SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MAY 21, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
RAY GRAHAM, VICE CHAIRMAN
BRETT SANDERS
CINDY WILSON
JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROECAERT
TOM ALLEN
RAY GRAHAM: Chairman Dunn is going to be a few minutes late tonight, so we’re going to go ahead and get started on the resolutions. At this time Councilman Sanders, you can read resolution R2019-021.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Vice Chairman.

TONIGHT WE’RE GOING TO DO A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE MOUNT LEBANON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A 2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, Mount Lebanon Elementary School is located in Pendleton, South Carolina and is part of Anderson School District 4. Mount Lebanon Elementary opened in 2007 as an inspirational place for students to learn, and prepare for a future to attend college or embark on a career, and to actively engage in a successful life, and;

Whereas, Mount Lebanon Elementary serves approximately 459 students in grades Pre-kindergarten through sixth; and,

Whereas, on October 1, 2018 U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized 349 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools. This recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance of all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates; and,

Whereas, Mount Lebanon Elementary is one of five schools in South Carolina to be recognized. Mount Lebanon Elementary is the first elementary school to receive the AdvancED's coveted Stem Certification and as a result they received the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School award for being an Exemplary High Performing School; and,

Whereas, the Anderson County Council congratulates each one of you on the tremendous accomplishments required to receive this recognition. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of educators, students and families who are a reflection of true pride in our community.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 21st day of May 2019.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

RAY GRAHAM: Have a motion by Councilman Sanders; second by Councilman Wilson. All in favor?

All opposed?

BRETT SANDERS: I think we have Ms. Kinard, the vice principal for Mount Labanon here.

RAY GRAHAM: Would you guys like to meet down front?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.
PRESENTATION OF AWARD

APPLAUSE

RAY GRAHAM: At this time we’re going to move on with Resolution (b) 2019-022. Councilman Wilson is going to read this resolution.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE ALL-VOLUNTEER SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD AND TO PROCLAIM MAY 2019 AS "SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD MONTH" IN ANDERSON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the South Carolina State Guard is a professional military organization and component of the South Carolina Military Department-directed by the adjutant general under its commander-in-chief, the Governor of the State of South Carolina—that supports a variety of critical County functions, including disaster relief assistance to communities and local first responder organizations; and

Whereas, the State Guard is organized as an army brigade under the leadership of the Commander and comprises the Command Staff, the Chief of Staff Section, the Professional Services Command, and the 1st Civilian Support Brigade, which is further divided into three battalions of companies that correspond to the boundaries of the six regions of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division; and

Whereas, the State Guard trains new members at the McCrady Training Center in Eastover to provide search and rescue operations, medical support, legal and engineering expertise, chaplain and counseling services, distribution of supplies, and military funeral honors to veterans; and

Whereas, when serious natural or manmade disasters strike, the mission of the State Guard is to respond quickly to protect people and property and to help communities recover in coordination with the National Guard, law enforcement, and other state, county, and municipal agencies; and

Whereas, the State Guard has answered when called to assist in disaster relief by providing tens of thousands of hours of service just since 2015, including deployments for recovery operations after hurricanes Joaquin, Harvey, and Matthew; and

Whereas, the Anderson County Council, in recognition of the vital role the State Guard has played in protecting and serving the citizens we represent and in the success of Anderson County as a whole throughout the history of Anderson County, do hereby recognize and honor all members of the South Carolina State Guard.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 21st day of May, 2019.
May I put that in the form of a motion?
RAY GRAHAM: I’ll second.
Have a motion by Councilman Wilson; second by
Councilman Davis. All in favor? All opposed?
Would you guys like to meet down front and have
this presentation?
BRETT SANDERS: Vice Chair?
RAY GRAHAM: Yes, sir.
BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to thank them for all
that they do for our state. I also understand that the
Metal of Honor Museum is not receiving the warmest
welcome in Mount Pleasant. I’d like to say that I
think Anderson County and its citizens would greatly
welcome such a museum here. I have a metal of honor
recipient in my district. And I’d love to see you guys
come this way.
RAY GRAHAM: I’d like to welcome Mr.
Sanders on that and we would welcome any opportunity to
be so honored as to have the Metal of Honor Museum take
part in Anderson County. I think it would just be a
great addition to our heritage and our history. And we
would be so honored to have it as a part of our county.
CINDY WILSON: Of course, between our own
museum and the veterans home, there’s plenty of space.
Thank you.
RAY GRAHAM: That’s right.
PRESENTATION OF AWARD
APPLAUSE
RAY GRAHAM: Ladies and gentlemen, that
concludes this portion of the meeting. The council
meeting will start back at 6:30. Meeting adjourned.
(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 P.M.)
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:
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JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
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LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: I’d like to welcome everyone here for the meeting. I’d like to call it to order, the May 21st regular council meeting, to order. At this time I’d like to ask Councilman Davis if he would lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS

Before we get started I’d like the record to show Mr. Wooten is not here tonight. He’s out of town on business. With that we’ll move on with the approval of the minutes of the May 7th meeting. Are there any corrections to be made to it?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On page 42, line 36, the word out was supposed to be off, O-F-F. It’s just a simple little typo.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else from anyone? You want to make the motion?

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that the accept the minutes as amended.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Graham seconds. All in favor of the motion show of hand. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 4, citizens comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. First go-around you’ve got three minutes and please address the chair. And it’s on agenda items only on the first go-around. Mr. Harmon.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking on 6(b). I want to discuss that -- the building that’s going to be transferred to Belton and eventually, hopefully, a Farmer’s Market and also a place where police can do paperwork in the center of town. It’s a great idea, a great use for the building. It’s not going to be used like it is otherwise. All your small towns really need some help. The taxes that we collect in Anderson County, they’re for big projects. They’re things for the Civic Center. They’re things for -- there are so many things that are in Anderson County, but they’re not helping the small towns. The small towns are really struggling, and I’m glad to see that any time we can do something to help one it happens.
Number 10, the asbestos. I didn’t have time to see if that was the only bid. Asbestos removal, two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars. Are you kidding me? I think that’s way too much.

Glad to see number 15, AC Development Standards is going to have a workshop on planning residential communities with highlighting conservation and not jamming a whole bunch of people into a small area. We’ve reached saturation in Anderson County. We really don’t need anymore people. The buildings that we have, we need to utilize them; apartment buildings, slum lords, they need to tear down what they’ve got and fix it. But we’ve reached a saturation point in Anderson. We don’t need a bunch more people. And we don’t need a bunch of more developments where five homes are crammed into one acre. So I’m really excited to see what this man says at the workshop.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5, Men at Work presentation, Ms. Floyd. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I don’t think the Men at Work people are here tonight yet. I don’t know if they’re coming. But Mr. Chair, if they do some I would, please, like to reserve some time ---

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll work it in.

GRACIE FLOYD: --- in the agenda so we can hear from them.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll get it worked in, yes, ma’am.

Item number 6(a), ordinance third reading, 2019-013, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of free in lieu of tax agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Blue Bird Solar, LLC, with respect to certain economic development properties in the county whereby such properties will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special revenue credits.

Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add or say tonight?

BURRISS NELSON: (Inaudible.)

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

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, you need to do a public hearing on this one tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m sorry. It’s right there in front of me. Thank you very much.

This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair, please. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing no one, the public hearing will be closed. Now, do we have a motion? Ms. Wilson make the motion? Second Mr. Graham. Now any discussion?

BRETT SANDERS: I have a question, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Nelson, is this the same company that was Narenco or ---

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, that’s correct. It is Narenco and this is ---

BRETT SANDERS: I didn’t know if they had sold out to these people or ---

BRETT SANDERS: This is a subsidiary name because they add a name for every project they do.

BRETT SANDERS: Good enough. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now be moving on to Item number 6(b), 2019-016, an ordinance authorizing the transfer of a tract of real property located within the city of Belton, South Carolina municipal limits of Belton for the use by the city for municipality purposes. This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter, please step forward, state your name and district and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion on the floor?

RAY GRAHAM: Motion.


RAY GRAHAM: Just want to commend the council members for their support on this. I’m sure as some other people in the community has mentioned, I mean this will definitely bring some great value to the city of Belton, more so than what value it was to us as a county, and allow them to continue to get some good use out of this property and hopefully grow as a community. So I do appreciate everybody on that.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on now to Item number 7(a), ordinance’s second reading, 2019-018, ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a joint county industrial and business park, that’ll be 2010 Park of Anderson and Greenville Counties, as to enlarge the park to include certain properties of Project Browser. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you want to add?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. This is just the reciprocal agreement we have with Greenville County in presenting projects for that multi-county park agreement so that those projects in our county and in their county, as well, would receive state benefits. And like I said, this is reciprocal between both counties. And of course, Greenville County sends its thanks for your assistance in this project and they look forward to assisting us with our next one.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. 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. Discussion, do we have any? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. You and your team, both, and your board.

Moving on to Item number 8(a), ordinance’s first reading, Ordinance 2019-019, ordinance amending section 55-38 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina regarding retiree insurance so as to make this code section consistent with the Benefit Plan Document. To change the plans and coverage, we’ve got to make sure the ordinance matches everything to make it clear for Ms. Davis. And I’ll ask Ms. Davis to come up and explain everything and answer any questions for anybody between her and Mr. Harmon or Mr. Burns. Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. We did take this before the administrative policy -- the old personnel committee, ever what you call that. They unanimously recommended moving it to the full council. Basically what it is, in our Code of Ordinance, section 55-38, we have those items that I had deleted because our tax attorney who is looking at
our retiree plan in regards to our new health insurance plan, those items that were deleted are in the plan document itself and the summary plan description verbatim. So she talked with Mr. Harmon and they both agreed that we just need to streamline the code, knowing that the plan document is right. And if ever we were to modify or amend this, we would have to come back before council anyway. So it’s just a housekeeping thing basically. The plan hasn’t changed at all, the coverage and the benefits.

TOMMY DUNN: And again, this is coming -- and we’ve done this several times before. This is before our report on the personnel committee which this was recommended. Chairman Graham, you got anything you want to add or say to this?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing other than it did come from the Personnel Committee in full support of bringing this before full council.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Personnel Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Now discussion. Any discussion from anybody, any questions? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Ms. Davis.

Moving on to Item 8(b), 2019-020, an ordinance to amend section 66-126 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina so as to delete Summer Adjustments from the Sewer Ordinance. Ms. Davis.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. As we discussed in the budget workshop yesterday, we’re asking for your consideration for the elimination of summer adjustments. Not this year. We already got a motion to extend them for this year. It would be effective next May 2020. And the reason being, we need Hammond and Broadway to go back billing for us so that we can not have bad debts, if you will, so that we can turn the water off for nonpayment. The main reason, though, we’re asking is, keep in mind, ECU who processes the large majority of our flow has a scheduled increase for five years. And that’s about five hundred thousand dollars. So we’re asking your indulgence to eliminate summer adjustments. That would equate to about a hundred and twenty-six thousand annually. So we -- most counties do not extend the summer adjustments. So we need to do it in Anderson County, if you don’t mind, to help our sewer fund.

TOMMY DUNN: As Ms. Davis said, we talked and had discussion. We’ve got two more readings of this if this passes tonight to have more discussion on and more input. But it is one thing that gives us a
tool to collect money, bad debt, that’s owed to the
county to help sewer. Let the water companies be able
to do it where we can collect that debt and get it
where they’re paying. Now, I don’t want to put him on
the spot, but Mr. Davis has got an exception in here if
this rule comes up. Do you want to just mention that
just for talking purposes?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Yeah. And I think, Ms. Davis, if I’m not mistaken, you
have the exception rule in there for those folks who
have a swimming pool?

RITA DAVIS: That’s correct, and it
would remain in place, sir. That’s right.

JIMMY DAVIS: That is a once-a-year
waiver to aid those folks who are putting thousands of
gallons of water in their pool to be able to use it,
but that water is not going into the sewer so we don’t
have to pay the city to handle that waste water.

One question that I have is as we go forward with
this, those folks who actually have not paid their
sewer bill, and I don’t know exactly what those totals
may be, but we’ll need to work something out with the
respective water companies to help those folks that
don’t get their water turned off because they
can’t pay everything at one time.

RITA DAVIS: Yes, sir. Retroactively
they would not cut off their water. It would just be
prospectively.

JIMMY DAVIS: So what happens with the
bad debt?

RITA DAVIS: We -- the only thing really
we can do right now is that we send -- they call it
debt setoff -- we intercept their state income tax
refund if they have one up to the amount of the debt
that they owe us.

JIMMY DAVIS: So going forward those
respective water companies, when they start doing the
billing on our behalf, they will not assume any of that
bad debt?

RITA DAVIS: That is correct, sir.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Ms. Davis.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. And other
options for people, we want to make sure this gets out,
we’ve got almost a year to get the word out and get
people, give them so they can get another meter. I
know it’s expensive to get that second irrigation
meter, but it’ll pay for itself in the long run. The
county just can’t keep eating this. Anymore
discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: One more thing. I think in
our communication to the public on this we need to be very clear that the county is actually losing money right now because of it. And that’s just one of the things, we’re paying for the waste water, even though we’re not collecting for it. This is something more than just a housekeeping item for the county.

RITA DAVIS: Oh, this is -- yes, sir, this is ---

JIMMY DAVIS: It’s desperately needed.

TOMMY DUNN: And not only that, I hate to keep beating it to death, but some folks realize we’ve got no way to collect so they’re not paying. And that’s not fair.

RITA DAVIS: That’s right, sir.

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

Moving over to Item number 9, resolutions. We have none.

Going to number 10, this is a bid approval for asbestos abatement for McCants east wing. Mr. Carroll?

ROBERT CARROLL: Yes, sir. We had a mandatory pre-bid on this and we had, I believe, seven contractors to show up. Of those seven we had five to bid. And you can see the range there from the hundred fifty-five thousand to the four hundred and fifty thousand nine hundred. This is what we refer to as the east wing of McCants. Two floors plus a little bit on a basement floor there. But staff recommends award to Neal Corporation, two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.

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

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham.

Any discussion? I’d just like to start off by saying this is cleaning up something. We’ve got to do the asbestos abatement to tear this building down. We’ve got to tear it down because if we don’t they’re going to cancel the insurance on the rest of the building. We got the final letter and final warning. So this is what this is about. We’ve got no choice. Can’t tear it down without removing the asbestos. Anyone else? Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, is this the -- for the second floor of the McCants building?

TOMMY DUNN: This will be the wing out
there ---

ROBERT CARROLL: On East Whitner side, the wing that goes out. They’ll -- basically we’ll take down that whole wing, which is two and a half floors roughly.

TOMMY DUNN: But it’s -- go ahead, Ms. Floyd. I’m sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: But this is not -- are we doing anything for the second floor of that building?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s coming up, hopefully.

RUSTY BURNS: That floor has already had the asbestos removed on the second floor.

GRACIE FLOYD: On the second floor, the one we looked at? When did we remove that?

ROBERT CARROLL: When it was originally done we abated the whole main section of that building.

RUSTY BURNS: That’s already been done, Ms. Floyd.

TOMMY DUNN: It was done in remodeling.

GRACIE FLOYD: So then we’re ready to go; aren’t we? All we have to do is just clean it up.

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 11, report from the Personnel Committee, Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We’ve actually already covered Item 11(a) on the proposed code ordinance change 55-38. And we’ve also discussed the overtime in certain departments, which basically what that stemmed from was the overtime that we had discussed in one of the budget workshops pertaining to dispatch. By all means if any council member has any questions or needs any discussion on that, I’ll be glad to try to share any information that was discussed on that. But that was actually handled in one of the budget meetings due to us working on the budget for that.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else, Mr. Chairman?

RAY GRAHAM: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Moving on next we have a report from the Planning and Public Works Committee. Chairlady Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Our meeting convened with two of our other council members substituting for two of our regular committee
members who were caught in traffic in order for our meeting to have a quorum.

Let me see. I made notes because we covered a lot. The first item for consideration was capital projects. By a three to zero vote, the committee sends to county council with a recommendation to approve the demolition of the old McCants abandoned wing vital to maintaining insurance coverage for the rest of the facility. The main expense in this is asbestos abatement. Mr. Burns suggested that the county take the building down and reduce the five hundred thousand dollar estimate ultimately. We anticipate at least two hundred and fifty-five thousand for the asbestos.

Roofs for the sheriff’s office and the Clyde Stone building are estimated at eighty thousand and two hundred thousand dollars, respectively. And that gives us a total of approximately eight hundred and sixty thousand dollars for capital improvements.

So I bring that from our committee with a recommendation to approve.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming from a committee; doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: The request for the floor replacement at our animal shelter for fifteen thousand dollars may be covered by a balance carry forward and possibly county staff. But we’ll know more about that one soon.

As the Solid Waste Department is an enterprise fund, we accepted three to zero the department’s request to expend up to 3.1 million dollars for capital improvement projects at the Creightonville, Townville and Agnew convenience centers, the roof and lighting needs at the warehouse, the Starr C&D Landfill needs, and the MRF repairs and replacements, including ceiling, metal siding and conveyor line. So we bring that to y’all three to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Planning and Public Works Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on.

CINDY WILSON: The next item we discussed were capital requests, including for the Finance Department two high density track filing systems at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars. Our District 6 representative, Mr. Davis, suggested that digital
storage should be considered as his business experience
has indicated this method is more efficient and less
expensive. Our Finance Department is checking into
this and will bring their findings back to us.

Our special populations currently housed in the
remodeled part of the old McCants building are in need
of a door buzzer and camera security system. Our
review of their concerns led to a three and oh
recommendation to county council to approve.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion coming
from the Public Works Committee. It doesn’t need a
second. Now discussion. Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Have they got some numbers
as far as what the cost of this is going to be and ---
CINDY WILSON: Let’s see. I think that
was twenty-three hundred.

RAY GRAHAM: Okay. I mean as long as
we’re not just doing a blank check. I mean I’m sure
that y’all have already taken care of that. So just
wanted to make sure.

CINDY WILSON: Let me look.

RAY GRAHAM: No, that’s good.

TOMMY DUNN: It was twenty-three
hundred. Mr. Sanders was there and said it’s twenty-
three hundred.

CINDY WILSON: Twenty-three hundred was
the estimated cost.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor
of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries.

Moving on.

CINDY WILSON: With a three and oh
recommendation to county council to approve, we took up
the Technology Services Department request for
replacements and upgrades, which are as follows: and
boy do I need my glasses on this print. We need two
Dell Power Edge 3440 Server at ten thousand seven
hundred and forty-six dollars each. We need one Access
Control System upgrade, one Voiceover Internet Protocol
Phone System for the sheriff’s office, three
uninterruptible power supplies, seventy desktop
computers with monitors and laptop computers, four
network switches at thirteen thousand seven hundred
fifty dollars each, and six hyper v server upgrades at
fifteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-three dollars
each, for a total of three hundred ninety-three
thousand three hundred and eighty-two dollars. So we
bring that to you as ---

TOMMY DUNN: Again, coming from the
Public Works Committee it doesn’t -- Planning and
Public Works Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Are
there any discussion? We good? All in favor of the
vote to favor show of hands.

CINDY WILSON: The one point --
TOMMY DUNN: Hold on one second, Ms. Wilson. Give me one second.
CINDY WILSON: Sorry.
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, if you’re
waiting on me, I’m not going to vote.
TOMMY DUNN: I was going to ask if you
abstain and not vote or -- no vote or how do you vote?
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m going to tell you now. I’m going to not vote on these things, because even
though it’s in the book, it’s in our budget book, I
didn’t bring the budget book tonight. And I don’t know
what all we voted on or what all not. It’s not listed
here.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s just capital. It’s
not listed -- the item was titled as capital projects.
You going to abstain from voting?
GRACIE FLOYD: No. I’m just not going to
vote on it.
TOMMY DUNN: Vote no?
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m voting no.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Show for the record
Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham and Ms.
Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd voting no. And just let
me reiterate, too, this is part of the budget they’re
recommending for council to approve tonight to put in
the budget. And this before anything is purchased or
bidded out it has to come back before council and
council will be voting on it.

CINDY WILSON: An update on our current
budget, the 1.6 million dollar software suite finance
and accounting software and software CAD, RMS, JMS, 911
are in this current year’s budget and they’ve all been
bid out. And there were four responses that came back.
So that’s a breath of fresh air to get that put behind
us.

Technical Services has need of an additional F250
Ford truck on which our fourth technician carries large
amounts of equipment and tools to service various sites
around the county and to service radios. The current
truck is an old high-mileage seizure that Fleet
Services has spent more than fifteen thousand dollars
on. We recommended to county council by a three and oh
vote to approve that acquisition.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Public
Works and Planning Committee, again, doesn’t need a
second. Now any discussion?
RAY GRAHAM: Yes. I’d just like to add
that the current vehicle that this employee is using has right at or a little over three hundred thousand miles. This is a truck that was seizures just as a crime or whatever. But we’re probably not going to be so lucky to get a truck of that nature in a seizure. We have an employee that performs vital services for the county and (mic cutting in and out).

TOMMY DUNN: And I think the report was that they spent fifteen thousand dollars on it this past year?

JIMMY DAVIS: They spent fifteen grand on it trying to fix it.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you. What truck is this? And who has it and ---

JIMMY DAVIS: It’s a technical services employee that goes out and does service work on the county radios and communications. And he also does some other functions, too, so we’ve got this employee that’s driving the truck for as long as he can, but it’s falling apart. So we’ve got an employee who’s vital to our operations of the county, but we’ve getting to the point now where we’re spending fifteen thousand dollars on a three hundred thousand mile vehicle. We’ve got to get him something to drive so he can do his job. That’s what that’s for.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: That truck was designed specifically to suit his needs. It’s not just a F250.

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah. Anyone else have more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. You going to oppose or abstain?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m opposing it all, yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd opposed.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Our animal shelter is in much need for an additional guillotine door for the large dog pod, estimated at seventy-five hundred dollars for their better safety in handling aggressive dogs. And also a new commercial grade washer and dryer. Our committee voted three and oh to recommend to council to approve the guillotine door. We requested our staff to research for the best washer and dryer for our dollars and the best warranty and come back to us. There were some suggestions that might soften the blow on that. Even some of them locally. But anyway, the guillotine door is a desperately needed
item. Three and oh.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, coming from Public Safety -- I mean Planning and Public Works doesn’t need a second. Discussion? Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: So are we going to go ahead and vote ---

CINDY WILSON: For the guillotine door.

RAY GRAHAM: So that’s the only thing y’all are recommending?

CINDY WILSON: Right. And then we’ll come back with the washer and dryer.

RAY GRAHAM: I’m good. Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: There may be a better price and better quality item elsewhere.

JIMMY DAVIS: And just to clarify, the guillotine door, they’ve been doing it by pod. This is not just one door. It’s fifteen doors, so that we don’t have a safety issue with someone getting hurt by a large aggressive dog.

CINDY WILSON: One of our technicians got bitten, so we have to factor in off time and medical and trauma and all of that. So I think this is a very wise expenditure.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, about the washer and dryer -- about the washer, the washer has been needed for a long time. We aren’t talking about one of those little type washers that we can get from the corner store or the kind that we find in our homes. After talking with the veterinarian she points out that the washer that they need down there is a big deluxe washer. And that we need one and we were promised one years ago and we never did get it. But to go out and buy a little washing machine at the store downtown is not going to do it. She is looking for a heavy duty deluxe one that will wash the towels and everything that’s needed for a dog.

After talking with a person who owns a dog care facility, our own Ms. Liz down there, she told me that she has to have one of those big deluxe washing machines also to get her washing done with those animals that she takes. She also said that she washes, I think she told me everyday, five, six, seven times a week ... Eight loads a day. So we aren’t talking a little washing machine just because somebody didn’t want to buy one. But this is something that’s really needed at our place down there.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. And I think the majority of council understands that and is
looking at it. We’re just trying to make sure we get
the best deal we can get on that.

CINDY WILSON: There are more options out
there that are worthy of exploration. And one of them
is a company named Speed Queen out of Texas, a United
States made washer and dryer, that can handle the fur
and the debris. It’s heavy duty. And I think Mr.
Davis had a suggestion for one, or was it Mr. Sanders,
another type of machine. So we’re going to get it
looked at. There’s no doubt that there’s a need for a
washer and dryer. We’re just going to check on
pricing, warranty and all those things.

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

Moving on, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Next we discussed
the Roads and Bridges request totaling three hundred
seventy-six thousand eight hundred dollars, but held
off voting, waiting for the final disposition of the
proposed twenty-five dollar road fee.

Fleet Services requested a Diesel laptop with
software cables for twelve thousand five hundred, and a
twelve twenty-four volt jump box for fifteen hundred
dollars, which we voted three to zero to recommend to
you for approval.

TOMMY DUNN: Again coming from the
Planning and Public Works Committee, it doesn’t need a
second. Any discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS: I’d like to add ---

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: --- the laptop and the jump
box, I did some research and those estimates came right
in line with what I can buy for my business. They were
a good deal on both items.

TOMMY DUNN: Anymore discussion? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show
the motion carries.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Next, the Civic
Center ---

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. I’m losing
my train of thought. Ms. Wilson is in favor of the
motion, Mr. Graham is in favor, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Sanders,
Mr. Davis. And Ms. Floyd opposes.

Now, Ms. Wilson, go ahead.

CINDY WILSON: On the Civic Center, the
Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center would find a
carpet extractor helpful in extending the life of the
center’s carpets. We voted three to zero to recommend
to you to approve the three thousand fifty-five dollar
estimated expenditure.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, doesn’t need a second, coming from the Planning and Public Works Committee. Now discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. We talked about this in our first budget workshop. But, Mr. Chair, it’s just me, okay, but I need you to explain something to me; okay?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Why are we discussing these budget things individually like this, each one? Are we going to do them all like this?

TOMMY DUNN: Well, this is what come before that committee. We won’t do everything that way. We’ll get to it in time. They had a meeting Friday. This is their recommendations or not recommendations, so we’re voting on it. They chose to do it that way.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we’ll vote ---

TOMMY DUNN: This is all in the budget, like this rolling stock, capital projects, stuff like that; yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The vacuum cleaner for the Civic Center, that’s capital?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But see, all of that wasn’t listed here. If I had known ---

TOMMY DUNN: It ain’t listed -- broke out. It’s just titled in what you call it. Trying to safe a little tree. Anything else?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. The -- are we on the vacuuming machine now for the ---

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The vacuum cleaner, they asked for two things down there. They asked for a vacuum cleaner and a -- I think it was something like a mop or something to clean the carpets and stuff. As much as that carpet is used to walk on down there, they were saying that they don’t have the equipment to actually clean it like it’s supposed to be done.

TOMMY DUNN: This is that ---

CINDY WILSON: This was recommended in the list that we were given. Let’s me find which list.

Here we go. Okay. This was the Chariot AT, something or the other, vacuum, was not recommended by the administration. However, the carpet extractor at three thousand fifty-five dollars estimated-wise.

TOMMY DUNN: To take care of the carpet,

CINDY WILSON: Right.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. And I spoke on the first meeting to tell Mr. Dunn ---
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns.
GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s all right. It makes him feel good. That’s all right.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I spoke at the first meeting. After talking with the people down there, they were saying that they need that. I explained that to Mr. Burns. And I think that he understood. But this is a piece of mechanics that’s really needed at the ...
TOMMY DUNN: Civic Center.
GRACIE FLOYD: At the Civic Center, yeah. And I’m hoping that the administrator will go ahead and approve that because they can’t clean that center the way it needs to be cleaned with just a mop and a bucket.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed? Show the motion carries unanimously.
GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute. What are we ---
TOMMY DUNN: That carpet extractor.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Good.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: The Sheriff’s Department capital request will be taken up at the next meeting and that will include needs in associated departments and the E911 tariff.
The airport request will be reviewed next meeting. The committee voted three to oh to approve the other special revenue and grant funded needs as each of the applications will come back to council for final approval and each will have greater details for discussion.
The Fleet Services replacement plan which was implemented in the last two fiscal years is an effort by Mr. Stone to better anticipate various vehicle and rolling stock needs and to research the best specs, prices and maintenance concerns across all fund and departments. That we were presented was for fiscal years ’19-20 coming up. The anticipated expenditure of two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars was recommended -- is recommended to you by our committee three and oh vote. These are the remaining funds from the five point three million dollar bond from last year. Did I understand that correctly, Ms. Rita?
Okay. Thank you. So we have a three and oh vote to go with whatever ---
TOMMY DUNN: These are Mr. Stone’s recommendations; right?

CINDY WILSON: Right. And he had a list that he gave us, the red was critically needed, the yellow was in the realm of needing replacing. And needless to say there were far more needs replacement than there are funds. But he has gone and classified each piece of rolling stock in the county and tried to put together a plan for maintenance and replacement in a more logical, cost effective way. And I personally greatly appreciate his effort. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion, again, being redundant here, but coming from the Planning and Public Works Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Now, discussion.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I want to echo -- not really echo something, but just bring something to light so it can go on record is, Mr. Stone has done a fantastic job of documenting, and for lack of a better word, dumbing the report down so that I could understand it with our replacement vehicles in the county. We are in dire straits here and that two million plus dollars is not even going to touch what we need to replace. I think Mr. Stone is squeezing every bit of blood out of a turnip that he can. But we’ve got a lot of aging vehicles. And I think we’ve just got to try to get them back on track. I know that’s a big number for replacement vehicles, but it doesn’t -- it’s not going to do everything we need to do this year, but it’s a good start.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Anymore discussion? Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I was just going to say that I would like to have a copy of the minutes or the notes from the ---

TOMMY DUNN: She’ll get you a copy.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, from the Planning Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s what I’m talking about. Anymore discussion?

RAY GRAHAM: So what was the number you were recommending on that?

CINDY WILSON: The remainder of the bond, as I understand it, is two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, council will be voting on this as it comes back for purchase. This is putting it in the budget. All in favor of the motion
show of hands. All opposed? Show the motion carries
Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms.
Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd opposed. If there’s no
objection -- anything else?

CINDY WILSON: Plenty more. We covered a
lot of territory.

TOMMY DUNN: Hang on a minute. If
there’s no objection we’re going to take about a ten
minute break. Any objection?

BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Thank you.

BREAK

CINDY WILSON: Are we ready?

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. We’re
missing somebody; aren’t we?

BRETT SANDERS: Councilman Graham.

TOMMY DUNN: There you go. Turn that
camera around and get it on us.

CINDY WILSON: Okay. Next we discussed
the proposed twenty-five dollar road fee. The
positives are that the revenue estimated at 5.4 million
dollars would go strictly to road maintenance projects.
Funds would be segregated in a separate account and
would not be shared across any other levies. The net
effect of the fee would be to remove approximately one
mil from the roads and bridges department in the form
of asphalt piping, et cetera. We will continue the
discussion with public input after we finish our
general fund budget review.

Next our committee received as information from Mr.
Hugh Oldham a report on the current impact of our
county council’s resolution to suspend the ramp fee
which was passed in 2017. In my recent review of the
airport special revenue fund, GLR153, a number of
accounts were noted as over-budget. Fuel cells have
been dramatically lower since the ramp fee was waved.
Fuel cells, hangar and tie-down leases and maintenance
fees help pay the operations and maintenance expenses
at the airport. Our airport is the most valuable and
visible asset for many corporate travelers and for our
local pilots. We have a new terminal project, a one
hundred fifty foot wide, six thousand foot runway
project and other projects proceeding with the help of
state and federal grant funds. Access to these grant
funds requires that our airport be self-sustaining.
Therefore our committee voted three to oh to recommend
for county council to immediately reinstate the ramp
fees and to only waive the ramp fees on purchase of
fuel from the airport. This measure is expected to
return approximately fifty-four hundred dollars a month
in revenues to the airport. That will have to come
back before council as it was not on our agenda and Mr.
Harmon will draft the resolution to suspend that
resolution and return the ramp fees.

That concludes our recommendations and we’ll need
to have some more meetings.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: I didn’t hear anything at
all about the ramp fee. This is brand new information
to me as a council person for District 2. Nothing was
said to me about a ramp fee and that we needed to
reinstate it or anything like that. I don’t
understand.

TOMMY DUNN: We won’t be voting anyway.
We discussed this in a budget workshop meeting. I
don’t think you was there at that one. But anyway,
we’re not going to vote on it tonight. It’ll be two
weeks from tonight when we vote on it. So we’ll get
you all the information you need on it and discuss it
with you; okay?

Thank y’all. Before we move on to our next item,
Ms. Floyd has informed me, unfortunately, the Men At
Work presentation won’t be given tonight. They have a
young gentleman, fifteen years old, that was going to
present it and he has had some medical trouble. They
have flew him, I think to Charleston, Medical
University of Charleston. He’s had a heat related
stroke, maybe. He had a heat related stroke?

MALE: (Inaudible.)

TOMMY DUNN: So we definitely want to
keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Not only him,
but his family. Appreciate what y’all do. Do y’all
mind stating the gentleman’s name so we can keep it ...

MALE: Monte’ Sellers (Phonics).

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Seller, Monte’ Sellers.

Thank you very much. Let his family know we’re
thinking about him and them as they go through this.
Hopefully have recovery. Really hate to hear that.

Now, moving on -- and when Ms. Floyd -- we’ll put
that back on the council agenda whenever she sees it
appropriate.

Moving on now to Item number 13, executive session.
Do I have a motion we go into executive session to
discuss the lease extension of 301 North Main Street
building, that’s the Voter Registration office;
discussion on donation of property, a contract
contiguous to the Civic Center somebody wants to give
to us; and update on the contractual issues of the
1 County Square project. Have someone put that in the
2 form of a motion?
3 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a
5 second?
6 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
7 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in
8 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
9 carries unanimously. Thank you. We’ll go back here --
10 okay, we’ll go to the conference room.
11 EXECUTIVE SESSION
12 CINDY WILSON: ... having received
13 information regarding the lease extension of 301 North
14 Main Street building; donation of property at Civic
15 Center and contractual issues of County Square project.
16 TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Ms.
17 Wilson to come out of executive session. Do we have a
18 second?
19 RAY GRAHAM: Second.
20 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. All in
21 favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion
22 carries unanimously. Do we have a motion?
23 RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I’d like to
24 make a motion to accept the donation of a 4.82 acre
25 parcel contiguous to the Civic Center property.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Have a
27 second?
28 JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
29 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any
30 discussion? Let me tell you what this is, is a company
31 that’s got property next to the -- adjoins the Civic
32 Center property wanting to donate it. And we’re
33 accepting. We think it’s valuable to us to own it
34 since it joins our property. No cost to us. Lose tax
35 revenue on it, so ... All in favor of the motion show
36 of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
37 unanimously.
38 And the other two items, just for discussion and
39 for information. And we’ll be voting on those and
40 y’all will know at a later date what those are. It
41 gives us some more information to come back on and give
42 us something to vote on.
43 Moving on to Item number 14, appointments. There
44 are none.
45 Moving on to Item number 15, requests by council
46 members. Mr. Davis.
47 JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to appropriate
48 from my special projects fund four hundred dollars to
49 the Anderson County Development and Standards Planning
50 Department for planning workshop. And I make that
Have a motion by Mr. Davis. Have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I’d also like to put in the form of a motion the amount of four hundred dollars for the AC Development Standards.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. That’s the Planning Department coming up, they’re having a conference here in town and this will help them put that on. Is that what they’re asking for, four hundred dollars from each council person? Is that what they’re asking for? Four hundred from each one; okay.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible.)

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

Ms. Wilson? Do you have anything? I’m giving Ms. Floyd a chance to get caught up and sort of look at that. Ms. Floyd don’t have nothing? Okay, let Ms. Wilson go ahead and then we’ll come back. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: District 7 would like to appropriate a hundred and fifty dollars for the Conservation Subdivision Design Workshop Program. I would actually do more, but that’s the remainder of the account. And I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Do we have a second?

Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of Ms. Wilson’s motion show of hands, for a hundred and fifty dollars, show of hands. Unanimous.

Mr. Graham?

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, do you have anything?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I have a donation, the Greek Festival. Okay. Ms. Croegaert, do you remember whether or not I have done anything for the Greek Festival? Okay. I’ll wait until after we check. Okay. Please check it out for me to make sure. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Give me just a second. Out of District 5’s account appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the AC Development Standards Department. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

Now, moving on, if there’s no other requests by council members, we’ll move on to Administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Now we’ll move on to citizens comments. If Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. You’ve got three minutes. And address the chair, please. Mr. Harmon?

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3.

I want to comment on the transfers. Way back when, 2008, ’09, ’10, we used to have a hunk of those things that went through and it was all at the end mostly and it was obvious padding the -- using up the money kind of thing. But I will say that the transfers that we’re seeing now seem to be legitimate, typed out, well organized. Much, much, much improved.

I want to basically talk about paving. I notice that for District 3 paving, the city of Belton is getting nothing. City of Belton already has some major infrastructure issues. Last week I talked about how I knew of two sinkholes. It’s now up to four. These are huge sinkholes. These are pipes that have let loose all the way from the main highway into businesses. I don’t know why we’re not having any paving, Mr. Graham, designated for Belton.

I’m also concerned about the paving report for District 1. Looks to me like the Civic Center is getting, is that right, a hundred and nineteen thousand dollars out of a total of a hundred and twenty-five. Civic Center? Getting a hundred and nineteen thousand dollars of a paving fund of District 1? I thought that when we had hospitality funds that if we needed new roads or areas that generated money like the Civic Center, I thought that’s what we were using part of those hospitality funds for. So District 1 basically is giving all the paving money to the Civic Center for landscaping. I don’t see that that could be correct.

Third, I see that District 6 paving account, Powdersville School District, is getting twenty thousand dollars. Why? If the school districts are already getting seventy percent of our tax money for their schools, why are we giving them money for paving?
LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Anyone else?
LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on with comments from council members. Mr. Davis?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to just say real quick that yesterday -- we have enjoyed in District 6 several grand openings of recent. One of which Elements who is a ?? testing company who Mr. Nelson worked very hard to help get into our neck of the woods. We had that grand opening there.

And yesterday we celebrated the opening of The Eggs Up Grill in Powdersville. And so we’re continuing to see growth up there. I just got a piece of information that says the stats are in, Anderson County’s unemployment rate is 2.8 percent for the month of April. That’s probably full employment or more. So this county continues to grow and I hope that we can do a better job of retaining our young people and our talent in the county. Just going forward and I appreciate all the hard work of this county staff.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Mr. Sanders?
BRET SANDERS: None at this time, sir.

Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: Not at this time except for the fact that I’m glad to see Liz is back. You’ve been out for quite a while and we’ve missed you sitting there. So welcome back.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Mr. Graham?
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’m going to make this brief. I know yesterday in the budget workshop there was some discussion on life packs. We did meet with Steve, Director of EMS, on this. And just wanted to kind of let you guys know where we stood on this. Basically we currently have three life packs that’s in the QRVs and also Steve’s vehicle. All three of these life packs are pretty much at end of life. He came with a proposal to purchase two new ones. And upon Public Safety’s encouragement, basically we went back to a group that basically sells these items and what we’re looking at is basically that company is willing to take a trade-in value of five thousand dollars per life pack that we have to put toward three new life packs, which would upgrade our system to more up-to-date equipment. And another thing they’re willing to offer is basically a five-year lease
program; basically no interest. Basically if you went out and purchased the equipment or if you divided it up into a five-year lease, it would be the same exact dollars. The benefit with the lease program is naturally they’re going to be under warranty and covered in the event something takes place as far as damage. We’re still working out the numbers on that. So I’ll definitely have that to full council as soon as we get that. But it looks like instead of purchasing two Public Safety’s recommendation, and again this has not finalized through Public Safety Committee, but it looks like what we’ll be bringing back is trading the three we currently have in and actually purchasing three new ones. And basically where we’re going to be saving is actually getting the trade-in value off of each three where basically we’re going to actually get another new piece of equipment for actually a little bit less than what we were originally going to pay for two. Just wanted to update everybody on that.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It’s really a beautiful thing when our county and our employers and our school districts and higher education institutions can work together to train workforce. I’m so proud of being able to see that happen in our county.

The other thing, we have the Conservation Subdivision Design Workshop coming up. And Ms. Alesia Hunter is to be commended for being able to engage this gentleman to come to Anderson. She’s been trying for a long time. Hopefully he will have some ideas that will be very useful in our subdivision designs that come forward and development standards going forward. It should be very helpful and make it more pleasant to live in these areas.

We’ve got some other people who are hoping to come, too. Development, we know, costs a lot of money, but there are tax incentives and other potential grants that developers can access in consideration of some of the conservation-type programs they would incorporate in their design. So that should be a very good program and I’m looking forward to going. I’m hearing we’ve got people coming from all over the southeast to the Civic Center for that program. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Floyd, did you have something?

GRACIE FLOYD: I forgot something I really, really wanted to do.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, speak into the
1    mic.
2 GRACIE FLOYD:    Something I really, really
3 wanted to do. It’s not unusual but it’s strange; it’s
4 really strange. You’ve heard of somebody graduating
5 from college, but have you ever heard of two youngsters
6 graduating in the same year at the same time from one
7 family? No. Let me introduce the young ladies. Would
8 you please stand.
9    APPLAUSE
10 GRACIE FLOYD:    That’s their mother. Would
11 the mother please stand? That’s the mother.
12    APPLAUSE
13 GRACIE FLOYD:    Which is the oldest now?
14 She graduated from Anderson University and she has a
15 job already down in Georgia. Okay. And we have the
16 other one, she graduated from down in Orangeburg and
17 she is going to start her own business. Aren’t you
18 proud of them? And proud of the mother.
19    APPLAUSE
20 TOMMY DUNN:    Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
21 Appreciate everybody’s work on the budget. I’d ask
22 you to do it tonight or if y’all want to wait and get
23 in touch with Lacey to schedule our next budget
24 workshop meeting for either Monday or Tuesday of next
25 week. Monday is Memorial Day. I don’t guess we’re
26 doing it Monday. Wednesday would be better, wouldn’t
27 it, Mr. Burns?
28 JIMMY DAVIS:    I am unavailable during the
29 day all week.
30 TOMMY DUNN:    How about in the afternoon,
31 six o’clock Wednesday? Anybody got a problem with
32 that? Six o’clock Wednesday. It’s tentatively set,
33 we’ll get back for Wednesday at six o’clock if we have
34 trouble or something another.
35 Appreciate everybody coming out.
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37  (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.)