ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
MAY 1, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call to order the May 1st Anderson County Council meeting part of our special presentation meeting, proclamations and resolutions. At this time we’ll be -- want to welcome each and every one of you here and thank y’all for coming tonight.

At this time I’d like to move on to Item number 2(a) 2018-025. Council Lady Ms. Cindy Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And this is presented by Mr. Ray Graham, District 3 and Mr. Ken Waters, District 6 and District 7. This is a resolution to Honor and Recognize the Anderson Districts 1 and 2 Career and Technology Center Culinary Team for Their Outstanding Performance in the South Carolina Prostart Invitational Receiving First Place Honors and Other Matters Related Thereto.

WHEREAS, students training in the Culinary Arts course begin by learning all aspects of food preparation and service. The first step of the program involves kitchen orientation, safety and sanitation. As students advance they begin to focus on food techniques and food preparation. The training enables students to become proficient in knife skills, recipe adjustments, learning the calculations of food cost and purchasing, how to plan a menu, and the preparation and service; and

WHEREAS, students advance in their education of culinary arts, they are required to learn basic restaurant management principles and communication skills. Upon graduating each student should have complete confidence in their abilities, experiences and skills to plan a meal, executing food preparation and service from start to finish; and

WHEREAS, before a competition the culinary team must spend long hours planning, practicing and preparing the dishes they plan to cook; and

WHEREAS, on February 25-27, 2018 the Anderson Career and Technology Center’s Culinary Team did compete against more than 100 high school culinary students at the South Carolina Prostart Invitational cooking competition receiving first place honors; and

WHEREAS, during competition the culinary team was able to prepare a three course meal in less than an hour without running water or electricity. (Phenomenal) Each group of competing culinary students are provided with two butane burners to use for their cooking and are allowed to bring their own food and utensils to cook with.

WHEREAS, the judging of the competition three
course meal not only considers taste and presentation
but judges look for the precise details used in
preparation of each meal.

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Council desires to
recognize the success of our youth for their commitment
and dedication of culinary art skills required to
compete in state and national cooking competitions. We
are proud of all of your accomplishments and wish you
great success in all of your future endeavors.

Resolved in meeting duly assembled this 1st day of
May, 2018.

And we may need to do an update. This wonderful
group of young people, on April 27-29, they went to
Providence, Rhode Island and finished third in the
national competition. So we’re very proud of y’all.
So I put this now in the form of a motion.

RAY GRAHAM: Second that.

Mr. Graham. Further discussion? All in favor of the
motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: Now if we may have our
Council members and these young folks and their
families down front, and Ms. Holly.

(PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll be moving
on to Item 2(b) a PROCLAMATION -- PROCLAIMING THE WEEK
OF APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 4, 2018 AS AIR QUALITY
AWARENESS WEEK. Councilman Tom Allen. Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Hope
everybody can hear this all right. This is a
proclamation proclaiming the week of April 30 through
May 4th, 2018 as Air Quality Awareness week in Anderson
County, encouraging all residents and business to
recognize the importance of air quality and other
matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, South Carolina, a body
 politic and corporate and a political subdivision of
the State of South Carolina, recognizes the importance
of air quality as a way to protect and enhance the
health, economic vitality and quality of life of
Anderson County and the Upstate; and

WHEREAS, clean air is essential for the health and
survival of humans, animals and plants; and poor air
quality affects the health, economy, environment and
quality of life of all Anderson County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the months of March through October bring
a higher incidence of days when ozone pollution may
pose a risk to Anderson County citizens and the
environment and that people with respiratory diseases
such as asthma, people with heart disease, children and seniors are more vulnerable to outdoor air pollution; and

WHEREAS, committing to support Clean Air outreach and education efforts, identifying specific actions for our community, and implementing these as part of collective efforts will ensure that Anderson County maintains a level of air quality that allows our region to reach its full potential as a great place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, recognizing these issues as not just Anderson County issues, but as Upstate issues and that each and every person is a steward of air quality upon which neighbors and future generations depend; NOW THEREFORE, Anderson County, acting by and through its County Council, hereby proclaims the week of April 30 through May 4 to be “Anderson County Air Quality Awareness Week” in order to celebrate successful efforts to improve air quality and to raise public awareness of the importance of air quality and to encourage community efforts to reduce air pollution levels during this week and throughout the year.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of May, 2018
And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Allen, second Ms. Wilson. Further discussion? Hearing and seeing none, we’ll move on for the vote. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.
At this time that’ll conclude this part of our Council meeting. We’ll reconvene here at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.)
State of South Carolina  )
County of Anderson  )

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(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON)

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any changes or corrections to be made to the April 17th Regular Council meeting?

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: On page 16, line 16, the word adjoining should replace attractive. On line 31, companies should be possessive with y’s instead of the plural. And that’s all I have. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Anyone else?

KEN WATERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I’d like to on Page 13 line 38, it should read that we leave it zoned R-A, not R-20 as presently stated in the minutes. And I’d like to bring that in the form of a motion to change those in the minutes.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion -- anyone else? We have a motion to make those corrections.

TOM ALLEN: So moved.

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

Before we get on, move on, a little housekeeping. Mr. Wooten is unable to be here tonight. He’s out of town on business.

Now we’ll be moving on to Item number 4, Citizen Comments.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to Item number 5, Ms. Floyd. Schedule meetings.

GRACIE FLOYD: I would like to bring to your attention that it’s budget time. Every year except last year -- I wasn’t able to do it last year because I was sick. So I didn’t get a chance to participate in the budget session last year. But I’m back. And I have already scheduled the meetings. I am one who thinks that in order to do a budget that involves everybody, you can’t just close yourself up in a room and do the budget. You have to talk to people and this is what I have been doing for a long time now. And I will be doing the budget with the scheduled departments on -- let me give you the date right now. I will begin the budget workshop meetings on the 21st of May.

Now here’s what happens. I invite all of the departments to come in and talk to me about their budgets. I want to know -- I ask them questions. What
do you -- what’s the most important thing to you in
your budget that you submitted and why? And we talk
about that and we talk about other things that’s
happening in their department. And that gives me a way
to find out what’s on their minds, what’s important to
them and what’s not. You can’t see that on a piece of
paper.

Now, in the past I have invited other Council
members to come and to participate in this endeavor
with me. I’ve never had anyone to do it. So it’s just
me, myself and I. But I’m inviting you if you would
like to come to the budget meeting, that I’m going to
have starting on the 21st of May, please feel free to
do so. It’s really -- it’s cordial. We have -- I get
a lot of pleasure out of meeting the people and talking
with our personnel in Anderson County. But I think
that we’re going to start the first one at nine o’clock
and then kind of run through the day. Usually it’s a
two day event. But you’re welcome to come. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to Item number 6,
Ordinance Third Reading 6(a) 2018-010 an ordinance
amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 2.6 acres from R-
A (Residential-Agricultural) to C-1R (Rural Commercial)
at the corner of Mountain View Road and Old Greenville
Highway. This will be, like I said, third reading. We
have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: I make a motion we move that
forward, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters.

TOM ALLEN: Second.

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

Moving on to Item number 7 Second Reading 7(a)
2018-007 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone
+/- 3.3 acres from R-M7 (Multi-Family Residential) to
C-3 (Commercial) along Highway 24 and Welborn Street.
This is second reading. We have a motion to move this
forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second
Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson. Ms. Floyd, I’m
sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: What district is this in?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen’s.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank
you.

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

Moving on to Item number 7(b) 2018-014 an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park. Project Ferguson. We have a motion to move this forward?

KEN WATERS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Waters. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to Item number 8(a) Ordinance First Reading. 2018-013 an ordinance amending the Zoning Map to rezone +/- 11.17 acres from R-M7(Multi-Family Residential) to R-M (Multi-Family Residential) at 1351 Old Williamston Road. Dr. Parkey, before we go into public hearing, you want to -- have anything to say?

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The request is being made to increase the density for multi-family units. Staff recommended denial, Planning Commission met on April 10th and recommended denial.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll put this in a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward, state your name and district and address the Chair. Anyone at all? Hearing and seeing no one, public hearing will be closed. Does any Council member have any questions for Dr. Parkey? Comments.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, I have comments. No questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: This is in my district. When this thing first came out I understand these are people coming in from Georgia and they want to build these apartments back in that area, but the people were concerned because the street is crowded already with the school’s people using that road to get to the Calhoun School as well as to the other schools on up that road near Cobb’s Glen. The traffic there is already heavy. And they see this as a crunch style thing in their neighborhood.

Now, Mr. Parkey, Dr. Parkey, this is the one that I’m thinking about on Old Williamston Road back behind the Fairgrounds, right? This is the one? Okay. Good. I’m right. But anyway I, too -- they have gone to the
first meeting to try to get it rezoned, but it was
denied. And I concur with that decision. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion?

GRACIE FLOYD: I make a move that we -- I
make a move that we deny the first reading of the
zoning map for the R-M7 to the R-M on the Old
Williamston Road.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd makes a motion to
deny the rezoning application, going on staff’s
recommendation. Do we have a second?

TOM ALLEN: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Allen. Are there
any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of
hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Thank you, very much, Dr. Parkey. Appreciate it.

Moving on to Item number 9. There are none.

Number 10, Report from Public Safety Committee
meeting held April 20, 2018. Discussion of budget
requests for all public safety divisions. Get on this
a little bit Friday. Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’m going to be very brief with this or I’ll try to be.
We did discuss this in the previous Council meeting
that we had Friday. Basically it was just some
recommendations after meeting with the divisions that
falls up under Public Safety, which is the coroner,
sheriff’s department, detention facility, forensics.
And basically we made some recommendations as far as
some of the items to try to cut from the budget that we
felt would probably be able to do at a later date. Or
either one remove completely.

Real briefly on the coroner, the Motorola portable
radio, we’re asking that that would be removed from the
budget request. We would ask that identification
device be kept on it. And also the addition of deputy
coroner be put with that division.

As far as detention center, at this time, our
recommendation would be that we would hold off on any
capital projects as far as with the detention facility
until after this study is complete with hopes of
possibly building a new detention facility. We just
don’t really see the benefit of putting basically about
seventy thousand dollars worth of equipment in the
existing facility. So we would address those issues as
the need arise. If we had to do something, then
naturally we’d have to take some type of action, but
we’d address that as it came up.

As far as forensics lab, we was recommending that
we did go with Balance -- Analytical Balance to give
them another workstation. We did request that they
remove the forensic lab technician.

My apology. Going back on the detention center,
we’re requesting that we remove the maintenance --
basically the maintenance tech that would assist as far
as doing maintenance at the detention center. We
currently have one in place and we felt that with them
utilizing inmate labor that we could probably get
through another year with that.

As far as the sheriff’s department goes, at this
time we’re basically at about seven officers that we
possibly could justify. I think the Sheriff’s request
is about seventeen, but we’re still kind of reviewing
some of the items on that. Hopefully we’re going to be
able to give a better report on that in weeks to
follow.

At this time that’s all we’ve got, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Chairman Graham.

Moving on to Item number 11, Report from the
Planning and Public Works Committee meeting held on

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
And thank you again, Mr. Allen, for filling in for a
missing Councilman. The Planning and Public Works
Committee voted unanimously to approve the new solid
waste disposal contract with Waste Connections after
numerous community meetings, meetings with SC DHEC, the
company and other related parties. The price is as
agreed at twenty-three dollars and ninety cents per ton
for our municipal solid waste. And the items that were
of concern to the community appear to be resolved.

Some of the items that have been addressed are as
follows: The base amount of twenty-three dollars and
ninety cents per ton will increase four percent at the
sixth and the eleventh years of the fifteen year
contract. The company agrees to the trucking routes as
established, with penalties applied to drivers not
adhering to those approved routes. The wheel wash will
be in operation. Decals with the local phone number
will be placed on their trucks. Litter and
beautification programs are being established in
conjunction with the citizen advisory board. The
company has filed for the necessary permits to control
the buzzard population, prevention of leakage and
tarping measures are in place. The operator with South
Carolina DHEC and community input has addressed the
noise issues from the addition of the hauling operation
and the Santee Cooper gas generators. Litter and large
rock pick-up along named routes into the landfill will
take place daily during operating hours. Most
importantly the citizens advisory board will be put into place soon.
So Mr. Chairman, our committee recommends to County Council that we approve the new fifteen year contract. We present this in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Coming from the Public Works Committee doesn’t need a second. Any discussion?
CINDY WILSON: Just a very, very sincere and heartfelt thank you to Mr. Greg Smith, Mr. Holt Hopkins, and Mr. Matt Hogan, and all of his folks, Mr. Burns, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Graham and I hope I have not left out many people. It’s been a long process. And I really thank everyone for their careful consideration of this.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously. Want to appreciate the fine job Mr. Harmon done in his leadership leading us through this thing, too. Mr. Harmon. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Next, our committee took up the dispersal of three former convenience center sites as follows. The old Three and Twenty known as Slab Town convenience center site, the plan is that it will be given to the Three and Twenty Fire Department. The second one is the old Jockey Lot convenience center site and that’s recommended to be sent out for bids. The third one is the former Harris Bridge Road site, also to be sent out for bids. We voted unanimously to recommend that these actions be done upon favorable conclusion of the county performing its due diligence; surveying, and cleaning up the sites, including weed eating and mowing. The Planning and Public Works Committee, by way of motion, recommends that the County Council approve dispersal process for these three tracts. And that’s in the form of a motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from the Public Works committee doesn’t need a second. Are there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: Our committee worked through much of the capital improvement plan list, but we were unable to complete the work this week as one of our committee members had to leave. The capital improvement plan will be taken up next week on Tuesday at 2 PM on May the 8th after the Tri County budget meeting. So, I want to thank everybody for their participation in these efforts.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.
Moving on to Item number 12, Appointments. Anybody got any?

Moving on to number 13, Requests by Council members. Mr. Waters, you have anything?

KEN WATERS: I have none.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Allen, you have any?

TOM ALLEN: Yes, Mr. Chair, I’d like to take five hundred dollars from my recreation account for the Cancer Association balloon event that they’re going to have.

TOMMY DUNN: Put that in the form of a motion. We have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Waters. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Allen?

TOM ALLEN: That’s all.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I would like to allocate three hundred dollars from District 2's recreational account to the Men at Work. They’re getting ready to do a program for senior citizens and this three hundred dollars will enable them to get enough food for it, as well as maybe get some other things as miscellaneous items that’s going to be needed. Also I reserve the right at the next meeting if the three hundred wasn’t enough, to come back at the next meeting to increase that amount. Thank you.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

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


Item number 14, Administrator’s Report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Item number 15, Citizen Comments. Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record. Address the Chair and you’ve got three minutes.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, put that on for
FRANK PRESSLY: Thank you. Last week I had occasion to watch a video of a company in England that is taking plastic and recycling it to make an aggregate to build roads. This is something that I think we should look into because we have a good bit of plastics going to our landfill. I’m told as much as ten percent of what we send to the landfill is plastic. And with the projected spending of a hundred and twenty million dollars in the next twenty years, ten percent of that is twelve million dollars. That would nicely pay for equipment to recycle plastic and make aggregates to pave our roads.

The county needs to move in a direction where we have a long term solution to our paving issues. Setting money aside to pave and all is good, but we’re not making a lot of progress. We’ve spent about six years now and have not done a whole lot of paving. If we could build an asphalt recycling plant and a plastic recycling plant, and use inmate labor to do our roads, I think we’d be well on our way to solving some of our paving issues. Because it seems like when we bid these road paving issues out, that’s when we kind of take it in the neck because it’s just the nature of the beast. It would cost us a lot of money.

So rather than barreling ahead with a new jail, I really think we need a county prison farm. We need that far more than we need a jail. We can refurbish the old jail for about fifteen million and spend the difference of the projected amount they want to spend on a new jail to build a county prison farm. Somewhere where we can house a lot of inmates. We need to start locking people up. Turning them back out of the street with just fees and fines is nothing but a vicious cycle because they don’t have jobs and they go out and commit more crimes to pay those fees and fines. So if we start putting them in jail for thirty, sixty, ninety, six months or a year, give them the opportunity to dry out if they have a drug problem and teach them the trade of building roads and bridges. And if they can show their metal while they’re in jail, guarantee them a job when they get out. This is a crowd that needs jobs and they can’t qualify for the jobs that the county is getting to these filbots and all because they have backgrounds.

So, Mr. Chairman, if you would possibly set up a commission or a committee or something and start looking into the possibility of doing our own paving and roads and bridges, I think it would do a lot to get Anderson County ahead. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Bobby Simmons.

BOBBY SIMMONS: Bobby Simmons, District 2.

And just - my conversation this time is on Planning Committee. As I spoke before and I speak again now, that I’m concerned about the businesses on Highway 29, Belton Highway and South Main Street. It seems to be that all the planning is for the north part of town and not for the south part and for the -- there’s a lot of traffic on 29 from Georgia, so we’re missing out on a lot -- I believe a lot of money because we don’t have a lot of business on 29 between Georgia and the Jockey Lot.

My question is that I understand that the bridge was low and I don’t know if they fixed the bridge or not, but they need to either jack it up or cut the ground down some so that these trucks can make it between 29 and 85. I’m just hoping that these words will not go avoid and that we will do something about putting some business on 29, Belton Highway and the lower part of South Main. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Remarks from Council members. Mr. Waters.

KEN WATERS: I have none.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Waters.

Mr. Allen.

TOM ALLEN: Not a whole lot. I just want to thank the Men at Work that were here tonight. I think you folks do a great job. I’ve said that before, and I mean it, because you’re down there where the rubber meets the road and you’re down there where we really need the type of action taken that you folks provide to the young people in this community and I want to thank you for that. That was all I had, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. At the last meeting I told -- I was talking to you about the nuisance property cleanup legislation. Let me explain it to you. In the city, if they find a home in a neighborhood that has been unkept, the grass hasn’t been cut, the trash hasn’t been picked up, and there’s a lot of junk or whatever, the city can go to these people and demand that they clean that house up, cut the grass and all of that. In the county we can’t do that. So what we get is a lot of people calling about the house next door. The grass needs to be cut, it’s
People won’t cut their grass or they won’t pick up their trash and there’s been little we could do about it. In fact, there hasn’t been nothing that we could do about it because it’s private property and we can’t enter it.

Well, in the House now they have a bill that allows a county to provide by ordinance that the owners of any property in the county must keep their property clean of debris and other unhealthy conditions that constitute a public nuisance. If the property owner fails to correct the conditions constituting a nuisance, then the county may enter the property, correct the condition, and collect the cost of the cleanup on the property tax. I think this is good. I think this is a good idea. This will help us in a lot of ways. And it was in the House the last time and three of our Representatives voted against it. And I just cannot understand why they would vote against something like this.

So again this week, these letters, the Friday Report comes every week as long as they’re in session. But they asked that -- to contact your Senators today and ask that they support the passage of this legislation.

Well, I wrote our legislative body. I wrote each one and asked them to -- my letter reads, I am asking you to please support the nuisance bill 3896. This bill allows for a county to provide by ordinance that the owner of any property in the county must keep their property clean. The authority is currently provided to the municipalities. This authority will help Anderson County to provide a higher quality of living through property debris cleanup and other unhealthy conditions.

Folks, I think that if you’ve got a minute, or if you know telephone numbers, you can get them easily, please call our people and ask them to help pass this bill. Now the bill was in committee, but I think it has been since taken out of committee and they’re getting ready to vote on it. This needs to pass. Anderson County can’t always be the way it is. It needs to pass. And I would like if you would help with this situation.

Also, Mr. Burns, these lights have been playing havoc with us up here. Half the time we can’t really see what we’re doing. Could you please see to it that the lights are fixed. Okay. Thank you.

And I think that’s about it that I have for tonight. And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of things. Would like to ask all the Council to remember Investigator McCarley who was recently named our Code Enforcement Officer. He and his wife and his son and also nephew work for the county. And anyway, he lost his dad, Mr. Larry McCarley, this past week. So he should be back to work sometime this week, but he definitely sends his apologies on that as far as not being able to be here, but definitely keep him in your prayers and his family during this time of loss.

Also, I did go out -- in the meeting Friday you’d mentioned about McCants Health Department and the Ag building. Just briefly I did go out with Mr. Richardson and we looked at those facilities. And we're kind of getting some plans of the building, the layout and hopefully going to bring some recommendations back with that. And hopefully we’re going to try to have a committee meeting on that in the next week or so.

TOMMY DUNN: Good deal. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, it would be nice to know the information on that aggregate with making from the plastic. That might be of interest to the county. And Mr. Simmons, you’re right on Highway 29. The last update we had from the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the bridge and the intersection and highway project there are supposed to be under construction next year. It’s only been 20 years in the making. And that’s one of the biggest slow-downs for development along Highway 29. I think once that bridge and the intersection is improved, we’ll see a lot more activity there.

And Ms. Floyd’s right about that bill. There’s -- I don’t know if it’s part of that bill or another one, but there’s one bill that I understand was going back to the Senate this week where if a perpetrator of litter is fined and so forth, they can get community service and it takes the legal liability off the county.

And I want to say a big thank you to all the folks that turned out to pick up litter last Saturday a week ago. You might be amused that a friend of ours drove by when Representative Anne Thayer and some of us were out picking up litter and they asked my sister later what I had done wrong to get community service.

We’ve got a lot of folks out working. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Want to give a welcome and appreciate Matt Hogan’s here, who is over our road department. Appreciate you being here
tonight. Thank you for all you and your crew do.
Also want to shout out to all the county employees
and the citizens for what they done on the cleanup last
weekend -- weekend before last, rather. They done an
outstanding job. Everyone did on the crews I was on.
And I know everyone did. So really want to appreciate
that and give a shout out.
Also want to echo, there’s two bills that’s in
Columbia right now that’s very important, have a big
effect in Anderson County. We have worked on this for
several years now. The cleanup bill that Ms. Floyd’s
talking about. We can talk to any of our -- I talked
to Mike Gambrell, Senator Gambrell, this past week.
He’s in favor of this bill. We need to talk to a few
more of our people. Farms are exempt. So don’t -- you
know that’s the thing is it gives us the same tools as
a municipality with that thing. Would be a big help.
And what it does, it enables us to put a lien on the
taxes. That’s the difference. We can’t do that now to
get money back. And that’s only fair ??.
The other thing is letting police officers that
have retired come back to work and top the cap at ten
thousand dollars. That would help us so much on our
school resource officers. Save the county money and
give us valuable people at these schools. That’s
something we need to give a shout out to and thing.
I want to appreciate the staff and all what they
done for the criminal justice meeting. We just had our
second one here last - couple of weeks ago. Want to
appreciate what all everybody done. I thought it was a
real good meeting, hit the right thing. Casey is
heading that up. Is doing an outstanding job. She had
some folks up from Charleston talking about what they
have done down there and how they got this program up
and running. And very enlightening and encouraged
about that and what’s going on.
I want two committees tonight, two ad hoc
committees coming up. Craig Wooten has asked me about
this and he’ll be the Chairman of this committee, this
is to look at our recreation and parks. He’s asked for
Tom Allen and Ken Waters to serve on that with him.
He’ll be coming back; he’s out of town.
And also, I want to put together a committee to
work -- as we go through this budget, I think we’ve got
a pretty good handle on this and that, but our biggest
thing -- one of our biggest things right now is our
capital purchasing items. And so I asked Ray Graham if
he’d chair that, with Craig Wooten, he showed interest
in that. And I’ll serve on that also, willing for
that.
And I appreciate everybody. You have a good safe weekend. See you next time.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT ?? P.M.)