ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JUNE 4, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular County Council meeting of June 4th to order, the part with our resolutions and proclamations, part of our council meeting. I’d like to welcome each and everyone here. Thank y’all for coming. First we’ve got Resolution R2019-023, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is with great pleasure and such an honor to honor and recognize this incredible program.

This is a resolution to honor the Palmetto High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for receiving the 2018-2019 Distinguished Unit Merit Award, and the Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award; and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, The Air Force Junior ROTC program is located in 900 high schools worldwide with an enrollment of more than 120,000 cadets who will complete over 1.6 million hours of community service each year; and,

Whereas, the Junior ROTC program was established to educate and train high school cadets in life skills such as citizenship, responsibility, self-discipline and building character. Students also receive instruction on air and space fundamentals. This program promotes and encourages cadets to actively engage in community service; and,

Whereas, The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Unit SC 942 of Palmetto High School, was selected as the recipient of the 2018-2019 Distinguished Unit with Merit Award for the 13th consecutive year. This award recognizes the cadets who have performed with above normal expectations, and distinguished themselves by providing service at school and throughout the community; and,

Whereas, this unit also earned the "Silver Star" Community Service Award with Excellence award for the fifth consecutive year. This prestigious award recognizes the dedication of cadets who have provided the highest per average community service hours in support of schools and their local communities. Of the 41 AFROTC units in South Carolina, Unit SC 942 of Palmetto High School is the only unit to receive this award; and,

Whereas, on Saturday, May 11, 2019 the Palmetto High School AFJROTC Unit SC 942 did participate in the 2019 "Howdy" town-wide Williamston cleanup day. During this event they assisted fellow community volunteers in clean-up work and beautification efforts for the town; and,
Whereas, the Anderson County Council commends and congratulates the Palmetto High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp on all of your tremendous accomplishments. We recognize the exceptional character, citizenship and self-discipline it takes to put service before self. We are proud of our youth who will become future leaders of Anderson County, South Carolina and the United States. We would like to wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day of June 2019.

May I put that in the form of a motion?

Tommy Dunn: Yes, ma’am. Have a motion. Second?

Ray Graham: Second.

Tommy Dunn: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Cindy Wilson: May I have my fellow council members and members of the corp, along with their officers, please.

Presentation of Resolution

Tommy Dunn: Moving on now to Item 2(b), resolution R2019-024, Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham.

Ray Graham: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to present this Resolution R2019-024.

This is a resolution to recognize and honor the Crescent High School Tigers baseball team for their exceptional performances, as 2019 AAA State Runner Up, 2019 AAA Upper State Champions, and 2019 District One Champions; and other matters related thereto.

Whereas, the Crescent High School Tigers baseball team began their season in February 2019 and continued to energize the community throughout this historic baseball season with a record of 19-11; and,

Whereas, on April 4, 2019, the Crescent Tigers traveled to Seneca High School to face the Seneca Cats. The Tigers defeated the Cats with a winning score of 10-1, earning the Region 1 AAA Championship title, a first since 2006; and,

Whereas, on April 29, 2019, the Crescent Tigers played against the Broome High School Centurions in the District 1 Championship. The Tigers defeated the Broome High School with a score of 3-2, winning the District One Championship for the first time in school history; and,

Whereas, on May 8, 2019, the Crescent Tigers played
against the Chapman High School Panthers winning with a score of 10-3, and receiving the title of Upper State Champions for the first time in school history, as well; and,

Whereas, on May 11, 2019, the Crescent Tigers faced Bishop England at home in Iva, South Carolina for game one of the South Carolina State AAA Championship Series. Bishop England took the lead with a 3-2 win. On Tuesday May 14, the Tigers traveled to Charleston, South Carolina to play in game two of the Series against Bishop England. The Tigers received the win with the score of 6-4. On Saturday May 18, the Crescent Tigers traveled to Lexington, South Carolina to play in game three of the AAA State Championship. The Tigers were defeated by Bishop England with a score of 4-3 and became the AAA State Runner-up. It is the first time for the Crescent Tigers to reach this state championship; and,

Whereas, The Anderson County Council wishes to commend our youth who demonstrate high levels of dedication, sportsmanship, teamwork and professionalism required to compete in a highly competitive environment. We are proud of the Crescent Tigers baseball team for reflecting true pride throughout the community and setting an example for their peers to emulate. We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to wish each of you great success in your future endeavors.

LET THIS BE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day of June, 2019.

Mr. Chairman, I bring this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Graham. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously with the ones here.

Thank you, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if I may, we would have Coach Carson and the players step down front.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COACH CARSON: Just wanted to thank y’all for this honor. Like Mr. Graham said, it was -- throughout this playoff run, especially, it was neat to see the Starr-Iva community come out and really support us and then to get this at the tail end of it sure is neat. So again, from all of us -- and we don’t have our six seniors here today; they’re at Senior Week this week. I know they’re very appreciative of it and would like to have been here. But I know the boys sure do like this kind of stuff. So thank y’all.
APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 2(c), R2019-025, a resolution, Mr. Graham and Ms. Wilson. Who’s going to do it. Ms. Wilson.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MATTISON WATSON FOR HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL CHEER PERFORMANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, Mattison Watson is a 16 year old sophomore at Belton-Honea Path High School. She is a member of the National Beta Club, and is academically ranked 2nd in her sophomore class. Mattison has sustained a 4.85 GPA or higher during her attendance at Belton-Honea Path High School; and,

Whereas, in 2011, 8 year old Mattison Watson began cheering and has cheered continuously for 9 years; and,

Whereas, in 2013, Mattison began cheering at Rockstar Cheer in Greenville at all levels from tumbling to stunting capabilities; and

Whereas, in 2015, at 12 years, Mattison began cheering in school during the 7th grade and has continued as a varsity cheerleader for 5 seasons; and,

Whereas, Mattison is a four time Varsity Letterman in cheerleading and was voted MVP by her teammates in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; and,

Whereas, Mattison has been competing in cheer competitions since 2015 and has been named Varsity Summit Champion, USASF World Champion Silver Medalist, USASF World Champion, NCA National Champion, UCA National Champion, Cheersport National Champion, and South Carolina State Cheerleading Region Champion; and,

Whereas, Mattison Watson and the Rockstar Cheer Beetles did compete in Orlando, Florida on March 10, 2019. During this competition the team won the title of 2019 Triple Crown Grand Champions for having the highest score in this level of competition; and,

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day of June 2019.

May I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, you may. Have a motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second? Second Mr. Davis.

Any further discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Just a quick note
that if you look at the backup, one would think that
Ms. Mattison Watson must be two hundred years old from
all the accomplishments she’s made in her short sixteen
years. So thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
Show the motion carries unanimously.
CINDY WILSON: May we have our
fellow council members and Miss Watson and her family.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on next to
Item 2(d), Resolution R2019-026, Councilman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. It’s with honor and regret that I make this
resolution.
THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR CAPTAIN ROBERT J. DOLBY,
IV AND CAPTAIN HEATHER DOLBY OF THE SALVATION ARMY FOR
THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ANDERSON
COUNTY.

Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby are
Salvation Army officers who serve in The Salvation Army
of the Carolinas under the Southern Territory Command
of The Salvation Army USA, of which the Anderson, South
Carolina Salvation Army is an affiliate; and

Whereas, the mission of The Salvation Army is "to
preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human
needs in His name without discrimination," its motto is
"Doing the Most Good," and "Through programs that serve
the body, mind, and soul, The Salvation Army works to
alleviate the symptoms of poverty, then works to
address the root issues that cause it"; and

Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby, over the
past years, have exemplified the mission, motto, and
programmatic goals of The Salvation Army in their work
on behalf of Anderson County residents most in need,
making an indelible mark on our community for the
better; and

Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby, through
their energetic, empathetic leadership, have forged
unprecedented partnerships between our local
governments, charities, churches, and other
organizations, of which the fruits are evident and
ongoing, including a new 30-bed shelter that makes
Anderson County one of only a handful of communities in
the United States that have enough beds for every
person experiencing homelessness; and

Whereas, Captains Rob and Heather Dolby conclude
their duty in Anderson County and begin new
appointments in Atlanta, Georgia, effective Monday, June 17th, 2019; and

Whereas, the Anderson County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Anderson County, in recognition of their extraordinary service to our county, do hereby honor and express profound appreciation to Captains Rob and Heather Dolby, wishing them only the best in their future endeavors.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 4th day of June, 2019.

I put this in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Wooten; second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

I’d just like to echo Councilman Wooten’s remarks as far as very privilege to give you this and honored, but by the same token, we have regrets. We’re going to miss you. I want you to know you and your wife has had a lasting impression on the citizens of Anderson County and we appreciate what all you’ve done for Anderson County. You’re going to be dearly missed and we wish you nothing but the best.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: If everyone would join up front. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

MR. DOLBY: They say I have thirty seconds to thank you. I just want to say this, we knew when we got to Anderson County, this is a county of abundance. We’re growing. People are noticing Anderson County in large part by the work of this county council. Anderson is a place people want to move to. Anderson is a place people want to send their kids to school; raise a family. It’s a good place to live. It’s been better to us than we could have ever been to Anderson. We also notice that more and more folks are moving to Anderson for opportunity, sometimes fall on hard times. As we stand here in government today, I would echo, FDR said this, how do we measure our progress? Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, we measure our progress not by the abundance we add to those who have much, but whether we provide enough for those who have little.

MS. DOLBY: Anderson is one of the places we’ve lived, out of many places, as itinerant ministers in the Salvation Army. And it’s big enough to be growing. It’s big enough that people have opportunities to provide for themselves and for their family. But it’s also small enough to still know
your neighbors when you go to the grocery store and say hello. And we’ve enjoyed living here and it’s been such a tremendous blessing. But my favorite part is how neighborly this place really is. It’s a loving community that cares for one another and love never fails. Thank you very much.

**APPLAUSE**

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to Item number 2(e), Proclamation. This will be a proclamation from Councilman Sanders. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

This is a proclamation for the War of 1812 Patriot Marking for David Russell

Whereas, David Russell, a life-long resident of South Carolina, having been born January 1, 1793, in Cane Creek, Pendleton District; and,

Whereas, David Russell enlisted October 6, 1814 in support of his country against the British, the United States having declared War on June 18, 1812 and David following in the footsteps of his father, Thomas Russell, and grandfather, Matthew Russell, both North Carolina and South Carolina Patriots of the American Revolution, respectively; and,

Whereas, David Russell served his country in the War of 1812 as a private under Captain Chapman Levy's Company of Riflemen and later under McWillies' Regiment South Carolina Militia; and,

Whereas, David Russell, upon discharge on March 5, 1815 in Charleston, South Carolina, did return home, marry and raised a family of six children; and,

Whereas, David Russell died July 7, 1860 in Townville, Anderson County, South Carolina; and,

Whereas, the South Carolina State Society United States Daughters of 1812, and the Hermitage Chapter, Tennessee State Society, along with the descendants of David Russell, wish to mark his grave in remembrance of his service therefore; and,

Whereas, the Anderson County Council hereby declare June 2, 2019 to be a day of remembrance to David Russell and his fellow South Carolina soldiers who fought in the War of 1812 to preserve our way of life and signal to the world the might and resilience of the United States of America.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of June 2019.

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

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

Anything else, Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. This was actually given on Sunday at the grave site at the Townville Baptist Church. The family actually came down from Michigan and they were greatly appreciative and told me to thank everyone on Council.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders, appreciate that.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this part of our council meeting. We’ll reconvene here at 6:30. In about four minutes we’ll start the regular council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 P.M.)
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County of     Anderson  )

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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of June 4th to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here tonight. Thank you for coming.

At this time we will -- Ms. Floyd is not here at this time. I’m going to ask Mr. Davis if he’ll lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance, if we’ll all rise, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 3, approval of the minutes. Are there any corrections or changes to be made to the minutes. I’m sorry. May 21st not received.

We’ll move on before we go to citizens comments, couple of housekeeping notes. On the agenda tonight 9(a) contractual issues related to facilities lease and executive session has been pulled. And Item 7(b), ordinance to approve agreement for transfer of assets between Anderson County, South Carolina and ReWa, that will be discussed in executive session. When we come back out if there’s any votes taken, it’ll be voted in public. 7(b) will be executive session discussion.

At this time I ask Mr. Harmon, be time for citizens comments, number 4. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, for the record if you’ll state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes. And please keep items that’s on the agenda this go-around. And please address the Chair, please. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Melvin Gregory.

MELVIN GREGORY: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Administrator, I come before you about this fifty dollar vehicle excise tax you want to put on us. Being a senior citizen, we cannot afford fifty dollars per vehicle. Times are hard, especially once you’re a senior; your income is fixed. We don’t have additional revenue streams like you do. Every time the county needs money, seems like you -- we need a revenue stream. Sir, we don’t have that. And it’s very difficult for us to make ends meet when these revenue streams just keep coming seems like year-end, year-out. We need to do something about that. Mr. Chairman, I look for you to, you know, address some of those items.

Also, as far as the budget is concerned, do we have audits on credit cards? Do we look at the number of vehicles that the county has? Do we look at cell phones? Do we look at the amount of money that’s spent when we go to Hilton Head so that it’s made public and we understand what’s being done as far as the budget is concerned. We need to look at vehicles very hard. The
twice in the last three years I’ve asked county to
come out, one was standards and building codes, the
gentleman came out in a Ford Expedition, looked at a
house, nothing he could do. The second time he came
out about a gully problem they have at the house in
front of me. He looked at it, sir, we don’t have money
in the budget. We can’t do anything for you. But he
was driving a late model Chevrolet Silverado truck.
Now, something is not right the way we’re handling our
money. We don’t have a revenue problem. We’ve got a
spending problem. And we need to do something about it
and it needs to be done quick. I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Dan Harvell.

DAN HARVELL: Mr. Chairman, members of
council, it’s good to see you. Always glad to see that
we’ve got six out of seven on the council that are
Republicans and we appreciate your service.

I used to be a regular fixture here, almost every
council meeting for many years, so you know if I’ve
come back for this, it’s very important to me. I’ve
talked to a lot of people across the county about this
proposed vehicle fee. A fee is actually just another
tax. I’ve not talked with anyone that is for this. I
know we may have exceptions for senior citizens, but
there are a lot of other people in between youth and
senior citizens that actually can’t -- just can’t
afford anymore. For instance, in the town of Honea
Path, you can practically wash your hands with water
one time a month and your minimum bill is going to be
fifty-five to sixty dollars. Now, that’s a fact. And
it may continue to go up more because of sewer
problems. Now, we understand the mandates and all
that. But nonetheless we’re taxed enough already. We
look to you as our representatives, as our elected
officials, we look to you to trim absolutely everything
you can to do what you can to keep taxes where they are
now. There are people that I’ve talked to, and yes,
they do have rather expensive vehicles, but some
vehicle taxes are getting close to a thousand dollars
now. That’s just -- that’s a lot of money. The county
is taking a lot of money based on the vehicles and the
property taxes coming off those vehicles already. So
we ask you to please consider and don’t do this
particular thing to the people.

And I will say, I want to be fair, you have these
problems based on some things that happened with the
former administrator, and that is certainly to exclude
Mr. Burns, the former administrator who went through
almost a decade here with a puppet council that
absolutely paid little attention to paving and
maintenance of roads and bridges. So I do want to say
that because that is something the general public needs
to know. It’s not all your fault that we’re in the
position that we’re in now with our roads and bridges.
But please do whatever you can to avoid this happening.
Thank you very much, and thank you for your
service.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5(a), 2019-008, ordinance
authorizing the execution and delivery of Fee in Lieu
of Tax Agreements by and between Anderson County, South
Carolina and a company or companies know to the County
at this time as Project Tarpon with respect to certain
economic development property in the County, whereby
such property will be subject to certain payments in
Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain
Special Source Revenue Credits.

This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to
speak to this matter, please step forward, state your
name and district and address the Chair, please.
Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing
will be closed. Mr. Nelson, you got anything? I know
this is third reading. Do you have anything you want
to say on this matter?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. I certainly appreciate the opportunity.
This is the company, a solar project, Southern Current,
the same company we had projects with in the middle of
last year. This is taking some current property that’s
paying six hundred and sixty-eight dollars in annual
property tax and converting that to paying twenty-nine
thousand and forty-three dollars a year in property
tax. And of course, there are no jobs created with
this, but there are also no expenses that would be
incurred by the county or the county schools. This
comes to council as a recommendation from the staff and
from the Economic Development Advisory Board. Thank
you, sir.

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

RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham; second
by Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On our fee in lieu of taxes, it sounds like the county will be getting a nice little hit, and it’s certainly more than the current taxes, but it must be noted that seventy-five percent of that twenty-nine thousand and forty-three dollars goes to our schools.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

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 5(b), 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.

This will be a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and address the Chair, state your name and district, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, public hearing will be closed. Mr. Nelson, do you have anything you would like to add?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This, of course, is a reciprocal agreement project for a multi-county park agreement with Greenville. This is a project that is yet unannounced. I think I’ve given the name of the company to all the council members. But the Project Browser is a longstanding company with a great history in Upstate South Carolina and really around the world. And this allows Greenville to offer them some state benefits and incentives that otherwise would not be available to them. And of course, this is a courtesy agreement between, and reciprocal agreement, between Anderson and Greenville Counties in these multi-county park agreements. And this comes to council as a recommendation from the staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone have any questions or comments for Mr. Nelson? We have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second? Second Mr. Graham. Further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you very much, Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.

Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 6(a), ordinance second reading. This was our operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for fiscal year July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. We’ll go into a public hearing. At this time anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and address the chair. State your name and district for the record, please.

FRANK PRESSLY: There we go. Frank Pressly, District 4. I seem to have concerns about this car tax. I know it’s part of the budget. It’s money that we’re looking to take in.

TOMMY DUNN: Let me just correct one thing. It’s not part of the budget. It’s not on what we’re voting on tonight. Go ahead.

FRANK PRESSLY: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: And if it is voted on, just for the record, everybody out there we’ll have to have three readings, separate readings on its own. It’s not on the budget tonight.

FRANK PRESSLY: All right. Once again, the car tax fee, whatever they’re calling it, the way it’s supposed to work is that we provide a service for the people in the county and we then charge them a fee for that service. You can’t just assess a fee and then try to back up and decide why you’re doing it if it’s not offsetting a cost. A fee is a tax. On a tax then the school is going to get seventy-five percent of it. If we call it a fee, we retain the funds ourselves. Now, the difference is, is a tax you have to pay. If this is money that people have to pay it’s not a fee. A fee is a discretionary money that you pay to use a service that the county provides. So what we call this, I mean I don’t know what it’s going to be, but we’re really entering a slippery slope here if we call it a fee and then don’t follow a gap to explain why that fee is necessary. Are we going to set up toll booths to collect fees from the other people that use those roads? Because you can’t just single out a certain class of people to take on some -- pay some monies that you don’t charge anyone else. If you tell them, look, we’re charging this fee because you’re using the county roads, what about everyone else that’s using the county roads? Are they not -- I mean you’re going to run into some equal protection issues if some people are paying it and some people aren’t.

So let’s nail down the language on this and make sure that we’re doing this for the right reason. I know we need the revenue, but these are not supposed to be revenues; they’re supposed to offset a cost. So
y’all think about that. We don’t want a bunch of lawsuits to start about this. It is of great concern. And you just heard two other people talk about senior citizens can’t afford it. Well, I know you’ve talked about an exemption for senior citizens. Other people, they live on limited incomes, too. So if we’re going to do this as a fee, let’s think of some way, you know, are we going to have an annual exhaust inspection or something that we do for the public in order to justify charging this money?

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Anyone at all? Public hearing will be closed. We’re moving on now. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for discussion?

RAY GRAHAM: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Graham. Have a second?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now discussion? Do we have any?

RAY GRAHAM: I’ve got some, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: On this, you know, for the public that’s here tonight, you know, naturally this is really nothing more than policy as far as moving this forward. We have still got a long ways to go on getting to a -- I guess a settling point on our budget. There’s still a lot of discussion going on, taking place daily with meetings, with committees, with department heads. You know, naturally, the size of our county, we have got to provide services. Naturally I think I can speak for most of the council members up here, there’s a huge concern with the possibility of raising any type of fee, tax, call it whatever you want to. So with that being said, there’s a huge concern, I know on my part, I’ve received multiple calls. Mr. Harvell, I’m surprised I’ve not received one from you. But I definitely take your opinion wisely. I have received multiple calls throughout my district. And we are looking at this strongly. But again, we’re moving through this process. And we are nowhere near, in my mind, a settling point as far as the final reading on our budget. But just wanted to kind of make those statements tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham. I’d just like to -- a couple of things, too, on the car fees talk about -- echo Mr. Graham’s points. There’s a lot more discussion to be done, a lot more information to be got, public meetings, public hearings. The
gentleman tonight, rumors, on that fifty dollars. Any
discussion I’ve been in during this time it hasn’t --
fifty dollars hasn’t been mentioned. It has been
mentioned about a sixty-five dollar -- I’m sorry,
people sixty-five, senior citizens, being an exemption,
few more exemptions to figure out that account.
Also, what nobody don’t want to talk about, but
I’ve said this time and time again, it’s not revenue
neutral, I know, but it would be a one mil tax
decrease. And as far as Mr. Pressly’s concerns about
the legality of all this and all, that’s a non-issue on
that. And that’ll be explained at a certain time on
that right there. That’s beating a horse -- might not
like the car fee, car tax, whatever you want to call
it, but that ain’t going to be a problem. And I’ll
have some more talk here in a few minutes. Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. My thing about
the budget is that I am -- I like this. Thank you so
much. I like this.
TOMMY DUNN: Happy birthday. That’s
your birthday present.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you. All
those years I deserve something. But my thing about
the budget is that I’ve looked at it, read through it,
and it’s not a bad budget. It’s not a bad budget at
all. But there’s one thing in it that I would like to
have in it, even though I am a Democrat, there are
seven good people up here, not six; seven of us. Okay?
And I thought time had changed, but I guess it never
will.
Mr. Chairman, ---
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: --- may I bring up now what
I would like to see added in this budget?
TOMMY DUNN: You can.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I would like to see
-- in this budget I would like to see more money put in
the area of demolition for the houses that we have in
Anderson that are no liveable. The only thing they’re
doing is attracting people that we don’t want in our
neighborhoods. We have one house -- there’s more than
one, but there’s one that’s been bothering me, it’s in
a pretty nice community. It burned down. Not to the
ground. But it’s really, really bad. But it seems to
-- it appears to be a haven for drug addicts, drug
buyers, and hanger-outers. You know what a hanger-
outer is. I told the people in this situation, in this
community, that we ran out of money and we could not
finish, you know, our job of taking these houses down.
Well, I found out that we didn’t run out of money and
there is money to do it. I’m asking that we put more
money in the budget. Fifty thousand dollars will not
do it for seven counties (verbatim). Who’s in here
that’s quick with math? Seven into fifty is how much?
I’m not that quick, so I don’t know.

TOMMY DUNN: Seven. Close to seven
thousand.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s seven thousand
dollars per district. And that’s not enough money.
That’s not enough money. How would you like it if you
lived next door to a house that was burned down and
nobody was doing anything about it? If the county
can’t do it, then the county ought to get behind the
folks who could do it, the homeowners, and do something
to make them do it. It wouldn’t be that way in some
areas of our counties, then why is it like that in
other areas? I don’t like it. I don’t want to live
next door to that. So why make other people do it?

County council members, I’m asking you to, please,
let’s put more than fifty thousand dollars in the
budget. District 2 alone has four houses that I know
of that should go. We already have -- and I know about
what has to happen for it to happen that way. But that
is my concern about this budget so far. Thank you, Mr.
Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Can we get an approximation
as far as what one house would cost to get torn down?
TOMMY DUNN: I’ve got -- I’ll let Mr.
Burns answer in a second. You know, we just brought
this up -- Ms. Floyd brought it up at the last budget
workshop. Our next budget workshop, we’ll have this
answered, how much money ---
RAY GRAHAM: Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: --- the treasurer’s got and
how much money was actually spent and how much it’ll
cost. It’s a long process. At the next budget
workshop we’ll get this information to all council
members before ---
GRACIE FLOYD: Good.
TOMMY DUNN: --- third reading.
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Regarding that issue, Mrs.
Floyd is right, it is an excellent program that’s very
helpful across all of our districts. But it does have
to go through a legal process. And it seems that it’s
been more helpful in District 7, a lot of it starts out
as an environmental trash or litter concern. We get
that done. But a lot of times it involves out-of-state
owners and they’re very hard to track down. But it
does -- it takes about a year from start to finish to
track them down and to go through all the legal
processes to take the building down.

TOMMY DUNN: Unfortunately, if we could
ever get the state to change the law and give us the
same tools that municipalities have got, we would have
some another. And I’m not throwing stones at our
delegation because it’s a state -- it’s got to pass
statewide.

CINDY WILSON: And if anyone else wants to
go, I’ve got some suggestions for our budget
consideration. To give us a quick recap, the summer
sewer exemption will be rescinded in a vote tonight.
And that will return about a hundred and twenty-five
thousand dollars to our sewer fund, which is an
enterprise fund. And hopefully the ReWa contract that
we’ll take into consideration tonight will also take
pressure off the sewer enterprise fund by taking over a
lot of northern Anderson County sewer needs.

If we also increase the building and codes fees,
where we are way lower than all the other counties
around, my recommendation is that we follow what
Spartanburg does at about a seventy-seven percent
increase. To do this would put the burden back on
developers, many of whom are not even natives or people
who live here. They frequently, in my district it’s
been noted that there are problems and they’re gone
after they sell out. So I think that that could
probably bring about a six to seven hundred thousand
dollar increase in fees.

At the airport, by reinstating the ramp fees, then
we could look at seventy to seventy-five thousand back
to the airport, which is a special revenue fund. But
it does take funds sometimes from our general fund. It
doesn’t look like we quite have the revenue in this
year’s budget to cover all the expenditures, but I
don’t have the final tally.

I would also like to request that at some point in
the near future we look at maybe a request for
qualifications in the realm of maybe looking at
eventually privatizing the airport. It’s at least
worth a look.

If you look across all the other general fund
departments, it looks to me like somewhere between a
hundred to two hundred thousand dollars can be trimmed
without strapping departments without funds and making
them go through some hardships.
Now, if we look at our animal shelter, we need to take the out-of-county intake numbers, which are like a thousand fifty-one was the last number we had of out-of-county animals coming to our animal shelter. Our animal shelter takes in about, I guess it was fifty-five hundred, fifty-six hundred this last year for numbers of our own county animals. I didn’t realize that we were taking in from out of the county except for emergencies like hurricanes and so forth. But apparently our vets and staff at the animal shelter perform a number of surgical procedures for out-of-county animals. It does not look like, to me, that the out-of-county animals are being -- they’re not compensating our county adequately, I don’t believe. It appears to me that if Pickens County had the same program it would be pretty nice for our county to take advantage of that. I think we could reduce costs dramatically for our county taxpayers.

So I’m requesting that we set up a separate ledger for out-of-county animal intake and increase our shelter’s charges for out-of-county. I think we need to look at that carefully, because in the numbers that we’ve seen, it doesn’t appear to cover adequately overhead. And that budget is slated to go from I think somewhere around almost 1.8 million to almost 1.9 million. That is a lot of money. And it is a good shelter and a good program, and it sure beats the terrible reputation we had in years past for the way we handled our animals. So my hat’s off to those good people.

I think we really need to look at the Civic Center and review budget-to-actual and the contract for management out there. I know they had a later start in the year, but it sounds to me like we need to tighten up there, really, very much.

Now, I don’t know how many of you have actually had time to look at our budget ordinance, the verbiage part of it, but it was greatly concerning to me to see our transfer policy go from twenty thousand dollars within a department transfers to thirty thousand dollars in transfers requiring county council approval. That concerns me, because for example at our airport, we have transfers that have yet to come before our council that far exceeded these numbers. So I’m going to make the motion, and I’ll do that now if I may, to keep our transfer policy as it is currently. And that’s ten thousand dollars -- let’s see if we -- let me flip over to that so I can give you the actual number. Okay. It would be section -- no, no, no, that’s 27 -- section 26 on pages 16 and 17. And that’s where our administrator
may approve changes in a department budget from one
line item to another in an amount up to and including
ten thousand dollars at any one time, provided,
however, the total department budget shall not
increase. No new positions may be created or capital
expenses may be accomplished by such a transfer without
county council approval. No transfer for any one type
of good or services may be subdivided, split or stacked
for purposes of evading the requirements of this
section. (Change of audio) ... aggregate transfers
within the fiscal year within a department which exceed
twenty thousand shall require county council approval
thereafter. All transfers shall be included in the
administrator’s report section of the county council
agenda for council’s review. And I would put that in
the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson makes a motion
we leave the transfer -- simple language, leave the
transfer at it is currently instead of changing it.
She’s amending the original motion of the budget
passage. That’s an amendment. And I second Ms.
Wilson’s motion. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I am glad that Ms.
Wilson -- I’m sorry -- the council person for District
7 brought that up. But since we are not through with
the budget workshop yet -- are we not?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Since we aren’t
through with the budget workshop yet, I think maybe we
ought to let’s bring that up then. Bring it up at the
budget workshop so we can all be looking at what she’s
talking about. Because evidently -- well, I know we
haven’t discussed it yet. And I have missed it
probably when I was going through the budget since we
were concentrating on other things. So, you know, I’m
not prepared to vote on that yet. I want to see it. I
want to read it. I want to discuss it. And then we
can bring it back, you know, to vote on it at a time
when I know what we’re talking about, and maybe some
others of you may need to do that, too. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: My thing is -- and
technically it is, it’s got to be voted on the change,
I think is the thing. I don’t see no problem on either
side myself voting on this tonight, keep it on second
reading. We’ll discuss this at our budget workshop.
If we need to tweak it or change anything, third
reading we can do it then. Might even want to go back
the other way.
CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly point out, it is in our agenda packet, so if you picked up your packet Friday, it was in it.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m just saying it’ll give us all time to talk about it during the budget workshop, pros and cons of it, we can do that. But we can move -- we can -- anymore discussion on this before we vote? Mr. Wooten, I’m sorry.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, I agree with Ms. Floyd on this in the fact that I’d like to hear it at the budget workshop just the rationale from staff of why they asked for it to change and functionally how they do business. And so I can understand that. And I can see where we can move ahead and then go back and change or do what, but that’s what I’d like to sort of hear is, you know, what was the reasoning by putting it forward?

TOMMY DUNN: And I want to hear it. I’ve talked to Ms. Davis about this. I want to hear it. And that way if tonight we pass it, Ms. Wilson’s thing is we’d be just as-is, and then we’ll discuss it at the workshop and we’ll either keep it, change it, one way or the other on third reading. Does that make sense?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Let me get this straight. So we are considering the second reading of the budget and we’re going to leave the piece of it for the transfers as-is as it is in the current fiscal year that we are now ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

JIMMY DAVIS: --- and not change it to the thirty thousand?

CINDY WILSON: That’s my motion.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

JIMMY DAVIS: So the motion would be to keep it as it is today?

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right.

JIMMY DAVIS: At the set limit of twenty thousand dollars?

CINDY WILSON: To keep that section 26 as it currently is instead of what was put into our ordinance for consideration for fiscal year ‘19-20.

TOMMY DUNN: And we’ll -- my thing is before third reading, at other budget workshops, we’ll discuss this thoroughly, get staff’s input, council’s input and debate it; pros and cons.
JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
CINDY WILSON: Do I need to withdraw my motion?
TOMMY DUNN: No. I think we’ll keep it just like this right here for tonight.
CINDY WILSON: Do what?
TOMMY DUNN: Keep it like it is for tonight, your motion. Vote on your motion, I think, and we’ll talk about it if it needs to be changed at the next budget workshop. It ain’t that confusing. We’re making it more confusing than we need to. Just keep it simple. All in favor of Ms. Wilson’s motion show of hands. All opposed to Ms. Wilson’s motion. Show the motion carries, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Ms. Wilson in favor. Mr. Wooten and Ms. Floyd opposes.
Moving on, more discussion of budget.
CRAIG WOOTEN: I had a couple of things.
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir, go ahead.
CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to ask, and maybe this is a question of the administrator or Mr. Harmon, but with the development fees that we were talking about earlier where there would be an increase that would maybe resemble pricing like for Spartanburg or Pickens, some of the comments around it talked about, you know, out-of-town developers. And I get some of the things that are going on there. Is it possible or would it be overly cumbersome to have where if you do not have your development or building business in Anderson and you’re an out-of-town, and you pay the higher amount and if you’re an in-town Anderson longtime resident that we all know, that you pay the current amount? Would that be cumbersome from an administrative ---
TOMMY DUNN: I don’t think it would cumbersome. I don’t know if it would legal or not. Mr. Harmon might have to check that. And he might can answer it tonight; I don’t know.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Wooten, my fear from a legal perspective about that is that we could create some equal protection problems if we tried to do it that way. It, as a practical matter, may also be cumbersome to administer, as well.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. My thought process is I just didn’t want the rationale for us to raise a fee based on somebody from out-of-town potentially doing the wrong thing and punishing folks in town who have done the right thing. But I mean I guess we need to consider all those angles and ---
TOMMY DUNN: I think, Mr. Wooten, if we
I can, your point is well taken. But I think that’s just a sidebar that got brought up. I think this got brought up in discussion at workshops. Mainly Mr. -- I don’t want to throw him under the bus -- Mr. Sanders when he was talking. We’re way, just fact of the business, development standards hasn’t went up, we haven’t had a price change in it since she’s been here; I think over ten years, Mr. Sanders. Thirteen years. We’ll try to bring it in line. Most place -- and this is not going to do it if we do vote on this -- most places that department, the fees is operating expenses.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re not -- if it passes at some point in time, that’s not even going to do that. We’re just trying to keep the tax burden off the taxpayers so much is what this is coming to on the fees. It may up for some more discussion. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: The fact is that it appears, looking at our budget-to-actual for those departments that we are having to pay to run those departments far more than the revenue that’s coming in. And then when you look at what other counties are charging, as you said, we’re charging way lower. We should at least have revenues higher than what it actually costs to run those departments because we have no impact fee here. The fee funding for this would not be subject to sharing percentages across other levies. It would strictly stay in the general fund or could go to other programs. We would have better control over those funds. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten, one thing is we had a -- I forgot what you and Mr. Sanders might remember, but one fee out of that department, by the time you pay for -- the county pays for the advertisement, they’re losing a few hundred dollars. So trying to fix some of this up ---

BRETT SANDERS: Two hundred and forty dollars we lose on every zoning ---

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just had two other quick things. I’m not necessarily familiar with how the razing of houses process works. I’ll support Mrs. Floyd’s request that, you know, we find ways to expedite that. And if District 1 has houses in that list and she’s asked earlier, I don’t mind if that list is reorganized. I don’t know the process for that. But if she’s asked in the past and those four can be expedited, I’d be willing to work with her on that.

The other item that I would like for the council to consider is potentially more funding for the Anderson
Crisis Pregnancy Center. And I ask that for a couple of reasons. We’ve seen at the state level there’s been a large debate on how these things are handled. And we’ve seen a debate on the national level. And the Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Anderson, it doesn’t matter who you are, where you’re from, what your background is, you know, race, color, creed; if you’re a woman who’s found yourself in a vulnerable position and you need help, they’ll help you. And with everything going on with that issue on the state and national level, I think that’s an organization that we can support and maybe do a little better forward in working in this budget and I’m willing to work with, you know, items in District 1 to help facilitate that.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll put that on the list to discuss that during a workshop so we can see pros and cons.

And I’d just like to, again, right quick a couple of things before I get too far down. On the 1.8 and 1.9 increase on the animal shelter, keep in mind, seventy-seven percent of that, roughly, is salary. If we don’t do nothing else, you know, we implemented them salaries last year to put on that, so that leaves twenty-three percent for medicine and whatnot. And I’ve asked Ms. Davis to give some information next workshop to look at this.

Also, don’t want to be a little bit misleading on the out-of-town procedures for the animals coming in from out-of-town, and they’re going back when the procedures is done as soon as able, we might not, and I’ve talked with Ms. Davis to ask, and I want to talk to our veterinarian about this at a workshop to get some information. But we’re -- we might want to make a note of that. We’re making money. We made over sixteen thousand dollars; sixteen thousand five hundred dollars to be a fact. We might not be making what we might want to make. I live that dream every day just about, seems like, sometimes. But we can -- that can be looked at to see. I don’t think we can charge what a regular vet charges, but you know, that might need some tweaking. But it is a profitable thing. They’ve got the things broke down and all, you know, what it costs, hours and all that. That’s a true number on that.

And the Civic Center, you know, I’m wholeheartedly and I think we’ve got into some discussion about having -- looking at some things at the Civic Center as far as maybe another way about doing things. But keep in mind when we went down this road on this contract about a year ago, we said it was going to be the second year
before it paid any dividends. It’s only the first year. We’ve got to, you know, give them a shot as far as booking stuff and getting stuff. Just keep that in mind. I mean when we voted on that, that was well mentioned. Mr. Graham, do you have something?

RAY GRAHAM: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m sorry, I’m going to kind of hit on a couple of different topics that’s been discussed, as well.

As far as the fees in building codes, I definitely think we need to look at our practices, no question. I mean, there’s no way we, as a county, should be putting the burden back on the citizens that absolutely has nothing to do with that particular development, whether it’s a house or whatever, but yet we’re having to assist in paying the advertising fee and all that. No question we need to make adjustments. I think we should somehow get that department kind of halfway self-funded there. But in the same respect, I think we need to be careful. We don’t want to discourage growth, either. We have been so blessed with economic development as far as manufacturing companies, large companies coming in, providing our citizens jobs to provide for their family. Well, guess what, the housing market is -- I mean it has already taken off, and I’m comfortable in saying it’s even going to grow more over the next several years. We don’t want to discourage that where they can drive to Abbeville County, to Greenwood County, to Greenville County, or to any of our neighboring counties and develop up there and come out cheaper and drive over here to work. But guess what, if they’re only working here, they’re going to spend their money in another county. They’re not going to come back over here just because they work here to spend their money. So we need to be very careful on that. And I know that’s a fine line. I definitely support some of the discussions that we’ve had. I just want to be mindful of that there.

One of the other things, as far as the house demo, I’m definitely anxious to get some more information on that on what the cost is. I think that is a major thing we have throughout the county. It’s not partial to any district. If you think it is, you’re probably fooling yourself. But I mean I think we can get some more information on that and hopefully gain some more support of that, as well.

Councilman Wooten brought up about Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center. That group has tremendously impacted multiple families in Anderson County. It’s local. It’s not a handout. That is not what they’re there
for. It’s a hand-up. They prepare these moms for parenting, as well as creating a healthy environment for the entire family, and also assist them in trying to get some type of education, some type of trade, some type of schooling where they can go and literally get jobs to be what? Self-supportive of their family.
It’s a hand-up. I mean that program over there, I mean they’re there to impact every one of our communities. And guys and ladies, I mean I’m comfortable in saying it’s not one district that that impacts. I don’t care what type of household you come from, how you raise your children, you can have teens getting pregnant and they need that guidance. They need that type of care there. So I definitely would support re-looking at possibly funding that some more.

On the Civic Center, I mentioned that. I’m with Chairman Dunn on that. I know that we have not truly seen a huge impact from the contractual agreement that we’ve got with them. However, I was right in the middle when we were negotiating this, as well as the rest of the council members, and it was no hidden fact, they cannot book a show for some of these artists over a couple of months. They’re booked out for a year or more. So truly speaking, we’re not going to see that impact until this coming year. If we’re sitting here this time next year and we still have the same concerns, I promise you, I’ll be the first one raising my hand saying we need to change this contract.

That’s all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Mr. Sanders.

BRET SANDERS: On those fees that we’re discussing, those fees are not to control development or to send someone -- some developer to another county. All it is doing is bringing our fees in line with the market. And bringing it in line with the market, it also, me as a taxpayer and the taxpayers that I represent, we shouldn’t be subsiding someone’s development or building. So basically all it’s doing is bringing us up to market level. It’s not going to impact or determine whether someone builds in Abbeville County or not. We’re going to be in line with everyone else. Right now we’re probably one of the lowest around. Not only are we the lowest, our taxpayers are subsidizing a lot of it. So I would like to see us at least be in line with the market and take some of that burden off our taxpayers. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Along them lines, I agree with that, Mr. Sanders, wholeheartedly. Appreciate the hard work you’re doing, but also Mr. Graham, might not have put it exactly like I would like to see it. You
know, I don’t think you can go from here to yonder in one final swoop. I think we might have to -- I ain’t saying baby steps, but instead of going seventy-seven percent, we might do forty percent or fifty percent or something another. I mean you start taking a big jump one time, don’t make us all swallow it at one, you know, swallow it at one time. It’s something for us to look at and talk about in further discussion in our workshops and all.

JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Let Ms. Wilson, if you would.

CINDY WILSON: On Page 73 in our general fund under building and codes, you will see that department is recommended for slightly more than one million dollars. It costs a lot. We have to do a lot of training. We have to have trained personnel to do everything from electrical to plumbing inspections, and they’re really stressed for time right now, too. I agree with Mr. Sanders that we need to make an adjustment upward. And I chose Spartanburg because it more closely resembled the figure that I thought. We’ve got a handout that was given to us late week, I believe at the workshop. If I can find it I can tell you what the other counties are charging.

TOMMY DUNN: I think we all got that, Ms. Wilson. We’ve seen it. I think we done Pickens, Abbeville and around, and Greenwood and Spartanburg we’ve honed in on. So we’ve got that. We can thumb through that. Mr. Davis, you had something?

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I thank Councilwoman Floyd for bringing up the demo of the houses. As we look forward -- and I completely understand or try to understand her plight in her district as she struggles with these things. And as we look forward to grow as a county, we’ve got to take care of this type of business. And I foresee having some of the same issues in District 6 in the Piedmont area. We’ll have to take care of some of these. And we need to make sure that we know what we’re doing and what the costs are and how we go about to take care of it. So I thank you, Ms. Floyd, for bringing that up and making that part of our discussion.

As far as the animal shelter goes, I am -- being an animal lover, I am a big proponent of our animal shelter and the staff that we have and our county staff that supports it. I do think we do need to make sure that we’re covering our costs. And if we’re doing services for other agencies then we need to make sure there our costs, including any and all overhead are
being covered there, you know, and some of the volume
that comes through there, and it helps us cover some of
our costs, that’s even better.

At the same time, you know, the Crisis Pregnancy
Center folks have brought that up and that is an
admirable cause and I think that we’ve got to make sure
-- there’s a lot of areas in our budget, there’s a lot
of services in our county that we can tend to overlook,
and we’ve got to make sure we cover those. But at the
same time, we have to control costs. And we can’t just
continue to let things get out of control. I think
we’ve got to make some smart decisions.

Appreciate my fellow councilmen bringing these
things up.

As far as the fees for the development, you know,
this is a thing that’s very near to my heart as we look
forward to District 6 and the explosive growth that
District 6 has seen in the last several years. You
know, I’ll put it in a simple way. I think it’s time
that people pay to play. And if they’re going to come
in and they want to come in and build especially in
unzoned, unincorporated areas and build tract homes,
then the fees need to be respective of our neighboring
counties. And I thank Mr. Sanders for bringing this
up, especially the part of driveway aprons and finding
that money there.

At the end of all this, big kick -- the big kicker
in any discussions you’ll have with me is paving.
We’ve got to pave roads. We’ve got to find a way to
pave roads. Chairman Dunn has brought up more than
once if we had had the freeze this past winter that we
had two years ago, we would be in a catastrophic event
with asphalt in this county. So we’ve got to find
money for paving. And millage is not the answer. It
can’t be the answer because we don’t get the money we
deserve through that to pave the roads. We’ve got over
fifteen hundred miles of county roads and we’re getting
enough right now from the state to pave about ten. So
we’ve got to find ways to pave roads. That is the
backbone of our whole county. And that’s -- I’ll leave
it at that. And I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Again, I just
want to reiterate on the animal shelter, and we’ll have
a discussion for everybody to see a breakdown at the
budget workshop coming up. But this is coming -- not
only are we covering our costs on the spay and
everything, it’s making sixteen thousand five hundred
dollars. And so I think the argument is -- well, not
the argument but discussion should be, is the profit
adequate enough or should it be more on the fee thing.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Can I ask one thing?
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah, Mr. Wooten.
CRAIG WOOTEN: I was just going to ask, with the administrator potentially on Friday at the budget workshop as we’re discussing these building fees, and I totally understand where being in line with other counties makes sense, especially since we’re having to subsidize that entity. But if we reform the fees to match other counties, at the same time I think it’s logical to look, are we offering the same level of streamline services other counties are. And if we reform the fees, can we make sure that we’re making sure that people are getting treated equitable, that it’s an easy process, that it’s a clear process and that there’s mechanisms that people don’t get confused and feel like they’re going from one part to the other. But I feel like if we’re going to talk about adjusting to other counties, we need to make sure that the service or the structural ?? matches other counties also.
TOMMY DUNN: That’s a good point.
CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.
CINDY WILSON: We did streamline that. There may be some tweaks to the system, but we called it the one-stop shopping instead of sending builders and so forth running all over the county from DHEC to this office and that office. So that’s been accomplished. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: I think we have -- under Mr. Burns’ direction have done some one-stop shopping, but I think there’s always -- you’re always going to look back at your product, what you’re doing, and make sure it’s doing the best you can do. I think there’s always room for improvement. At this time I’d like to make a motion to amend the budget to adopt the four pages. These are tweaks. We’ve seen it in our workshops. We had these four pages at our workshop. Get that out of the way. We might have to go back and tweak this some more for third reading. These are the -- Ms. Davis went over it line by line last budget workshop meeting to get these incorporated into our budget. I’ll make that in the form of a motion. Do I have a second?
CINDY WILSON: I’ll second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion?
CINDY WILSON: May I?
GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd first.
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GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, what are you advocating on this? Tell me ---

TOMMY DUNN: These are what we went over with -- I can’t remember what day it was -- last budget workshop and Ms. Davis -- to add that. That’s to make the numbers, most of it, to match up and everything. And Ms. Davis went over this. That’s adding that for second reading. We’re not here to say there might not need to be some more tweaking before third reading on them things, but tonight to give us a starting point to getting this thing -- not to hit us all at one time on third reading.

GRACIE FLOYD: So we accept this one and go on with our tweaking; right?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It must be noted that our -- in our public hearing tonight the revenues for ’18-19 at a sixty-four mil rate were seventy-nine million nine hundred ninety thousand and fifty-five dollars. Projected for ’19-20 would be eighty-three million one hundred and twenty thousand four hundred and sixty-five dollars. That’s an almost three million dollar increase. But not one penny for paving. We’ve managed to increase salaries very deservedly so across a lot of departments of the county. That was definitely needed. And one good thing I’m hearing from a lot of our county employees, when we changed our health benefit package, they feel like they’re having better access to doctors. And one of them told me yesterday that it’s actually less expensive to her as a patient to participate in our insurance -- health insurance program. So that’s good. But I really, really hesitate to do anything in the way of -- until we have a more complete discussion of the budget, in the way of a vote. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: I also want to say on the salaries, not to leave out because it would be like the job was completed, and it hasn’t been. The ones that voted for the budget last year made a promise, and I know we’ve got two new people working on it, this was phase one, but they carried it out to phase two on our salary thing, if we was going to do this. I hope fellow council members will see fit to do that to make it fair and make all this thing.

But are there any more discussion on this?

CINDY WILSON: One more quick question. I found it. We did have a promise last year that because of the intake being lowered at our animal shelter, we
would adjust our budget down, and instead it went up over a hundred thousand. And I was concerned, as I pointed out, that a thousand fifty-one of the intake numbers come from out of the county. So I’m hoping we’ll get a pledge to look at tightening that budget. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to look at that. But again, again, the hundred thousand dollars it went up in the animal shelter thing, seventy-seven percent of that is in salaries that we voted on last year to do, take them out. Also, as I said, we’re going to talk about this budget workshop, also I asked Ms. Davis to find out, if y’all remember the animal shelter, if I’m not mistaken, did not get everything it asked for last year. And that’s the reason we’re having to do some transfers and about the medicine, too.

Anymore discussion on this four pages to tweak? All in favor of the amendment show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries on the amendment. I’d also, at this time, make another amendment to adopt the -- relocating the department 5181 sheriff’s special services and other existing departments as we talked about -- Ms. Davis talked about Monday.

Ms. Davis, if you’ll come up and help me out on this right here. You might be a little more equate to this. This is what Ms. Davis talked about and the Sheriff, Captain Brown, was talking about. All this is, the money is not changing or nothing. This is just realigning. It has to be done in the budget, those positions under the sheriff’s office.

RITA DAVIS: That is correct, sir. The Sheriff actually requested this so that the expenses will be functionally aligned underneath the detention center or the sheriff’s department. So you would have your transport officers, your building security, animal control reporting and in the budget of their supervisors. That’s all this is. The net impact on the bottom line is zero.

TOMMY DUNN: I put that in the form of a motion. Have a second?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten. Now discussion. Anymore discussion on that? All in favor of the amendment motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Anymore discussion on the budget? All in favor of the motion to move this forward for third reading show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham
in favor. Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson opposed.

Moving on to Item number 6(b) -- I’m sorry -- yeah,
6(b), 2019-019, an 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. We talked about this before. Ms. Davis is
here to answer any questions. But do we have a motion
to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Now, discussion.

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just wanted to clarify
one thing. I mean this is -- this will affect some
folks in my area and it’s sometimes not intuitive how
we work with water systems and sewer and everything.
But, you know, the understanding is that people were
getting a break in water because they were potentially
filling up ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s not -- we ain’t got
to that one yet.

CRAIG WOOTEN: All right. I’m talking
about the wrong one.

TOMMY DUNN: 6(b). Anyone else? All in
favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 6(c), 2019-020, an ordinance to amend
Section 66-126 of the Code of Ordinances, Anderson
County, South Carolina as to delete the summer
adjustment from the Sewer Ordinance. Do we have a
motion to move this forward?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; second
Ms. Wilson. Now discussion? Before we -- and this is
the one Mr. Wooten, I think, is going to talk about.
Mr. Davis, will you just hit on what the proposal was
and amendment on this right here about this section?
Mr. Davis, would you mind doing that?

JIMMY DAVIS: As far as the exception
goes, the exception would be for those folks who have
swimming pools that are on sewer and they only have one
primary water tap would be that they would get one
exception per twelve months to be able to fill their
swimming pool up and not be responsible for paying the
sewer for that water used to fill the pool up. The
preference would be for folks with irrigation systems
and swimming pools to be able to get a second water tap
that’s not conducive to charge sewer on. Am I correct
in that? So that would be our preference and it would
more than pay for itself in a short amount of time.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Anyone else?

Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Just to clarify real quick. Now it’s my understanding that this would maybe -- this wouldn’t be implemented right away, that there would be a delay in it because I think what’s key here is that people understand it. Because I think what’s going to happen is a lot of people, you know, they’re busy, they go back and forth to work, they’ve got families and everything. And they’re just going to get a bill one day and it’s going to be more and then they’re going to say I don’t know what summer adjustments mean. So as long as we have a time gap where we can identify some of these people and say, look, there’s going to be a change, but don’t worry because there’s going to be an exemption in there for your pool and be able to map out to them that if you do get another water tap, that you’re going to see the break in the meantime that will offset it. I guess I just want to make sure there’s a ---

TOMMY DUNN: There is. Ms. Davis, when realistically this can be implemented, we said next summer; is that correct?

RITA DAVIS: A year from now.

TOMMY DUNN: A year from now.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson, and then we’ll come back to you; okay? Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: The county collects a three mill tax that goes to the sewer enterprise fund. And every taxpayer in the county contributes to that, whether they’re on sewer or not. Anything -- we would be paying for treatment regardless. We’re already paying for it, so it’s still a cost to the taxpayer. I can tell you, I had to go out and splurge and buy another tap myself recently, and that was nine hundred and ninety dollars. But when you look at the cost of irrigation and filling a pool, it’s, you know, a very cost effective measure. It’ll pay for itself in quite a short time. So anyway, I’m for rescinding the summer adjustment. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: This is the one, Ms. Davis, that will allow us to collect where we had some issues with collection ---

TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. That’s right.

BRETT SANDERS: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: This will let water
companies start back billing when they wouldn’t bill before, and if somebody don’t pay, they’ll have the right to cut the water off.

JIMMY DAVIS: Ms. Davis, what is that figure?

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: The figure we owe, Derrick, we’re losing, roughly?

RITA DAVIS: Over a hundred thousand dollars with Hammond and over thirty thousand dollars with Broadway.

TOMMY DUNN: A year?

RITA DAVIS: A year.

BRETT SANDERS: By us to collect?

RITA DAVIS: Balance is (inaudible) deemed uncollectible.

BRETT SANDERS: All right. Thank you.

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

Moving on to Item number 7(a), ordinance’s first reading, 2019-022, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 0.59 acres from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to S-1 (a service district) at 108 Chippewa Lane. Did I say that right? District 7.

We’re going to have a public hearing before we go into that. We’ll ask if you want to give us a little bit of information and then we’ll go on from there. You got anything you’d like to add or say from staff’s perspective?

CELIA MYERS: Yes, sir, just real quick. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Before you this evening is a rezoning request for approximately .5 acres located at 108 Chippewa Lane. It is for the stated purpose of a transportation business. It is currently zoned C-2 or highway commercial zoning classification, and the request is for S-1 or service district classification. The property is located within the Williamston mil precinct, again in District 7. The District 7 Zoning Advisory Group was unable to meet on May 1st due to a lack of quorum. Therefore it is deemed to have approved this request according to our Code Chapter 70, Section 10.2. And then on May 14th the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing and they recommended to send this forward with their recommendation of approval before you. If you have any other questions, I’m happy to answer them.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. We’re going to go into a public hearing on this matter and then we’ll come back for discussion and motions. Anyone wishing
to speak to this matter please step forward and state
your name and district and address the chair, please.
Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing none, the public
hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put
this on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a
second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now,
discussion. Ms. Wilson, do you have any?

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly make a
question. So the transportation dispatch group could
not operate in a commercial zone. It didn’t --
classification within that. So that’s why we had to
change this one?

CELIA MYERS: Yes, ma’am. The applicant
did ask our Zoning Administrator, and it was determined
that it would not be allowed on the C-2.

CINDY WILSON: Well, once we have that
bridge replaced at Cherokee Road and all that area, it
will be quite a hub for transportation. Thank you.

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

If we could we’re going to, 7(b), ReWa thing, go
into executive session. So if we can, we’ve got a
couple of items we’ll handle and then we’ll take a
break, if that’s all right with everybody?

We’re going to go to Item 8(a), Resolution R2019-
027, a resolution to reinstate the collection of Ramp
Fees pursuant to Section 6-186 of the Code of
Ordinances, Anderson County, South Carolina, at the
airport. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Second
by Ms. Wilson. And I think this come out of -- no, it
didn’t. Sorry. Any discussion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to clarify, I
think this was my understanding from the budget
workshop that these ramp fees are paid by folks who fly
planes into Anderson County and not by folks who own
planes in Anderson County. And I just wanted to --
knowing Councilman Sanders flies, is that the way you
understand it, Mr. ---

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: And keep in mind, we have
the ramp fees before council, probably a couple of
years ago, probably longer than that, took them out and
it was a failure. So it’s time to put them back and do
CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Yep.

CINDY WILSON: The airport, in order to qualify for federal grants and funds of that nature, must be self-sustaining. And once we waived the ramp fee, we lost about seventy-two thousand dollars annually. And part of that was in a reduction of fuel sales. And the incentive here is when we have out-of-town planes landing, if they purchase fuel, they don’t pay a ramp fee. So it equals out fine. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion -- you got something, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Do you have one, too?

BRETT SANDERS: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, when did we waive that ramp fee?

TOMMY DUNN: If I’m not mistaken, I could be wrong, do you know?

LEON HARMON: It was in 2017.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Two years ago.

GRACIE FLOYD: Two years ago?

LEON HARMON: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So it’s been gone for two years.

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

Now, moving on to 8(b), R2019-028, a resolution to approve the Participation Agreement with the City of Greenville, South Carolina related to a pavement project utilizing the Hot in Place Recycling ("HIR") Method. Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is a project that will not cost Anderson County anything. It will be paid for by the Anderson County Transportation Committee. It would be an agreement between Anderson County and the city of Greenville. It is a new paving system, new to us, that’s used out west a lot. And in order for it to work and in order for us to take advantage of it, we have to partner with the city of Greenville. But in essence this huge monster of a machine will go to Levis Smith Road, which is off Liberty Highway, and it will literally eat the road in front of it, reconstitute that asphalt, add new asphalt in it and put it down in one fell swoop.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: And you said it wouldn’t cost us anything?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Why?
RUSTY BURNS: Because it’s coming from the Anderson County Transportation Commission.
GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, they do the paying?
Oh, okay. Gotcha.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?
JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Burns?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: Who actually owns the machine?
RUSTY BURNS: The company that’s coming in to do it. We don’t own it. We don’t want one. And it’s good for a lot of our situations. But it is on that road.
TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?
GRACIE FLOYD: One more question. Do we pay money to the Anderson Transportation System ---
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: --- for anything at all?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: They don’t get anything from us?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: It comes from the state?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
TOMMY DUNN: They get a hard time from us.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
At this time I make the motion we go in executive session for contractual issues involving ReWa Sewer Agreement. Part of my motion is we’re going to take about a five or ten minute break before we do this, but I want to have a motion we go ahead.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Motion carries unanimously.
BREAK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
CINDY WILSON: ... out of executive session, having received information regarding the ReWa Sewer Agreement, with no votes taken.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Ms. Wilson.
BRETT SANDERS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a second Mr. Sanders.
All in favor of the motion show of hands.

At this time we're going to go back to 7(b), ordinance first reading, 2019-023, an ordinance to approve an agreement of transfer of assets by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and ReWa. This is first reading only. Be two more titles. And let the record show Ms. Floyd has recused herself and has stepped out. Do we have a motion?

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion by Mr. Davis. Do we have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? As we say there will be two more readings on this, but prior to Mr. Davis and while Mr. Davis has been in office this has been looked at and talked about for some time. This ain’t nothing just happening willy-nilly. It has been worked at and studied to come to this. Like I said, two more readings. Any more discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

TOMMY DUNN: ReWa already has the main sewer plant in our county that would serve a great deal of this area. And then they’ve got another sewer plant across the river that would sewer the other part.

CINDY WILSON: So they’re already in place here and, as Mr. Davis pointed out, they have the bonding capability to build out, which would be very difficult for us for so few users. But it’s an area that’s growing very, very quickly. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: And to get this done, Mr. Harmon, I think the gentleman agreement between the two entities has been start -- this would take place at the start of our fiscal year. In doing so, keep in mind, when Mr. Harmon deems necessary for ordinances and time frames, we’ll have to have a special meeting to make this happen.

LEON HARMON: That’s correct, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Sanders, do you mind asking Ms. Floyd to step back in?

We’re going to be moving on now to Item number 10. Does anyone have any appointments? Anybody? No appointments.

We’ll move on to Item Number 11, requests by
council members. Anderson District 5, rec account or appropriations account, would like to appropriate four hundred and ninety dollars. Put that in the form of a motion to move into the Sports -- give that money, transfer it into the Sports Center at the Civic Center out there. Put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anymore requests by council members, do we have any? Ms. Floyd, you got one?

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I have three requests. Two of them are entities that have requested from me before so I don’t have any paper for them. Is that ---

TOMMY DUNN: Just get the paperwork and we’ll move on. I mean do it tonight and they can get it ---

GRACIE FLOYD: The paperwork is on file.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible - mic not turned on.)

TOMMY DUNN: Okay.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible - mic not turned on.)

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd, the mic.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. So they’re talking about two hundred dollars. That’s in the form of a motion. And one more, the -- on Monday at one o’clock we’re going to have the honor of entertaining the person who is in charge of all of the census in America; is that right?

TOMMY DUNN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

GRACIE FLOYD: He’s going to be here with us. And District 2 would like to allocate a thousand dollars for the luncheon for that day. They’re asking. So there’s three different things. Okay, yeah, here it is. His name is Dr. Steven Dillingham. We’re honored to have him in Anderson for that day. But we need to look at why he chose Anderson. And that was because we didn’t do too well on the last census. We undercounted a lot of people. And he’s coming to look at the issue, to understand why and to help us understand why.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m just smiling, thinking he ain’t coming to the county; is he?

GRACIE FLOYD: But anyway, District 2 would like to spring for the luncheon for that day. So it’s going to be held at Westside school. But anyway there were three things I would like to -- I’m asking
for funds for.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd has a motion. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion? I’d like to say one thing on the Men At Work, I just talked to a couple of those gentlemen and good news, the youngster we talked about here a couple of meetings ago that couldn’t make it that Ms. Floyd was going to honor, is supposed to be home, I believe, tomorrow. So that’s great news. They said he’s pretty much fully recovered and on the way to thing. No side effects. So that’s great. Glad to hear that. Maybe we can get Ms. Floyd to get them back up here when it gets time.

GRACIE FLOYD: Good.

TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Ms. Floyd’s motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd, anything else?

GRACIE FLOYD: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham?

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

TOMMY DUNN: No, Mr. Graham’s got something.

RAY GRAHAM: Uh-uh (negative).

TOMMY DUNN: Oh, okay, I’m sorry. We’re going to take some money out of Mr. Graham’s road fund that’s allocated in one area and we want to transfer it to Ebenezer in another area for paving. This is paving money. This is not recreation money at all. This is paving money.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re just moving money around?

RUSTY BURNS: Up to twenty thousand dollars.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Graham. Have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, you got anything else? Anybody else have anything else?

Moving on, administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name ---

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is signed up at this point.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time remarks from
council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one thing. And this is directed to our administrator. Mr. Burns -- Dunn?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns? You always make him feel good. You can call him Mr. Dunn any time. It really swells his head up.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Burns, I know we all sat before our TV as we looked at those county people being shot to death in -- was it Virginia?

TOMMY DUNN: Virginia.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. And I got to worrying about our people. Are we protected --

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, Lieutenant David Baker and I discussed on Monday the situation we have in our county office buildings. I directed and requested Lieutenant David Baker to begin active shooter training in all of our county office buildings. We are going to begin at the annex. That is under the sheriff’s office. Lieutenant David Baker is coordinating that. We’re also looking at the security in this building and looking to have our person who is currently not as equipped to handle a situation like that, but yes, ma’am, we put that into effect on Monday and we should begin that soon.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I always worry about that space up there. Okay. And I thank you for doing that because that really concerned me.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And Greg Wilson, Mr. Wilson, may I see you after the meeting, please? Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Mr. Graham? Mr. Wooten? Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly. June 13th we’ve been invited over to the Annex for a meeting with Mr. Randall Arendt who is doing a seminar the next day at the Civic Center to help us upgrade our development standards here in this county with some kind of conservation plan in place for properties that are to be developed. This is a very rare opportunity because I know Ms. Alesia Hunter has tried for thirteen years to get him here. And I’m hoping to have some of my forestry and conservation easement people to come also on the 14th to provide some resource information to our developers that there are tax incentives and things of
that nature that could be utilized to their advantage
to incorporate some of those ideas into their plans.
Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. A couple of
quick things. If you can I think it was last week or
week before last I know Mr. Sanders and Mr. Davis went
to the full county meeting over in Greenville, with
Pickens, Oconee, Anderson and Greenville. We’re the
hosting county at the next meeting. Probably going to
be either August, September. We’ll get the date nailed
down and where it’ll be at and everything. I think
they learned some -- I know Mr. Burns went and also Mr.
Williamson went, our IT Department, and talked to them.
They learned some good stuff. And look forward to
hosting them in our county.

Next thing, and I ain’t got to be here by no means,
but next time I’m available for a budget workshop will
be Friday around lunch. Would that work? And we’re
going to have more. Yeah. We’ll see what we can come
up with. Yeah, instead of lunchtime, can we do it some
other time Friday? I’ll have to look and see.

GRACIE FLOYD: ... work for me because we
have these people coming.

TOMMY DUNN: You’ve got census people
coming Monday; right?

GRACIE FLOYD: One o’clock.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll get together and get
most of us -- there’s going to be more meetings and all
of us might not be able to make it. We’ve got to have
-- we’ve got a lot of work to do so we’ve got to have
some budget workshops and get started on some things.
So we’ll be in touch.

Anything else? Meeting adjourned. Thank y’all for
being here.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.)