program just for a couple of years or so. We’ve got some people here that’s been dedicated to this thing since it started; Dr. Wortham, Coach Bott out here at the back. And we’ve got some other coaches that wasn’t able to be here that has been part of this program the whole time. This is a faith-based program. And what we’re trying to do is make sure we offer these kids something to do other than getting in trouble. And this is a great way to do it. We’ve got a great group of coaches. I admire them all. And every bit of what they do is volunteer. They don’t get paid a dime. Matter of fact, it costs them money to actually coach. And some of them doesn’t even have kids that’s on the team, but they care that much. We’d like to grow this program more. We would like to be more involved with our local law enforcement. We just want to be part of this community and the community part of the Anderson Cavaliers. We can do a lot together. And I’d like to pass this to Coach Tai (phonics) and let him ...

COACH TAI: First of all, thank you guys for having us this evening. And I just want to piggyback off of what Denny said. We want to -- we definitely need to be a bigger part in this community. And that starts not only with us but with you guys, too. You know, we have games. Come out and support. Friday night lights is a real thing. You know, these guys would love to see you out there. And again, we can’t do this without you guys. Without the community we’re nothing.

So thank you again for having us, and go Cavs.

APPLAUSE

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you again for coming out. Any time this county can be of assistance to you we’re here for you, we support you and we appreciate what you do. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: That’s going to be all for this part of the council meeting. We’ll start back at about 6:30. Thank y’all.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:27 P.M.)
State of South Carolina  )
County of Anderson   )

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LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to

call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of May

the 7th to order. I’d like to welcome everyone here.

Thank you for coming out tonight.

First order of business, I’d like to ask Council

lady Ms. Wilson, if she would lead us in the invocation

and pledge of allegiance, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any

corrections to be made to the April 16, 2019 council

meeting? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman? On

page 30 on line 39, the word was training instead of

train. And on line 45 the note is speeding vehicles

and instead of in. Just some typos.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? You want to

make a motion to accept with those changes?

CINDY WILSON: I make a motion to accept

the minutes as amended.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. All in

favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.

Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Ms.

Wilson.

A little housekeeping before we move on any

further. I want to -- Item number 9, ordinance first

reading, that word should be Browser, should be the

code name. A little typo. Browser.

Secondly, it was done in an earlier meeting, but

now we have full council, I’d like to welcome and

appreciate the gentlemen from Scout Troop 215 coming

here tonight. Like I said earlier, I hope we don’t

bore you. Appreciate you being here.

Moving on to citizens comments. Mr. Harmon calls

your name, if you would state your name and district

for the record. You’ve got three minutes. Address the

chair. The first go-around items on the agenda. Mr.

Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker

is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

One thing about procedure, Lacey, what you did tonight

with the sign-in is perfect. Perfect.

I have several things that I’m interested in
	onight. One of the things I think is great, number 13

-- no, 15, 16 and 17, requests for donation of

equipment. I think that’s really great when we can

help our small towns, their needs. Probably what we

would get for selling it is not going to be much. And
it’s probably worth a whole lot more to the towns that
need it.

Very interested in what we’re going to hear on the
Public Safety Committee, detention, the Universal
Mental Health screening and the pre-release program.
We’ve got to do something about our overload in the
penal system. We’ve got people who are in jail for
things -- I’m not saying they’re right, but we’ve got
people in jail that are in there for what’s really
considered minor offenses, and some that have been in
there for twenty years for things like maybe marijuana
possession or whatever. We need to get the heinous
criminals, the murderers, the rapists, the ones that do
people bodily harm, those are the ones that we need to
put in jail. The rest of them we need to get them
doing community service and getting them mental health.
There are a lot of people who do crazy things when they
don’t have the medicine that they need. And that
includes a lot of people who are incarcerated who are
not really necessarily bad people, but they’re out of
control when they’ve not got support that medicine can
provide. Some of you are sugar freaks, some of you are
coffee freaks, some of you take Red Bull energy drinks,
whatever. All of those are support systems. But there
are other people out here who need diabetic support,
need lithium because they're bipolar, any number of
things that if we could help to fix those problems,
they wouldn’t be in jail. They wouldn’t keep breaking
in people’s homes. They wouldn’t keep harming people.
We need to do a better job of helping those citizens.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Moving on next to Item number 5, FFA Presentation
of check. Mr. Jones, step up to the mic. Wherever is
good for you. Get that mic and come around here to the
front to let everybody see you. Make sure it’s
recording.

BRIAN JONES: My name is Brian Jones.
I’m the President of (entire presentation inaudible).

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: We appreciate it. Thank
y’all very much.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate y’all.

Appreciate what you do for the community and certainly
appreciate the Future Farmers of America. Like you
said, they’re going to ahve a great impact on our
nation for years to come.
Moving on now to Item number 6, discussion of budget, Ms. Floyd, Councilman Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. For the last two days I have been here at the council office in the administrative office working very, very hard. The information that I received is just unbelievable. There was many times as I sat there I said out loud, boy, I wish the other council members had been here. We went through the budget department by department. And the things that I found out, the understanding that I received, the questions that I had, they were all answered. The comradery between the department -- our county people and me was just -- well, the county people and I, I should have said, was just phenomena. I don’t understand why you guys won’t come. I just don’t understand it. But we hit a home run today. The only person I didn’t get to do was the sheriff’s people. But I’m coming. I am coming. Okay? And I can’t wait to share the information that I received.

This is my -- I think it’s my fifth or sixth year doing this, going through the budget with each of our county people. But I am just never, ever disappointed. For the life of me, I can’t see how anyone can do a budget from a piece of paper that’s submitted without sitting down and talking face to face with the people who are submitting these budgets. There’s a lot to find out from them. Why are you requesting this? Is this really needed? What’s your biggest item this year? What’s your biggest disappointment this year? And are you happy in this job? I’m very, very proud of the work that was done. As I said, we finished everything in two days except for the Sheriff’s Department, and there was one other department that we didn’t get to. But we’re having a budget meeting tomorrow and I am prepared, and not from a sheet of paper.

Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a need to speak with you before you leave today, so don’t run out on me; okay?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Sure.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.

And maybe you didn’t make it this year, you didn’t make it in the last five years, but I’m hoping next year things will be even better and you will see the need to be there with us. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on to Item number 7, ordinance third reading. There are none.
Moving on to Item number 8, ordinance second reading, 8(a), 2019-016, 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. Do we have a motion to put that ---

RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: --- motion forward? Motion Mr. Graham, second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

Next, moving on to Item number 9, ordinance first reading, 2019-018, 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 to include certain property of Project Browser. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, member of council, thank you for allowing me to present Project Browser. This is a Greenville County project that is underway and is yet unannounced. They are working with one of their companies to expand and grow their company. Greenville County -- and this is a courtesy to Greenville County that they reciprocate to us in the multi-county park agreement that we have with them. But it allows Greenville to access certain state incentives and opportunities for the project. As you know, we get the same privilege from them. And they certainly send their thanks for assisting them in this project and look forward to assisting us with our next project. Thank you, Mr. Dunn. This comes to council as a recommendation from staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Are there any discussion or questions for Mr. Nelson? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes. Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 10, resolution R2019-020, a resolution to approve the location at the TTI Pearman Dairy Road site for the Duke Energy Lineman School in conjunction with Tri-
County Technical College. Do we have a motion to move this forward to put it on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

BRET SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders.

CINDY WILSON: May I?

TOMMY DUNN: Let me ask Mr. Burns, you got any comments or anything you’d like to say?

RUSTY BURNS: Tri-County Technical College received a grant from Duke Energy to train linemen to go to work for Duke Energy. The property, and everyone has a map showing where this is, is basically land that we would not use under any circumstance. And what they intend to do there is put up poles. They will also have classroom instruction that will be involved that will be provided by Tri-County Tech. In essence what they’re asking for is the use of that land in that area.


CINDY WILSON: This would not preclude if we changed the use of the property -- the use of the county?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. That would ---

CINDY WILSON: Because we’ve got a lot more planning to do.

RUSTY BURNS: --- be the very last piece of property that we would ever use, and that’s why we located it in that area.

CINDY WILSON: Maybe move them to the airport property if we had to?

RUSTY BURNS: If we had to.

CINDY WILSON: Well, it’s a very worthy project. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else have anything? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving onto Item number 11, bid approval. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is the most wanted, beloved, argued-over, fought-over, hated project in the whole history of the town of Williamston. There’s a street that appeared to have a minor problem, but it turned into a severe, severe, severe problem requiring almost a complete re-do and the building of new culverts. The money is coming from the Anderson County Transportation Committee. And we took bids. Robert, the low bidder is?

ROBERT CARROLL: Saluda Construction, three
hundred thirty-seven thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: What does the twenty-seven thousand nine hundred stand for?

ROBERT CARROLL: Ms. Wilson, they asked us to break that item out. I don’t know the exact reason. But that twenty-seven thousand is part of the three hundred thirty-seven thousand.

CINDY WILSON: Oh, okay.

ROBERT CARROLL: But they needed that defined for a particular reason. But I honestly can’t tell you what that is.

CINDY WILSON: The problems over in Williamston have become even greater than when all this started. Around our county and a lot of the small towns, metal -- corrugated metal culverts were put in place about thirty years ago and they’re all beginning to disintegrate, collapse and disintegrate. So I appreciate our county and the Transportation Committee working with Williamston to help put this in place. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

Moving on to Item number 12, approval of DHEC hospital preparedness program grant. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Graham, do you want to address those?

RAY GRAHAM: Go ahead. You can do them.

DAVID BAKER: Mr. Chairman and council, I’ll actually address both this one and the next one because they’re two grants that are involving emergency preparedness.

We had the opportunity to put in for a -- what’s called a palm case (phonics) and palm case basically are a self-contained truck-mounted case that has -- fits an amount of equipment to use for disasters and emergencies. We at one point in time had a DHEC trailer that belonged to DHEC that was assigned to Anderson County. We actually lost that trailer several years ago and it was redesignated out of the county. This allows us the opportunity to replace what we lost and have here (inaudible). The two cases alone, I
believe it was during this past summer when our local
folks went down to Dillon County, and naturally this is
for us for within Anderson County, but to kind of let
you know the capabilities of this, had we had that type
of technology we could have done a whole lot more, you
know, (inaudible). Certainly during a disaster,
emergencies and things of that nature within the
county, the capabilities of being able to communicate
within the county as well as outside the county are
very important. It’s imperative. It’s a -- I believe
it’s an eighty/twenty match, if I’m not mistaken. And
I believe if I’m not ---
RAY GAMBRELL: It’s a ten percent match.
DAVID BAKER: Ten percent. Okay. I
think one of them was a twenty. But at any rate, it’s
also my understanding, I believe, under DHEC, if I’m
not mistaken that we don’t have to have hard funds.
RAY GRAHAM: That’s correct. Actually
on this information our matching part would be
seventeen thousand just for council’s reference. With
that matching point actually we can utilize what we’re
already paying some of our technicians and also some
money that we’re spending regardless, but yet they will
count that as the matching portion of it.
CINDY WILSON: May I ask a couple of
questions?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
CINDY WILSON: Can the E911 revenue be
used for any part of these matches?
RAY GRAHAM: Again, this one here,
technically this money is money that we’re already
allocating expenses as far as naturally with our
personnel and different equipment. In a sense we’re
utilizing those funds that we’re already paying and
they’re allowing us to count that as the matching
portion. So technically speaking if this grant is
approved, it will not cost the county a dime.
CINDY WILSON: Another question if you
don’t mind. Do they have to be located at Bleckley
Street building even after we do some removing ---
RAY GRAHAM: No, ma’am. They’ll be
located wherever the county sees fit, which that, in my
mind, would be left back to Gregor Baker???.
DAVID BAKER: And regardless of where
we’re housed, they’re going to be fine for the purposes
of reporting. And I believe it’s broken down in three
different portions for -- specific for purchases. If
anybody’s got any questions I can try to answer them.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion for number
12 to move forward?
RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

Now, moving on to Item number 13, approval of the hazardous materials emergency preparedness grant.

DAVID BAKER: Chairman and council, just to advise you, what we did with this particular grant is, as you well know, we’ve got thirty, almost forty continuous miles of Interstate 85, Highway 76, Highway 20. We have -- 24 and 28. We have some major thoroughfares that combined (mic cutting out) with some of the accidents that we’ve had with HAZMAT that we’ve got a large amount of chemical that travels through Anderson County. What we’re wanting to do with this particular grant is to hire a contractor to come in to do what’s called a commodity flow study. We’ll designate the locations, then we’ll go sit for traffic counts, identify the types of (mic cutting out) that are coming, traveling, things like that. It’s important for us when we start getting into planning, especially with our hazard communication plan, where the chemicals are traveling to, what kind of quantities, then we can start making (mic cutting out) HAZMAT. That one is an eighty/twenty.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Second Mr. Graham. Any questions or comments for Lieutenant Baker?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

TOMMY DUNN: Get Ms. Wilson and then we’ll get Ms. Floyd. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick comment. I think I read in the backup that there are at least a hundred and seventy-two or a hundred and seventy-three companies that transport hazardous materials so far.

DAVID BAKER: That’s the number we’re aware of, yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: That’s really amazing.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Baker, in the introduction part of this, evidently I’m not reading this correctly. But it says the upcoming budget period will run from October the 1st, 2018 through September the 30th, 2019.

DAVID BAKER: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: So could you please explain that? You know, October the 1st -- did we have the grant already? Have we had it since October?
DAVID BAKER: No, ma’am. I don’t believe that’s correct. I think that’s when it actually physically opened. For purposes of the Emergency Management, it doesn’t run like our fiscal budget year does, July 1st through the end of June. That’s my understanding, is that particular date does not coincide with our fiscal year. That’s a federal year. And just to advise you, the match on our portion will be done through salary matches. Not any out-of-pocket.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Quick question.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: In the event that somebody is traveling through Anderson County like a large truck and there is a chemical spill that’s scary, but we’re prepared for it and we react and make sure it’s okay. Do we -- are we able to recoup from that industry our efforts for doing that?

DAVID BAKER: Yes, sir. It’s a common practice, our HAZMAT team, and we try our best to work with them to do a little background and so forth. But what they’ll do, let’s say it’s a truck, which most recently it’s been (mic cutting out), they would actually go back on that particular individual company and/or insurance company.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

DAVID BAKER: In fact, our local fire department (inaudible).

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else? Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: What’s the time frame we’re looking at in doing the study?

DAVID BAKER: About a forty-five day gap from start to finish in terms of going out and physically doing counts. Then they do report preparation. They’ll bring it back to us with any questions or concerns. Then they’ll put together an actual formal report. Probably from start to finish, I’m going to say probably about ninety days.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Just one quick note on this. Just want to -- naturally I’m sure council was aware of this, but just to let the public know, our HAZMAT team is all volunteer. And we have definitely -- and I’m not just saying this -- but we have definitely got one of the top HAZMAT teams in the state. They work diligently as far as getting grants, equipment. Naturally when you’re dealing with chemicals, equipment alone it’s just astronomical in
costs. But they have truly worked hard. And as far as
moving the HAZMAT team forward and naturally the LEPC
which is a local group of business leaders, basically
plants that has chemicals housed on their property,
they’ve basically got a committee here in the county
that, again, works very hard and, you know, putting
hours in to ensure that the HAZMAT team has got a good
direction to go with. So definitely want to commend
that group for what they do. And appreciate all of
council’s support on this tonight if it passes.

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

Thank you, Lieutenant Baker. Appreciate you.

Moving on to Item number 14. Who wants to handle
this? Miss Rita? Number 14, coming out of capital
purchases; 14(a) 8 ton trailer.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. 14(a) and (c)
are solid waste items that Mr. Greg Smith and Mr.
Joseph Stone are recommending that he desperately
needs. I will tell you that numbers (b) and (c) were
actually in the budget; they just have exceeded the
budgeted amount a little bit and that’s our agreement,
we’ll come back to you. For example, the reason that
we’re over budget on the compact wheel loader is that
he budgeted a skid steer but we’re talking for the
White Street MRF, but talking Wood Stone. It was
nothing but glass at White Street and the way it was
built, it was coming back in and cutting the hydraulic
hoses. So it really wasn’t designed for what they had
to do. So we switched to a wheel loader. That’s
sixty-three thousand dollars. The next one is a skid
steer that actually works at the Belton MRF, at Big
Creek, and because it’s tires and other recycling
processes. And so (end of audio) fifty thousand is
coming in at fifty-one thousand sixty. The last item
for Mr. Greg Smith is a trailer. That’s because the
one that he had -- he actually carries stuff that
weighs fourteen thousand tons and it won’t carry that.
So it actually broke the frame. And so this one is an
upgraded one for eighty thousand eight hundred and
fifty-nine dollars that Stone has spec’ed out and said
will fit their needs. And this is at the Starr
landfill. They use the heavier trailer that he needs
in his operation. And he’s paying for these.

TOMMY DUNN: We do have a motion to move
(a), (b) and (c) forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Second
Mr. Graham. Now discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Show the motion carries
unanimously.
Moving on to Item number (d).

RITA DAVIS: Council approved another position in the Coroner’s office. However, the coroner didn’t know our policy that if you ask for a new position, you also need to ask for any equipment or vehicles that person might need. Well, that person, the Deputy Coroner needs a vehicle. Mr. Stone said that we’re getting to the end of the budget year and he realizes that he can purchase Deputy Coroner a Dodge Durango for apparently thirty-six thousand dollars out of the lease money. So that’s what we’re coming before you to do. The Coroner is aware of that now, that he needs to ask specifically.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put this on the floor? Motion Mr. Graham to put on the floor. Have a second?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now, discussion. Does anybody have any?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, one note on this. The new deputy coroner that has been placed since actually the beginning of the budget season we’re in right now, he was actually utilizing a vehicle that had been turned in from the sheriff’s department. Over the past -- really over pretty much the entire budget year, the vehicle has caused numerous problems as far as mechanically due to high mileage. If I’m not mistaken I think the miles on it is like two hundred sixty something thousand. But it has numerous problems. Basically he’ll get it back for a few months and then it basically ends up being more issues. Stone basically approached us about this and basically stated that, you know, with some money left over on capital he could possibly go ahead and purchase that this year. And he felt that that would be more beneficial due to the costs that we were having as far as the maintenance and upkeep of the existing vehicle the deputy coroner is using.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Anyone else?

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Who’s in charge of spec’ing and saying this is the type of vehicle we need, these are the requirements that we need.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Actually we put that in Fleet Services’ hands, which is Joe Stone, last year.

Council basically authorized him to come up with a plan
as far as what vehicles -- what’s the true needs of
Anderson County; not the wants. What’s the true needs.
And we ran into a couple of occasions where someone
asked for something and Mr. Stone just said, well
that’s not in our plans as far as what we purchase. So
he actually has a plan in place. This vehicle is
nothing out of the ordinary. In fact it’s -- Mr.
Burns, if I’m not mistaken, it’s the same vehicle that
we use as far as QRV; correct? The new that we’ve got
on that. So it’s a very common vehicle that Stone has
spec’ed out. And he has done a tremendous job in
saving the county money with fleet services. As far as
managing that himself versus letting people come to him
and say, well this is what I want.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Today I found that we had
some of the same problems in another department, but I
won’t name it at this time. We’ll talk about it
tomorrow. But the problem is this entity needs another
vehicle. And as we talked about it, we kind of solved
it, as well. We said that we would go and talk with
Mr. Stone to see if he had a vehicle that we could use
that could be used to act as a second vehicle. But if
you’re saying now that the one that he gave is no good,
then there’s a possibility that this entity could get
one, too, that’s no good. So maybe, just thinking out
loud, maybe we just need to bypass that one and go
straight to putting one in the budget, a new one in the
budget. Because if it’s not going to be good and we
have to go through a lot of money, that’s going to
defeat the whole purpose of the thing. So I guess
that’s what we’re going to have to do, as well.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS: You’re saying ---
TOMMY DUNN: Brett, mic.
BRETT SANDERS: This one is already in
Stone’s budget; correct? He had one in his budget?
RAY GRAHAM: Actually he had some money
left over and theoretically speaking we were going to
try to attempt to put this in the budget for this
coming budget year. Naturally with the new deputy
coroner position that was hired last budget year,
naturally there was a need for it. So with that being
said, Stone recognized the savings as far as due to the
maintenance costs of trying to maintain the existing
one that the employee is using and he’s recommending
that we go ahead and purchase this with money he’s got left over on this budget cycle.

BRETT SANDERS: I think Stone does a tremendous job.

RAY GRAHAM: Absolutely.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Abstains. Vote is unanimous.

We’ll be moving on now, Item number 15, request for the donation of Economic Development’s Smartboard to Anderson County Alternative School. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: This is a Smartboard that’s been in operation for fifteen years. It’s currently in storage. We no longer use it. You know that the television/computer/logistics system we have in our conference room, we now have the very same thing in Economic Development, so this is surplus property. We have a request from Mr. Dillingham who is the head of the alternative school and they make a request that we donate it to them.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion to move this forward to get it on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. We have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

Moving on to Item number 16, request for donation of vehicles to the town of West Pelzer, 2006 Ford Crown Victoria and 2003 Chevy Tahoe. Mr. Burns.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman, we received an emergency request to the administrator’s office and to the sheriff’s department, the town of West Pelzer was down a police vehicle. They are making an attempt to try to raise money to purchase another vehicle. We had a vehicle that we could allow them to borrow. We are letting them borrow that vehicle at the present time. They would like to have that on a permanent basis.

The next item is a 2003 Chevy Tahoe. Both of these are surplus vehicles that we have. And that’s also a request from the town of West Pelzer. And primarily they want to use that for animal control. And I can assure you that there’s one person in the audience who wants them to have that, and that is David Baker, our Emergency Preparedness Director, who has been going out of his way to pick up the animals in West Pelzer in his vehicle and transporting them to the animal shelter.

That’s the request, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson.

Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, we spoke today and you understood the matter that came up about the second vehicle.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am. Absolutely.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. If that -- they have asked for -- they have asked for just a second vehicle; okay? And one of the members said an SUV. That Tahoe, is that an SUV?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am. It is.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay, okay. That wouldn’t be the only one -- SUV that we have on the lot; is it not?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Would this be the best one they have on the lot?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. I have one in mind right now that would be much better than this one.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

Moving on to Item number 17, request for donation of sand rake infield dragging machine to the city of Belton. Do we have a motion? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a machine that is used to prepare ball fields for play. We have a new machine in place and Belton has an extensive recreation program, not only for the city of Belton but for the entire surrounding area, Cheddar and all of that area, and they request that we give them our old sand rake.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 18, report from the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held April 18th. Chair lady Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Our Planning
and Public Works Committee met on the 18th of April at
ten to consider the following matters.
Ms. Alesia Hunter presented a review of zoning
standards in relation to commercial uses and storage on
properties zoned residential. These concerns, along
with possible ordinance amendments have been referred
to the Planning Commission for their study and
recommendations. It was noted that properties that are
unzoned are already subject to deed covenants and
restrictions or of agricultural use would not come
under these proposals. It was also noted that as the
county becomes more densely populated and developed,
there is a glaring need for appropriate guidelines.

The next item was the reconstitution of the Zoning
Advisory Groups as advised by Dr. Parkey. Currently
the Zoning Advisory Groups no longer adequately serve
their purpose because of too many difficulties and
having quorum guaranteed for advertising public notices
of meetings. The proposal here is to discontinue the
Zoning Advisory Groups as they currently operate and to
compose future Zoning Advisory Groups for newly zoned
precincts. Zoning Advisory Groups currently operating
in Anderson County would cease operations. Future
Zoning Advisory Groups would be constituted as follows:
(a) At the time of initial zoning of a voting precinct,
the home council member may constitute and appoint a
Zoning Advisory Group to offer advice on zoning-related
matters in that precinct. (b) The group would be
composed of three residents from the zoned precinct
appointed by the home council member and would operate
for a period of up to two years from the time of the
zoning of the precinct. The Planning and Community
Development Department would provide the Zoning
Advisory Group with necessary information concerning
rezoning variance and special exception requests in
that precinct. The group would communicate its
recommendations to the Planning and Community
Development Department in a timely fashion. The
Planning and Community Development Department would
take these recommendations known to the Planning
Commission and the County Council. The Planning and
Public Works Committee requested that this issue also
go to the Planning Commission for their
recommendations.

Next, Mr. Joseph Stone provided information
regarding the need for a satellite fueling station for
the Sheriff’s Department, possibly adjacent to the
Powdersville Library. Currently deputies patrolling
the Powdersville/Piedmont areas in our county must
drive back into Anderson to fuel their vehicles at the
Sheriff’s Department or at Fleet Services or use a fueling credit system at a specific station in that area. The round trip to Anderson from this area requires one to two hours’ time. And if there is an accident and traffic jam on the interstate, it can take longer, resulting in removing law enforcement coverage for the lapsed time and unnecessary wear and tear on the vehicle. The credit arrangement is more expensive than pumping our own fuel. Initial estimates indicate that a satellite station would save money in the long run. We’ve asked for more complete numbers and to consider this capital need in the fiscal year ‘19-’20 budget.

Under new business, we welcomed the news that ANATs and South Carolina Department of Transportation and Anderson County Department of Transportation engineers were meeting on April 24th at Midway Presbyterian Church to begin the process of planning realignment and traffic circle and/or additional lanes with lights. Matt Hogan and I represented our county. There were at least ten engineers from Columbia who came in to walk, measure and photograph the Midway, Crestview and Harriet Circle intersections and the current -- and examine the current traffic problems that will be further exacerbated by adding another five hundred and thirty-plus houses to the neighborhood. Traffic frequently backs up one-half mile in each direction of Crestview on school mornings and again in the afternoons. Negotiating these intersections has become more and more dangerous. We look forward to remedying this situation within the next two to three years.

And that’s the report from the Planning and Public Works Committee. Do my fellow committee members have anything to add?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’ll just comment that I was very encouraged on the -- the discussion we had on the Zoning Advisory Groups, I think so many times in government we’re very good about putting something in place that addresses the nature of the issues at the time. Very rarely are we good at readjusting or taking things back as those issues get fixed. And with these Zoning Advisory Groups, when they were first initiated, I think it was exactly what we needed. But now, as we’re farther along in that process, we needed to be a little bit more nimble and be able to exercise them when we needed them, but not always have them in place when we didn’t. So that was something I was really encouraged about. And just talking about the satellite fueling station in the Wren area, it’s just such a growing population up there. And I think it makes
sense to make sure that our agencies have the means to be up there in a cost-efficient way.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Yeah, I just want to echo the comments on the satellite fueling station for the Sheriff’s Department. The Piedmont/Powdersville area, you know, first glance you may think that it would be just as cheap for us to go negotiate a good rate with QT or Spinx or whoever. But the savings truly is not there. And as we look forward to the future, we see a definite savings and a very good return on investment up there. And the most important thing is we keep people on patrol. We keep deputies on patrol in a fast growing area. Traffic is becoming an issue in Powdersville, especially, with the expansion on 153 and we really feel like that we need to support the Sheriff’s Department all we can to keep their guys on patrol and not going back and forth trying to find fuel.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Thank you for that report, Ms. Wilson.

Moving on to Item number 19, report from the Shop Committee held on April 18, 2019. Chairman Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Shop Committee, for those that don’t know, is the committee that was formed to discuss all matters relating to the new Fleet Services shop that the county is looking at building to consolidate all the different locations that we have. Mr. Stone is doing a fantastic job in Fleet Services and we want to get with the TTI property to have a really good place for our Fleet Services to go in a central location. At this last meeting, we talked a lot and we met with the folks from NAPA Integrated Business Solutions. What this group does, is they come into a shop facility and they help us by managing our inventory and we actually have just-in-time inventory. We pay for the inventory as we go to work on a vehicle and it gets charged out to a repair order. And we heard a very good presentation by the NAPA IBS folks and we’re looking forward to them reporting back to us with some pricing of how the program would work for Anderson County if we should choose to go that route.

Secondly, we received an update on the building drawings itself and the building plans itself. Things have not been finalized and we certainly don’t have any pricing in place or any quotes in place on the facility. But we feel like we’re getting closer to that. That concludes my report on the Shop Committee.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman Davis. Moving on now to Item number 20, report from the Public Safety Committee. Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As far as the -- you asked regulations as far as drones. We was fortunate to have Mr. James Cline from Aviation Safety Fast Team Program Manager to come and spend some time with us during this meeting. He basically gave us some information as far as what’s the dos and don’ts. What can we as a county do. Naturally they’re just like any other agency as far as enforcing some of the regulations that’s in place. It kind of creates havoc among their group because it being such limited staff. We feel like we did make some headway on this. We are going to try to get some systems in place and possibly work with the Sheriff’s Department and some of the community groups out there in that area that’s having some major issues with the drones. Hopefully -- we definitely sense some encouragement back with some of the members of the community that was at the meeting to by all means get with their local neighbors and hopefully communicate with one another and see if they can determine where the actual problem issues are coming from, as far as what residents or whatever, and naturally report that back to the Sheriff’s Department or to the county to kind of determine, you know, where can we go from here. We are further investigating as far as what options we have as a county to bring back to full council and hope to do so on a later date as far as what we can do as far as in support of a drone’s use and also ensuring that the guidelines are being followed.

Also, we had a report from the Sheriff’s Department as far as forensic lab staffing grant that was presented. Detective Miller, I know you was unable to attend that meeting, but if you want to brief council briefly as far as what this grant entails.

MICHAEL MILLER: I sure will. Mr. Chairman, members of council, I appreciate the opportunity to present this to you. The grant we’ve applied for is a burn formula just assistance grant through the South Carolina Department of Public Safety and that would require ten percent county match for any funding that we receive from them. The reason that we’ve applied for this is we’ve had a hundred and seventy-one percent increase in our caseload over the past six years. In addition to that increase in cases, those are not simple drug cases coming in anymore. We’ve had about a three-fold increase in the amount of individual analysis that’s required to get these out. And what
that’s done is it’s taken our turnaround time from
about forty-five days and it’s pushed it out to almost
four months. We’ve simply playing a numbers game here.
Right now the Solicitor’s Office has a mandate from
Court Administration to have a six-month indictment for
drug cases coming through. That six-month indictment
is a special addendum that they were given. They’re
supposed to have them done within ninety days. And
right now we just can’t meet that demand with the
staffing.
To give you an indication, Richland County does the
same number of hard drug cases through the door that we
do and they have five forensic chemists on the bench.
Greenville County has three. Spartanburg County has
two. And this does not even take into consideration
our newest problem. Our newest problem is we are now
having to take all plant material submissions into the
laboratory for analysis. So in addition to what I just
gave you, our caseload is about to double on top of
that. So the reason we put in for this grant was to
add to forensic scientists that could come in with
experience and hopefully hit the ground running.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, sir. We did
vote in Public Safety Committee to bring this back to
full council with full support of the committee. And
Mr. Chairman, I’d like to bring that back as a
recommendation from Public Safety.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from
Public Safety. It doesn’t need a second coming from
committee. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion
-- go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: What Captain Miller says is
so obviously -- it’s apparent on all our streets and
communities. From the poorest to the wealthiest
communities, you’ve got drug issues everywhere. I’ve
never seen such a pitiful situation as our county is
in. And I understand it’s nationwide. So my vote will
be for this. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: And I also want to say,
this was interesting to me and correct me if I’m wrong,
that one of the reasons you’re going to have the
increase in testing of I guess the plant materials is
because now we have a lot of commercial items that
people are using and I guess there’s state law that
determines I guess level of -- with regards to
marijuana and for prosecution you need to know where
it’s at.

MICHAEL MILLER: That’s correct. What has
happened is the South Carolina Industrial Hemp Act has
mandated that industrial hemp is now a legal product. We have to differentiate that particular strain of the marijuana plant from illegal marijuana. And that increases exponentially the amount of analysis time. It’s also going to increase exponentially the number of cases we have to handle.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: My question is once we do this are you going to follow up with what you’ve got?
MICHAEL MILLER: Absolutely.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. My thing is there have been reports to the sheriff’s office about things going on. Okay. And it didn’t take a grant to figure out what it was or what was going on. These things were reported to the sheriff’s office. When I say you, I don’t mean you you. I meant you as an entity came out and talked beautifully, made a lot of promises, but absolutely nothing was done. Nothing. Okay. Now we’re getting ready to apply for a grant that’s going to help us do what?
MICHAEL MILLER: This grant is to help us analyze drug cases that are seized on the streets of Anderson County.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So the next time I call the sheriff’s department and I say what I saw and I tell you what I smelled, and you come out, you gonna do something? I mean you gonna follow up?
MICHAEL MILLER: Yes, ma’am. Absolutely.
GRACIE FLOYD: I love you guys tremendously. And I think you do very well on your jobs. But if we can be frank and honest and truthful with each other, a lot of stuff didn’t get done that could have gotten done. And it was done to me, so I know if it was done to me you probably did it to somebody else, too. But I’m in favor of you having everything that you need down to the bullet, but I’m also in favor of something being done once you’ve gotten these things done. Okay? Because it’s rampant. It has gotten out of control.
MICHAEL MILLER: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: But I love ya. I love ya.
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Thank you, Captain Miller. Appreciate you. Moving on.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
At this time, Miss Casey, who’s going to do the report?
Excuse me. Major Vaughan. At this time we’re going to get just an updated report as far as on the Detention Center, the Universal Mental Health Screening update and also the prerelease program introduction. And I’d encourage all council, if you have time to take some time to sit down with Casey and she can definitely go more in-depth as far as the milestones that they’re reaching with the Criminal Justice Committee. Thank you.

MAJOR VAUGHAN: This is a great week for me to get up here and do this presentation because this week is National Corrections Officer Week. We’re actually celebrating with our men and women who are in a facility who have to suffer through the same things of what I’m going to report to you guys.

Section 25-5-120 is the reason why I’m here today. Statutorily, I, as the leader of the detention facility, need to inform the council of the conditions of our facility itself. So that’s why we’re here today. We at the detention center serve all the smaller municipalities. We’re the county hotel whenever law enforcement arrests someone.

In 2018 we participated in data collection statewide with other detention facilities and ranked number 4 in our capacity presentation percentage as far as overcrowding goes.

The slides that you guys can’t -- you individuals can’t see and hear and council can’t see -- you guys can see it on your screen. Our average daily population, ADP is what we go by as far as reporting monthly of how many individuals on average we have in our facility. Several months we have reached over four hundred. We are rated -- our rated capacity is two fifty-seven. Our operational capacity is twenty percent less than that, which is two oh six. The total average daily population average for the year 2018, calendar year, not fiscal year, is three hundred ninety-one, which is a hundred and fifty-two percent of our rated capacity or a hundred and ninety percent of our operational capacity. With that we also have state trustees that go out and work with the litter crews and we send trustees to the animal shelter just to help with the animals there.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Point of order.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Do we not have this information in our folders he’s talking about?

TOMMY DUNN: No, uh-uh (negative). Go
MAJOR VAUGHAN: We have inmate labor that participates with the animal shelter and also on our litter crews to help with the costs of the expenses that the county would incur. And our trustees and sentenced county inmates (end of audio) provided over one hundred fourteen thousand nine hundred eighty-six inmate work hours. Multiple that by minimum wage, it’s eight hundred thirty-three dollars that they have saved the county.

Our annual inspections come by way of SCDC. They come in annually to give us -- to walk through. Also DHEC, which monitors our kitchen. And I’m going to brag and Corporal Swanky. Corporal Swanky does a fabulous job of keeping us an A rating in our kitchen, even though we have some issues with our facility. We’re going to lose her by way of retirement at the end of the month. So we’re going to miss Corporal Swanky. But also the State Fire Marshal comes in in concert with the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Our maintenance costs that we have spent this year is two hundred and fifty-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-one dollars, and that excludes any type of contractual agreements that we have as far as exterminations or anything of that nature.

Based upon Robert Benfield and the Association of Counties, he has done a staffing analysis and it’s always that we’re a little behind. But we’re continuing to build to get to the staffing levels that we need. He says we need to be at eighty-six and we want to continue to strive to be there. We’re approximately sixteen below that now for our current staffing levels.

With our budget, it’s been discussed with Brian Richardson at the -- with the county. We’ve got about a five hundred thousand dollar estimate on the roof of the detention facility. We’ve got three H -- five HVAC units that have reached the end of life. I’m hoping two lasts. So our needs are probably three this year, and a control board, which is pursuant to SCDC standards Section 1065 subsection E where we’ve got to have constant communication with those detainees that are in our facility that are intake sales. And they also allow us to open the mechanical doors.

During the fall of 2017, Sheriff McBride, when he came into office, requested assistance from the federal government. The National Institute of Corrections came in. We exchanged a lot of information. They did census data. They actually came and did a three-day onsite premise where in the fall of 2017 we had a town
hall meeting here. They give us nine phases to go through. They weren’t here to tell us that we needed another a new facility, but also mapped out several things to include helping us in our criminal justice system to do better things. We have nine phases here. We recognize that our project needs some up-fitting.

Our needs assessment is the second phase. The needs assessment, I’ve got price quotes from twenty thousand to thirty thousand dollars, but we had someone on staff paid by -- with a regular salary that was able to complete that for us.

Phase Three is pre-architectural program development. That’s kind of where we are at this point in time. We can only control what we can control, it’s our innovation, and I’d like to thank council for investing in the criminal justice coordinating council, which was a recommendation from the NIC that we start this. This has been -- what we’ve tried to do is judiciously reduce the average daily population recidivism within our facility, would also improve individual and public safety outcomes. Through several programs and initiatives that we have started inside of our facility, we’ve been able to see those numbers come down as far as our daily population.

For the past -- the detention center population review board, which I’m the chairperson of, we have seen in the last five months, we have seen our numbers get from our benchmark, which is twenty percent being in our facility for less than a certain predetermined time by the Court Administration, for the last two months we have been below that benchmark of twenty percent; last month reaching eight percent on the misdemeanor felonies -- or misdemeanor, violation of probation time standards, to fourteen percent on our felony combination time standards, and this is a partnership with the Public Defender’s Office, Mr. Miller and his drug lab and the Solicitor’s Office. So we’re actually getting in the same room talking about things. What we’ve also done is we started a mental health initiative, where we’re trying to identify, intervene and treat the individuals who are coming through our intake.

From January the 14th of 2019 to April 30th of 2019, two thousand one hundred and fifty-seven individuals have been screened as they have been brought to the Anderson County Detention Facility. Five hundred and ninety-seven of those twenty-one hundred have self-reported that they have some type of mental illness. Out of those five ninety-seven, a hundred and fifty-three has been assessed by the
Department of Mental Health, which has also partnered with the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office Detention and has seen these individuals. And that’s twenty-five percent of the referrals that they get. The difference in those numbers, some individuals could get out on a PR bond or not be there when the mental health representative is able to see them. Out of those hundred and fifty-three, eighty-six has been clinically diagnosed by Mental Health and started some type of treatment.

We’ve also developed a pre-entry release program to where we have -- what we’re starting with is a -- and we just started it in April of 2019. We’re starting with our sentenced inmates because mainly our trustees, because we know the date that they’re going to get out mostly. However, our first individual that has been successfully entered into the program was paroled. We had less than three weeks, and with the partners that we have developed through Voc Rehab, South Carolina Works, Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, Sheriff’s Office, they were able to get this individual, once he got released after three weeks of making parole into a transitional house and get some type of employment started.

With that also we -- Sheriff McBride was big on getting the GED program reinstated in our facility. Due to our brick and mortar restraints, it takes individuals over a year to get their GED. But I’m going to successfully tell you that we’ve had six participants in the GED program from the trustee side. One didn’t make it the first time, but is continuing and is going to get it. One was sent back to the Department of Corrections for other reasons. But my most celebrated point is, a month before an individual who turned sixty-four years old exited our facility, he got his GED and went back home.

That’s pretty much in a nutshell.

TOMMY DUNN: Major Vaughan and Miss Casey, I just want to say we appreciate what all y’all do and what your service has done for the county and y’all’s whole staff. I think it’s a great idea. I know we’re just now getting started or y’all are just now getting started. But I think we’ve got -- y’all are on the right direction, right road, and I really appreciate y’all hard work getting this thing. And especially with the budget constraints, I know have been tough. Y’all have done an outstanding job.

You’ve got some great things here, not only on the mental health side, but also on the pre-release thing. I know sometimes people in the county in a position of
power sometimes, so called, don’t like change. But any
time this council can help facilitate or move things
around don’t hesitate to ask. Because we definitely
want to help y’all just be very successful because this
is, I think, going to be great for Anderson County.

MAJOR VAUGHAN: I would like to make one
comment I failed to mention. As we’re doing these
initiatives, the Department of Mental Health in the
Detention Center has done that with not adding any
staff. So we’re willing to jump in there, but it’s
very hard for the men and women in the facility to get
these initiatives done without adding any staff.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Why we’re speaking detention, I definitely want to
recognize Director Matheson. He is actually the
Director of Detention and naturally Major Vaughan.
Definitely thank you guys for all that y’all do as far
as leading that facility. We all know as council
members and also citizens that’s taken time to go
through the facility, we’re in dire need of making some
updates there. It literally is at the point where
there’s safety issues. But we definitely appreciate
you guys working with what you’re working with. Miss
Casey, you have done a tremendous job on leading this
council. The only other thing as far as from Public
Safety Committee, Mr. Chairman, the committee did
recommend that we designate a meeting date to discuss
the detention facility, you know, what options we have
as far as moving forward with building a new facility.
We did set one date. We had some issues with trying to
get some individuals there to come and speak and kind
of give us some direction on that. Hopefully within
the next week or so we will get that set up. And
naturally it will be made available to all council.
And definitely hope to see everyone there.

Again, Major, we greatly appreciate what you guys
do.

MAJOR VAUGHAN: Thank y’all for your
support.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I’d like to thank
Major Vaughan and Ms. Collins. I was excited about the
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. And I’ve seen
the amount of work that goes into it. And it’s like
any good thing, based on what goes in is what comes
out. And they have put a lot of work getting the right
inputs in, the right data. And I’m exciting to see
that we’re starting to see results from it. And just
want to thank you all.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank y’all again.

Appreciate you.

Moving on to Item number 21, road acceptance into
the county inventory. Caledonia Subdivision Phase IV,
all three of these roads are in that subdivision. Mr.
Burns, do all of them meet the county requirements?

RUSTY BURNS: All meet the county
standards and they’ve been inspected; yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move
these three roads into the county subdivision? They’re
in District 6.

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Davis.

Second Ms. Wilson. Are there any discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, requests by council members. I’ll start
with Mr. Davis. Do you have any?

JIMMY DAVIS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

I’d like to make all of these in the form of -- I just
have two and I’ll make them in the form of one motion
if I can.

TOMMY DUNN: You can. Yes, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: District 6 recreational
fund, I’d like to appropriate five hundred dollars to
the Cancer Association of Anderson, and five hundred
dollars to Safe Harbor. And I make that in the form of
a motion.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: That’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes. I’ve got several I’d
like to also put in the form of one motion. The
Anderson Jets Track Club, I’d like to do five hundred;
the Cancer Association of Anderson, five hundred; Safe
Harbor, five hundred; the Human Relations Council, the
amount of one thousand.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr.
Sanders. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Ms. Floyd, do you have any?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Chairman, please,
may I come back after ---

1 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
2 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson? Do you have any?
4 CINDY WILSON: (Inaudible.)
5 TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Wooten, do you have any?
6 CRAIG WOOTEN: Not at this time.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Graham, do you have any?
8 RAY GRAHAM: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to put in the form of a motion, one thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty-four cents to go toward a PARD Grant that Parker Bowie Sports Complex had received. And this is basically to assist in part of the matching funds as far as on that side on that. This is basically making this park ADA accessible. This actually will be the second park in Anderson County that is actually ADA accessible. They’re right at about ninety-nine percent complete on that. And hopefully within the next few months they’ll get complete a hundred percent ADA accessible as far as that entire facility down there. So we’re definitely proud of that. And I bring that in the form of a motion.

9 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham; second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign? Show the motion carries unanimously.
10 MS. FLOYD, you ready?
11 GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I sat down and had a long talk with the directors, let’s call them that, of the Anderson Jets Track Club. The council as a whole has given very little money to this recreational activity. And I was thinking that maybe we don’t understand what this is. These are your kids all over your district and my district that work out in the hot sun to -- in these different track meets to quality. A lot of these kids grew up in that track club. They’re sixteen and seventeen, eighteen years old. I don’t think they’re eighteen. But they’re winning. And then later on in life they become track stars. But I don’t think -- I think we need to take another look at this. In the past I have been funding the whole thing because I think it’s worthwhile. But I’ve gotten very little help. This year I don’t have as many kids. Well, last year I started funding my own kids because I can’t do it all, even though one of the council members told her that this council member thought that Gracie Floyd took
care of this. Gracie Floyd doesn’t take care of your
problems and your people. She takes care of her own
people. But if something is worthwhile, I try to help
the children.
This money that you’re giving out, it still says
it’s recreational funds. You can change the name, but
until you change the ordinance, it is still a
recreational fund and the money goes for rec. Why?
Because we don’t have a recreational facility in the
county. They have it in the city. But we do not have
one in the county. So to offset this, money was
provided in 1940 or 1950, money was provided by that
council to take care of these people that need
activities. The seniors, the young people, the people
period. So it’s good to give money to the Cancer
Society and it’s good to give money to Safe Harbor, but
it’s not recreational funds. But I told her that I
would speak on her behalf to this. If they can’t get
the money then the children won’t be doing anything.
Or they’ll have to work very, very hard to raise the
money.
District 2, I think I only have maybe two or three
kids running this year. District 2 will proudly
allocate five hundred dollars to that entity. It may
be that maybe my kids will only get to run, but yours
won’t because you do not support them. But I thank you
for listening. Mr. Wooten, I really thank you for your
attention. That’s what I have to say. And that’s what
I’m doing today. I’m allocating five hundred dollars
from District 2's recreational fund to the Anderson
Track Club.
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion Ms. Floyd;
second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else,
Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: No. Have we gone over
that? Did I fall asleep?
TOMMY DUNN: I think it’s just for
information.
GRACIE FLOYD: What kind of information?
TOMMY DUNN: If I’m not -- it’s just
laying here on the desk. This might be open positions
in the county that’s not been filled.
GRACIE FLOYD: You’re kidding.
TOMMY DUNN: I’m not a hundred percent
sure about that, but I’m thinking I’m right about that.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: From District 5's account
-- and just for the record, account name changed last
year in the budget ordinances. So it has changed.
District 5's account, we would like to appropriate
a thousand dollars for the Human Relations Council;
five hundred dollars to Anderson Jets Track Club. And
I think District 5 has given money to that in the past.

GRACIE FLOYD: You have.
TOMMY DUNN: I put that in the form of a
motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Administrator’s report.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.
Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to citizens
comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please
state your name and district again for the record. You
have three minutes. Please address the chair. Thank
you.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.
If you haven’t seen the interview that Mr. Wilson did
with Rusty Burns on Facebook, you need to read it or
see it. Rusty is very shy but he did a great job.
There are a lot of great things going on in Anderson
County. And I’m proud to see finally that that
Facebook site is being used like it needs to be.
You’ve got to toot your own horn sometimes.

I went to see a movie not long ago called The Best
Enemies. It’s a story of Durham/Chapel Hill where Ms.
Atwater, African American Woman, was basically against
a man named Mr. Ellis who was head of the Ku Klux Klan
there. Started out as Ms. Atwater trying to help some
of her people to get some justice in their housing
where the slum lords just would not build toilets; no
heat and whatever. It’s a wonderful story. If you get
a chance and it’s still playing, you need to go see it.
It’ll make your heart do proud. And you’ll know that
finally in America we’ve realized that we’re all blood,
same color.

Government’s main job should be safety. Safety
with the Sheriff’s Department, safe water to drink,
safe food at the farmer’s market, safe roads. We’ve
got a real problem with infrastructure right now.
We’ve had three years of mega rains. We’ve got
washouts. Williamston particularly. Not only Minor
Street, but there are four other places where the roads
are just giving way. In Belton I know of two
sinkholes. We can’t just spend money on recreation and
some of these other things without fixing our
infrastructure. And we’re going to be in a world of hurt if we don’t really start looking at that. (Mic cutting out) that’s great. I noticed that the Salvation Army has a new homeless shelter. That’s wonderful. We need to -- you know, just by the grace of God, you’re sitting where you are and I’m sitting where I am. And just one act of something that happens in your life could change completely and you would be swapping with that person on the other side. And we need to be helping each other.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. I’d like to take this time -- I know one troop left. Another scout troop, I believe, snuck in. I want to welcome y’all here and thank y’all for being here. Is it Troop 314? Appreciate y’all being here. Hope we didn’t bore you too much tonight. Thank y’all.

Now, comments from council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I believe my battery is about to go dead. Just real quick, I put one of these letters to each council member to kind of let you know what’s going on in District 6 as we look forward to having Envision 6 Workshops that we’re finally getting around to getting the ball rolling on some planning in District 6. But most importantly I’d like to thank county staff, Mr. Burns, Dr. Parkey and Ms. Boyd for helping me get to make this possible. And I’ll ask for your thoughts and your prayers as we go through this process. But District 6 is continuing to grow and I look forward to planning for the future. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I would just like to say something on behalf of Veterans Park in Pendleton. We had a company step up and volunteer. And not only from that district but we had six people or six companies contribute materials, time, employees and out of those six people, three of them were from other districts. So it excited me to see people get involved, not just for their district but to care about the community as a whole. And I’d just like to thank Boulevard Landscape, Stick Equipment, Haley Landscaping, American Concrete, Mist Spray Solutions for coming out and donating materials and time. And I think they did a great job. And we worked hard. So thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

District 5 is always willing to look out for District 4
and try to do our part. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: First of all, I want to commend those two little fellows down there in the audience. They came in -- I want to commend those two little fellows down in the audience. You came in, you sat and you listened. You make your mother proud of you. And you stayed to the bitter end. You’re going to grow up to be fine young men because you’re being trained now. And come back any time. Okay?

I’m still asking for written minutes from the different committee meetings. And please don’t talk about how much paper it takes. We’ve been through -- yeah, we’ve been through that, what you’re saying, a long time ago. It takes a lot of paper. We know that. But if you’re going to follow the Roberts Rules of Order, it dictates that you have minutes, written minutes that you can refer back to. And I’m still asking for that.

We’re starting the budget procedure and that’s going to take a while. And I understand we have a meeting tomorrow at 11:30. I know a lot of you work and you can’t make it, but you should try if you’re not working. And we have one on Monday night. But anyway, that’s the budget meeting.

About the rec thing. Yes, the name was changed last budget year, but that doesn’t make any difference. The ordinance reads what is supposed to be done with that recreational money. You cannot change that ordinance by just saying we’re going to change it. It needs three votes to change it. So as far as I’m concerned, the -- as far as I’m concerned, it’s still active and we still need to adhere to that. You can’t choose the policies, the rules, the regulations and the laws that you’re going to follow. You follow them all or you don’t follow any of them.

Everyone is doing a good job. I know we said this person is doing a good job. They’re all, from what I went through today and what I saw today, all are doing a good job. And I am so proud of our people. One question I asked each one of them was, do you like your job? Are you happy in your job? And every last one of them said yes. They said, well, sometimes it’s a lot of hassle, but I like it. This is what I want to do. And I thought that was very, very commendable.

I’m looking forward to this year’s budget. I can’t wait for us to get it right. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Earlier when we was talking about CJCC, I know he don’t like recognition, but Mr. Burns was very instrumental
in helping get this off the ground and get going, as well. As we look back, especially seeing all the time and hours that you guys have put into this, I mean it is going to be a tremendous asset to Anderson County. Definitely think it’s going to move the correction side forward as far as what we’re able to offer, and hopefully, naturally, reduce the recidivism. But I definitely want to mention and thank Mr. Burns for all his work and support on that program, as well.

One other thing. Since I’ve been on council on budget years, I hear the same thing of being criticized for not attending Ms. Floyd’s meetings. Ms. Floyd, I didn’t know you had the meetings today until a few minutes ago. So I apologize not attending your meeting. I think I mentioned ---

GRACIE FLOYD: We’re going to have it another day.

RAY GRAHAM: It’s my time. But I apologize for not attending that. I definitely appreciate all council’s hard work in meeting with all of our department heads, all the different departments. You know this is a tremendous budget that we as a county council has go to basically step up and determine what is the true needs in Anderson County to move it forward and how can we support that? How can we take care of our citizens by maintaining the tax base that we’re already at? Where can we save money for our citizens? Where can we save money for our county? And how can we continue to grow our county? And when I say grow that does not mean that we need to add personnel. We need to add, you know, all the bells and whistles. It means just growth in general as far as the county. I’m definitely proud to say I’m on county council and it has been a true honor to represent Anderson County and just sit back and watch, you know, some of the great strikes that the county has made. It’s not through these council members. It’s through our department heads. It’s through our leaders in the county. It’s through our employees, from the bottom all the way to the top, and you can determine what’s the bottom and which is the top. I guarantee you it’s the one you need today that’s going to be at the top. It might be something minute that they do as far as a job function, but if that need is what you’re needing today, they’re at the top today. So I mean we definitely appreciate every one of them. And definitely hope and pray that as we go through this budget we can meet the county’s needs and make the correct decisions on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I just want to make one comment in regards to so much of the time I’m so encouraged when people pay attention to county operations as a whole. But most people are busy in life. You know, they’re going to work, they’re going back and forth. They’re dealing with kids, you know, family. And they just expect things to work. But the instant that they need something they reach out in sort of a personal nature and I had a constituent call me today and she complimented with the highest regard to Ms. Lacey Croegeart that when she talked with her that her public relation skills, her discerning ability to get to the point and find the answer was just of the utmost. And that’s a reflection on us because a lot of times Lacey is the first person they call. And so I just wanted to thank you for that. And I always sort of say if one person compliments, there’s probably twenty people who are silently impressed. And I really appreciate that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten.

CINDY WILSON: I’ll reiterate what Mr. Wooten has said. We’re very well represented by Ms. Croegaert. She’s very professional, very thorough, and treats us all with the utmost courtesy. So we’re very blessed to have her.

And I did want to point out that I’ve instructed Ms. Green in the past to please come to me first of July for funds. District 7 has usually provided funds, but by this time of the year District 7 is out of funds. And the track club is a wonderful program. I don’t know how many people from my district are in it now, but is very supportable and very helpful about like the Cavaliers are. It’s a good program for young folks.

And one thing that we need to be reminded of, our Planning Department and Development Standard Zoning, they have provided for us an incredible program coming to the Civic Center June 14th, Mr. Randall Arendt, he’s world renowned for conservation-minded development. And it’s more than just squeezing the max of dwellings on an acre, but it’s how to do it with respect to the ground and to the community and having a very happy place to stay. And it’s for long-term type use. So I’m looking really forward. I’m going to get hold of a lot of developers that are out in my area and people to come support that. A lot of good things happening in our county. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

I want to say I look forward to the budget process.
I’m very encouraged that many council members have already started doing things. We’ve got a long way to go. As one councilman told me today, it always works itself out with hard work and we’ll get there. I’m looking forward to leading the meeting tomorrow at 11:30. We’ll have a meeting Monday night, workshop. There will be many more. And also Monday night will be first reading, title only, on the budget.

Appreciate y’all very much. Be dismissed.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.)