State of South Carolina   )
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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the special presentation part of October 1st County Council meeting to Order. Want to welcome everyone here tonight, and thank you for coming.

First we’ll start off with Resolution 2(a), R2019-041. I’ll ask the Honorable Councilman Brett Sanders if he’ll introduce this resolution.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS LORIN HUGHES, A DECORATED VETERAN OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND MEMBER OF "THE GREATEST GENERATION," FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY AND BRAVE SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE-HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, Thomas Lorin Hughes was born on September 17, 1919 in Camilla, Georgia and is a member of "The Greatest Generation;" and

WHEREAS, Hughes joined the American war effort in the Second World War on October 27, 1942, including service at Normandy and in other areas of Northern France, Central Europe, and the Mediterranean-North African-Middle East Theatre as a mechanic on the P-38 Lightning in the United States Army Air Corps, for which he received numerous Air Offensive decorations and citations, including six Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Hughes retired from New York Life Insurance, is twice widowed, is a current Anderson resident, and is the father of two children, Tommy and Carolyn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled this seventeenth day of September 2019, to take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson County Council expresses its gratitude to Thomas Lorin Hughes for lifetime of service to the United States of America.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

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

Moving on to item number 2(b), R2019-042, a resolution to honor and recognize David Cothran’s ten years of service on the Anderson County Planning Commission and other contributions to the Anderson Community.

WHEREAS, Mr. David Cothran has served on the Anderson County Planning Commission for ten years, including two years of service as the Commission’s Vice-Chair and, since 2014, as the Commission’s Chairman; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Cothran graduated from Clemson University in 1991 as a Registered Nurse with a bachelor of science degree in nursing and in 1996 as an Advanced Practice Nurse with a master of science degree in nursing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cothran has spent his career serving in nursing leadership roles at AnMed Health for decades, including several years as Director of Emergency & Trauma Services, during which he oversaw operations in AnMed's Emergency Room, and is currently a Nurse Practitioner at Care Connect, AnMed's urgent care clinic; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on the Planning Commission, Mr. Cothran has been active in the Anderson community, including service as a volunteer fireman, as vice-chairman of the Appalachian Development Corporation Board of Directors, as Board Secretary for Sigma Theta Tau International, Gamma Mu, and as an active member of his church; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County is grateful to Mr. Cothran for his ten years of dedicated service to the Anderson County Planning Commission and hereby honor and recognize his many contributions to the Anderson community.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 1st day of October, 2019. And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: I’ve known this young man ever since he was quite small. And it’s hard to believe the accomplishments and the public service that he has brought forth and we really appreciate him. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. I’d just like to say I’ve known David Cothran for a long, long, many years. But anybody that serves on the Planning Commission, because those meetings, I served on them for a short time. It’s never a win-win situation. Makes somebody happy most of the time; you’ve got somebody against it. For a citizen willing to serve on that and serving for ten years in a role of leadership. Thank you very much for serving, being my appointee on that commission. Like I said, y’all get paid, believe it or not, less than we do. To serve and do what you do on it is very honorable and appreciate what you do. I know it’s a thankless job, but we’re here tonight to
thank you. Appreciate you, David.

Anybody got anything else? All in favor of the
motion. So the motion carries unanimously.

If I could ask my fellow council members to step
down for presentation.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

TOMMY DUNN: At this time that will
conclude that part of the presentation of special
resolutions of October 1st.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:07 P.M.)
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TOMMY DUNN: ... of October 1st.
Welcome each and every one of you here and thank y’all for coming tonight. To get us started, I’ll ask the Honorable Cindy Wilson, Council Lady Ms. Wilson, if you will lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CINDY WILSON

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 3, approval of minutes of September 17th council meeting of 2019. Are there any corrections to be made or proposed? Does anybody have any? Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: If you would turn to page 33 of the minutes, there’s an error there, a really bad one. At the top it says Anderson County Council - County Council Meeting - September 18, 2018. The rest of it says Anderson County Council - County Council Meeting - September 17, 2019. I checked and that page does go on with the meeting. It does carry on what was said in the meeting, but the date is wrong and that needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

TOMMY DUNN: Anything else?
GRACIE FLOYD: That’s the only thing I could find.
TOMMY DUNN: Anybody else got anything?
Do we have a motion to accept the minutes with the change that Ms. Floyd mentioned?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second? Ms. Wilson makes a motion; Mr. Sanders seconds it. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Let the record show Mr. Wooten was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
Moving on to item number 4, citizens comments. As Mr. Harmon calls your name, please talk on agenda items only. Address the chair. You have three minutes. Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Elizabeth Fant.
ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking on the approval of the minutes, number 3, minutes, and number 5. I want to remind all our council people and all the people out in the audience, when they speak they need to turn their head forward. Please don’t turn your head to the person that you’re speaking to up at council. And I’m speaking to one particular person about this.
BRETT SANDERS: Me, Ms. Fant?
ELIZABETH FANT: Yes, sir. We can’t hear you and it is very imperative that everything that is
said in these meetings get recorded. And it’s very hard for the person who is doing the transcribing to try to figure out what’s said when the people turn their head. Now, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Floyd and Mr. Sanders seem to be the hardest ones to hear. And I think part of that is because they are turning their heads inward instead of outward to us. However, Mr. Davis sits in the same seat that Mr. Waters sat in and we always had problems with Mr. Waters and we never have problems with Mr. Davis. And Mr. Sanders sits in the same seat that Tom Allen sat in and we never had problems with Tom Allen. So that tells me, please, that it’s the individuals who are not doing due diligence.

On the road fee, I’ve been going to the meetings and went to one last night in Powdersville. And aside from Ms. Floyd’s meeting, the one in Powdersville was just excellent. And that leads me to another thing about speaking. In Powdersville, all of the chairs were arranged around a horseshoe of a table, so you didn’t have the mentality of people on one side speaking up to just the moderator. Everybody felt like they were equal and that they had equal representation. And we could hear everybody for the most part until somebody spoke to their neighbor instead of listening.

Again, I want to say that it is not respectful to do that when you have speakers, either out here for me to speak to somebody next to me while you all are speaking, or for you all at a meeting to speak to somebody next to you while that person is trying to speak. It’s just not respectful. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Next, Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is John Crosby.
JOHN CROSBY: Thank you, Council, Mr. Chairman. I come to you on behalf of PlaySafe. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit that started in the upstate of South Carolina primarily serving schools here in Anderson County. On your agenda at some point in time here in the near future, either tonight or in the near future, you’re going to get a request from us to support the work we do, not only in those schools but in the community at large.

So we wanted to be able to just come and tell you a little bit about ourselves. And so what we do is we provide sports medicine services to schools in the community at large. We cover the Palmetto Championship Tournaments and some of the other tournaments that are hosted here in this community, as well as all of the high schools in Anderson 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as some middle school coverage in those associated school
districts, as well.

So what we do is we provide certified athletic
trainers that’s also working with physicians and all to
make sure those schools have coverage, not just on
Friday nights but through all of their sports, whether
it’s basketball, softball, tennis, whatever, we’re
there to provide those assistance to them, as well as,
again, for those community events that we’re requested
to be at when we can. So all of our athletic trainers
are certified throughout the state of South Carolina.
And they go to school anywhere from four to six years.
They are a medical provider. So we just wanted to kind
of give you guys an understanding of what we are.
Hopefully I’ve done that in that short amount of time,
but I know time is limited for us as well as you guys,
so we want to cognizant of that. So thank you for your
time.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to item number 5, road taxes and other
concerns, Ms. Floyd. Council lady Ms. Floyd. Ms.
Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I want to talk
about the road tax. Why? Because this is a situation
or topic that’s close to my heart. It’s near and dear
to my heart. We have been talking about a -- well, the
first one that I heard was the twenty-five dollar road
tax that would be on certain people. Let’s start with
the ones who will not, according to what has been
presented, will not be added to this. It’s the
veterans, the handicapped and the seniors, will not
have to pay the twenty-five dollars.

This will generate four million dollars, which is
not enough to do our roads. So we will end up doing
some roads but some roads we won’t be able to do.

The second option was twenty dollars; everybody
pays, the vets, the handicapped and the seniors.
Everybody will have to pay the twenty dollar road tax.
This will generate four million dollars, which is not
enough for us to do our roads.

I have been talking about another option, and
that’s the one cents, penny, tax. With that we, not
only the vets, the handicap and the seniors will pay,
but also the Clemson people coming in for the games;
the I-85 people that are running through Anderson but
will stop and get something to eat; the Georgia people
who come up and visit us on Friday nights when they
have their dinner. We’re really glad to have them, but
they will ride the roads, as well, and they will also pay the penny tax. This is called a discretionary tax because it’s one that you really don’t have to pay if you don’t eat in our restaurants or do other things here, you don’t pay it. But if you do and you ride the roads -- even the big truckers will pay it, when they already pay a hefty amount for the roads.

We have to do something. This tax would help a lot. This money will help us get, if not all of our roads, but most of our roads, get us so close that we think that we have all of them. When the city did their two percent hospitality tax on, I think it’s food, they got three million dollars just for the inside of Anderson, not the whole county as we’re talking, but just the inside. When the school district put on a penny tax, they got more money than they know what to do with. They put down -- it wasn’t sod, it was turf on the football fields. They built big ole gyms and things for the kids’ stuff where they had the money to do it.

Here we are, we don’t have enough money to pave our roads, folks. We don’t have enough money to provide folks with comfortable roads without tearing up your car by driving on them. I think that if we would consider the one percent tax, we’ll get it done. We will get it done.

Now, if not, the question has come up, well suppose you don’t get the one percent tax. Suppose the folks who will vote on it turns it down. Well, then we’ll just have to go ahead and do the twenty-five dollar tax on it. Because we have to do something. There are three options that we can go to. The best one to me is the one percent tax because we can get it all done. But if the citizens of Anderson County decide to vote against it, then we can go to the twenty-five dollar tax. Because we have to have something to get our roads done. It’s up to us.

At first, when we first started discussing this, you didn’t have a choice. We were just going to do the twenty-five dollar tax and that’s it. But that’s not right. That’s not right. You have a choice. We have had meetings all through the county. The last one we had was last night up at Powdersville. We will go back and start doing it again. We’re going to do it again; have more meetings. When we get to your area with the meetings, please sit down and take a good look at it. Please determine what you think you, you, not what your council person thinks, not what somebody else thinks, but what do you think about the idea of getting your roads fixed, having a fair chance of getting your roads
fixed? Again, some money -- the figure eighteen million, I think I heard the fee of eighteen million is what could be -- twenty million, that’s even better. Twenty million is what we could get for our roads. And the beauty of it is it will be just for roads. Just for roads. We have a lot of roads in Anderson County, and it’s got to be done. We aren’t getting the money any more that we used to get from the, they call it the LGF, Local Government Fund. We aren’t getting the money from Columbia like we used to get.

The gas tax, people have told me -- people have asked me, well what about that gas tax? It’s not for counties. It’s for the state. It’s for state roads only. We have been down there. We have had people to try to talk to them, well give us a little bit. And they said, no, state roads, we are on our own. Think about it. See what you say. Let us know. Give us some feedback for it. And tell us what you think about it. And I thank you. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on to item number 6(a), 2019-042, 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 to include certain property of T&S Brass and Bronze Works, Inc. (Project Alloy). Mr. Nelson, would you like to give a little thing for ---

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, sir. Project Alloy is T&S Brass. It was announced on September 28th in Greenville County. And I supplied the first page of the Department of Commerce’s announcement. It’s about a ten million dollar project. And of course, it’s part of that reciprocal agreement that we have where we share with Greenville and they share with us in the multi-county park agreements. The multi-county park agreement allows the companies to access some state incentives that don’t normally come about unless they’re members of the park. Of course, they send us one percent of their total tax on every project. And we’re in the positive. They send us more money than we send them. Anyhow, this comes to council as a recommendation from staff and the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At this time we’ll go into a public hearing on this. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please step forward and state your name and district for the record and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion on the floor?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to move it forward. Do we have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

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

Moving on to item number 6(b), 2019-044, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and 1998 Augustus Partners, L.P. a company previously identified for the time being as Project Augustus, with respect to certain Economic Development property to be located at one or more locations in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments of Fee in Lieu of Taxes. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. This is a project where we have the opportunity to -- it’s a second opportunity for a first in Anderson County where we have a developer, Rooker Development, who is bringing this Augustus Partners Limited Corporation. They’re going to build warehouses at Exit 32. The only component or part of that that we have is some discount of the property tax. But even with that, we have an opportunity to have property tax in the first year of twenty-eight thousand dollars. Just in this last year only sixty dollars and four cents was paid in property tax. So this brings an opportunity for investment. A two hundred thousand square foot building and about a ten million dollar capital investment. No jobs at this time, but an opportunity for us to gain jobs. And of course, this comes to council as a recommendation from the staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll have a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, again, same thing, please state your name and district for the record and address the chair, please. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson, second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point out ---
TOMMY DUNN: We’ll get Mr. Davis, I think, and then we’ll come to you. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to applaud Mr. Nelson for such a great job on this. This is a great opportunity for the northern part of the county for both District 6 and District 7. And just to quickly cap, we will realize as Anderson County a positive tax revenue of about two and a half million dollars over twenty years, versus what it would have been if we had stayed status quo with the property. Thank you.


CINDY WILSON: This certainly saves us from building spec buildings. And fortunately the county has not had to do that thanks to Mr. Burriss Nelson and Mr. Rusty Burns and everybody working together. This is a good advantage for our county. Thank you.

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

Moving on to item number 6(c), 2019-045, an ordinance to approve a Ground Lease by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Tri-County Technical College for a site at the Anderson Regional Airport for Heavy Equipment Operator Training and for a site at the TTI Pearman Dairy Road Facility for a Lineman Training School. Mr. Burns, do you want to say anything on this before we go into a public hearing?

RUSTY BURNS: (Mic not on).

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll go into a public hearing at this time on this matter. Again, if you wish to speak to this matter please step forward and state your name and district for the record, and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Now discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The thing that gets me about this one is the fact that now -- maybe I have it wrong so help me if I’ve got it backwards, okay. Now for the site at the Anderson Regional Airport for heavy equipment operator training at the airport, we don’t get anything for that. They’re not paying us anything; right?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. But they have trained some of our employees in the past and on request they will come out and do light grading for us. So we do get something out of it. But a section of the airport that is not under restrictions of the FAA. It’s on the backside of the property and it’s really not that much ground. So we allow them to do that. And they’re training citizens from Anderson County.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Now that’s the first time I’ve heard that. Because every time I have asked about that one, I have always been told, no, they’re not paying us nothing.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that’s the part that really gets me as badly as we need fund. We don’t have any way -- we don’t have -- I can’t think of how to say this. We don’t have money to give away. We need to, we need to get the money that we are supposed to get. But now you’re telling me that they are going to train our people for nothing, for free?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, they’ve done ---

GRACIE FLOYD: And they have done that in the past?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So it’s like that new thing they talked on television, Pro quo swim or something.

RUSTY BURNS: Quid pro quo.

GRACIE FLOYD: What is it called?

RUSTY BURNS: Quid pro quo.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I learned that this week. Okay. So that’s what -- in other words, you scratch my back and I’ll scratch yours; right? Okay. Good.

And the other one, the site at the TTI, now they’re paying us for that?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. What they basically have out there are four tall poles. And they received a grant to provide training for linemen for the power companies of South Carolina. And we thought that it would be better if that facility was in Anderson County as opposed to Oconee County or Pickens County because our people would have better access to that training. The same thought process we have on the heavy equipment training. We do everything we possibly can for our citizens.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But Mr. Burns.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I always thought they were paying for that now?
RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. Not on that one. No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: So what are they paying -- are they getting money from the grant to do it? They’re getting paid to do it?

RUSTY BURNS: Basically, and I can carry you out there, there are four large telephone poles.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I know what a telephone pole is.

RUSTY BURNS: And basically that’s what it is. It’s a place for people to go up and down, up and down. That’s basically what we have and it’s on a part of the property that we will not use.

GRACIE FLOYD: Do they pay Tri-County Tech to go up and down, up and down?

RUSTY BURNS: I’m sure that they receive some financial assistance to attend those training classes.

GRACIE FLOYD: And we don’t get a cut?

RUSTY BURNS: No, we don’t get a cut.

GRACIE FLOYD: Why didn’t we let Oconee or Pickens have it then?

RUSTY BURNS: (Audio seems to be missing).

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I think what Mr. Burns has failed to talk about is Tri-County Tech actually has leased a lot of space from us or in the process of leasing a lot of space.

RUSTY BURNS: In the TTI space. One of them, the Asphalt Research Laboratory, they will be paying market rate for that facility they’re using there. In other facilities they will sharing their share of the costs on things that they do there. But basically the heavy equipment school, raw land, holding (mic cutting out) together, and the other one is four poles on a piece of the property that we may not use for a hundred and fifty years.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, we could charge them a dollar a year.

RUSTY BURNS: Ms. Floyd, the last time I checked, Anderson County paid fifty percent of their budget. We’re already giving them a lot of money. They’re helping us in return.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, that’s what I’m saying. We pay fifty percent of their budget and plus we give up more stuff. And I don’t know, but the
roads, bad as they are, seems like we ought to be able to do something. But then you said that they are leasing some more property from us at ---

RUSTY BURNS: They will be leasing.
GRACIE FLOYD: They will be leasing.
RUSTY BURNS: That lease has not come before council.
GRACIE FLOYD: And they will be paying for that; right?
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS: I recently was at a Clemson home football game and met a young man who was in the process of training to be a lineman. And he was so appreciative -- we talked a good little while -- about how Anderson County is preparing to offer a place to train linemen for Duke Power. Those of us that are in the business of employing skilled trade workers know how extremely hard it is to attract and retain skilled trade workers in today’s current business environment. And I think it’s an admirable thing that we offer this to be able to have a place for skilled trade workers in our county. And hopefully, keep our fingers crossed, we keep those good workers with those great skill trades living in our county in our great communities. And I think this is a great thing for Anderson County. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Anything else?
CINDY WILSON: May I? Just very quickly, Wall Street Journal recently had a long article about a nationwide shortage of linemen, trained linemen. There are a lot of women going into that work also now. It pays quite well. So it’s really good to have that availability here in our county. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham and Ms. Wilson in favor. And Ms. Floyd opposes.

Moving on to item number 6(d), 2019-046, an ordinance to approve an amendment to the fee in lieu of tax agreement and infrastructure finance agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina and Ortec, Inc so as to add the town of Pendleton as a party to the agreement. Mr. Nelson.
BURRIS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. As we’ve discussed in the past,
1. this Project Smokey, is an Ortec project. About three years ago announced twenty million dollars. Then Project Rocky was an immediate expansion of that same project, another twenty million. For a total of forty million. And they’ve created or will create a hundred and five jobs with a new annual payroll of 4.5 million each year, with an average pay of twenty-one dollars and forty-five cents an hour. And their need for their rapid growth was to need -- they needed additional sewer capacity. And to do that they had to annex into the town of Pendleton. And of course, we had to add the millage of Pendleton to the agreement to put all of that project together. But the project last year, 2018, paid about three hundred and sixty thousand dollars. And the -- let’s see -- the anticipated -- well, I think that’s the (change of audio) projected taxes for 2018, which will really be 2019 now because it’s not on the tax books yet, three hundred and sixty thousand. And over twenty years, 6.6 million. And then the fee information tax run is on the last page of your document. There should be a tax illustration there. But this comes to council with a recommendation from the Economic Development staff and from the Advisory Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. At this time there 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. Public hearing. Anyone at all? Hearing none, the public hearing will be closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Graham. Now discussion. 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 second reading, 2019-014, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 6 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones. This is -- only affects zoned areas. This is already on the books. What this is doing is giving us an enforcement mechanism if somebody’s got something they ain’t supposed to have we’ve been told it’s not enforceable through the Court. This puts a little more teeth in it to get this -- give our staff teeth to go in and take this and get the situation corrected. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I’m going to read this. It’s not very long and it’ll make it much clearer.

This is Section 664, Commercial Equipment and Materials. In all our districts except RA, which is residential agriculture and RA-2, no commercial equipment or materials associated with an off-site business may be stored on a property unless such equipment and materials are located on a tract of property where the equipment and materials are not visible from any property line. Such equipment and materials may include but are not limited to tractors, backhoes, front-end loaders, skid steers, ditch witches, grinders, chippers, shredders, large commercial equipment or other machinery; logs, stumps, mulch or debris; paper, plastic and cardboard debris or containers, auto parts and tires, appliances and furniture; rock, gravel, railroad ties, building materials or other supplies and materials. Removal of such equipment or materials from the property must occur within ten days of initial contact by the Development Standards Department or be subject to enforcement as provided in Section 17.

And that is what has been recommended by the Planning and Public Works Committee in concert with our Development Standards and our county attorney. Thank you.

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

Moving on to 7(b), 2019-040, An ordinance (1) authorizing pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, including Sections 4-1-70, 4-1-175 and 4-29-6 thereof, and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement, by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and a Company known to the County as Project Swan, to provide for certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; (2) authorizing the receipt and administration of a State Grant for the benefit of the project; and (3) other related matters. (Project Swan). Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. This project is locating near the Williamston area where there is a critical need for jobs and job opportunities, like in many places in our county that could use additional job creation. This particular project, a hundred jobs created, sixteen dollars and twenty-three cents an hour average pay.
Approximate annual payroll will be 3.246 million dollars. And the capital investment of 4.195 million with a multi-county industrial park infrastructure credit agreement that actually gives a SSRC of eighteen percent in the first five years; an SSRC of eight percent in the second five years, years six through ten. And last year that property paid in taxes, nineteen thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars, and projected for 2020 will be forty-one thousand seven hundred and twelve dollars with a twenty year projected, almost a million dollars, nine hundred and eighty thousand. And with a community impact of 1.6 million for the first year and a total community impact of thirty-five million over a twenty year period.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This comes as a recommendation from staff and the Advisory Board.

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

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 7(c), 2019-041, an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, that’ll be 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park, Project Swan, the one we just talked about. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This project is a supplier to some of the household white goods construction or manufacturers in our county, plastic injection molding company, and will be creating a hundred jobs. And really good job opportunities for that community. Thank you, sir.

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

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now discussion. Hearing no discussion, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Now we’re moving on to item number 7(d), 2019-048, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of
a Fee-in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive
Agreements by and between Anderson County, South
Carolina and Project Santa's Hat to provide for payment
of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing the inclusion of
a project site in a Multi-County Business Park;
authorizing certain Special Source Revenue Credits.
(Project Santa's Hat).  Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON:  Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is another one of those solar project
opportunities we’ve had. Will not be creating any
jobs. Will be an investment of 2.5 million in the
solar project itself, generating about eight thousand
dollars a year in property -- in county property tax.
Based on the previous year, it paid a hundred and four
dollars in property tax. In last council meeting I
didn’t include the taxation of the land that the
property will sit on. And that will become a ten and a
half percent manufacturing assessment ratio property
which will add an additional four thousand six hundred
and eighty-eight dollars each year to the existing
eight thousand. So it’ll be about a twelve thousand
dollar income per year for the next twenty years on
that property and project. This comes to council with
a recommendation from staff and from the Advisory
Board. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN:   Thank you. Do we have a
motion to get it on the floor? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS:   Second.

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

Now we’re moving on to item number (e), 7(e), 2019-
049, an ordinance authorizing the termination of a
Lease Agreement between Anderson County, South
Carolina and Project Lilac; the conveyance of certain
property from Anderson County, South Carolina to
Project Lilac or its designee; the execution and
delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement, by and
between Anderson County, South Carolina and Project
Lilac or its designee, to provide for Special Revenue
Credits. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON:  Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
members of council. Project Lilac is one of our
existing companies. They have more than four hundred
employees, with an existing payroll of approximately
fourteen million dollars. This company current capital
investment and creation, promises that they’ve made in
their 1999 and 2004 agreement, they have fulfilled all
of those agreements, as well as the jobs creation that they promised. In this process they would like to unwind their existing fee agreement and move to a multi-county park infrastructure credit agreement. And in their business transactions they’re seeking to no longer be hampered by the need to explain away because they’re an old lease style agreement, explain away why the county owns them, which is really a legal fiction. We don’t own them, but it appears that way on the property tax records. And the county will be removed from that chain of title, which both things are very good for us. This is an opportunity for this company to be able to, hopefully, and no promises yet, to grow and expand, create additional jobs and bring more capital investment. This comes to council with a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Development Advisory Board.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward? Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we have a second.

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you so much for your support.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and your staff and the board.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re going to move on now to item number 8, ordinance first reading, 8(a), 2019-050, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 49.44 acres on Garrison Road from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to R-A (Residential-Agriculture), TMS map number 066-011-017 and 66-00-11-005. Dr. Parkey, do you want to speak to this matter?

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, the request is to rezone from R20 to RA the two parcels on Garrison Road, about forty-nine acres in total for purposes of begin able to have residential agricultural use there. The staff recommended approval of this request. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request in their September 10 meeting. And that’s all that I have for this one, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We’ll go into a public hearing now. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter please step forward and state your name and district and address the chair. Anyone at all? Seeing and
hearing none the public hearing will be closed. Do we
have a motion to put this on the floor?

  BRETT SANDERS:   So moved.
  CINDY WILSON:   Second.
  TOMMY DUNN:     Motion Mr. Sanders; second
  by Ms. Wilson. This is in Mr. Sanders’ district. Mr.
  Sanders, you got anything you’d like to add or
  anything?

  BRETT SANDERS:   No, sir. Well, I would
  like to say I’m glad to see it going from R20 to
  residential agriculture. A lot of the neighbors that
  called me saw the zoning sign and was worried about a
  housing development. But I think it’ll be a good area.
  I’m excited for them.

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

Moving on to item number 8(b), 2019-051, an
ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 5.72
acres at 1150 Garrison Road from R-20 (Single-Family
Residential) to R-A (Residential-Agriculture), TMS tax
map number is 066-00-11-020. Dr. Parkey, anything?

  JEFF PARKEY:    Thank you, Mr. Chair. Same
  request, R20 to RA. This is at 1150 Garrison Road,
  right there together with the previous one, 5.72 acres,
  likewise for purpose of having residential and
  agricultural use on the property. Staff recommended
  approval of this, as well. Planning Commission
  recommended approval of this also at their September 10
  meeting. Thank you.

  TOMMY DUNN:     Now we’ll go into a public
  hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter,
  again, step forward and state your name and district
  and address the chair, please. Anyone at all? Seeing
  and hearing none, the public hearing will be closed.
  Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?

  BRETT SANDERS:   So moved.
  TOMMY DUNN:     Motion Mr. Sanders. Do we
  have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Now open the floor
  up for discussion. Seeing and hearing none, all in
  favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign.
  Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item 8(c), ordinance 2019-052, an
ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- five
acres at 1140 Garrison Road from R20 single family
residential to RA residential agriculture, TMS number
066-00-11-021. Dr. Parkey.

  JEFF PARKEY:    Thank you, Mr. Chair.
  Again, same request, R20 to RA, 1140 Garrison Road.
  This is five acres, likewise for purpose of having
residential and agricultural use on the property.
Staff recommended approval of this. Planning
Commission also recommended approval of this at their
September 10 meeting. Thank you, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll go into
a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak to this
matter, again, please step forward and state your name
and district and address the chair. Anyone at all?
Seeing and hearing none the public hearing will be
closed. Do we have a motion to put this on the floor?
BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders. Do we
have a second? Second Ms. Wilson. Discussion? Seeing
none, all in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Thank you, Dr. Parkey. Thank you and
your staff.

Moving on to item number 9, Resolutions. There are
none.
Moving on to item number 10, bid approval, bid
number 20-013, big water resurfacing project. Mr.
Carroll.

ROBERT CARROLL: We received two bids from
both Anderson companies here and we recommend two
hundred sixty-nine thousand one hundred twenty-nine
dollars and fifty cents to S & S Construction for the
Big Water Road resurfacing project.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to
move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Do we
have a second?
RAY GRAHAM: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Now
discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Carroll.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, sir.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now report from
the Finance Committee meeting held on September 20,
2019. I filled in for Chairman Wooten at that meeting.
He was unable to attend. So I’ll be doing it.

Item number 3, bid number 20-001, solid waste
hauling. Bid for the solid waste hauling was sent to
fourteen different hauling companies. There were two
responded. There were two bids and Waste Connection
was the highest. They submitted a bid of a hundred and
thirty dollars to roll on full. Finance Committee
approved the Waste Connection bid. But we asked (mic
cutting out) who’s over that department if he could
negotiate the bid. He got it down a dollar. It’ll be
a hundred and twenty-nine dollars a pull. Mr. Smith,
you got anything you’d like to add or say to this?

MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, basically
this also includes our eight yards and four yards and
six yards throughout the county and our sheriff’s
department (mic cutting out) that nature, possible
rental of a compactor for the Civic Center. (Mic
cutting out) activity we’re having out there right now
is (mic cutting out).

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate you and your
staff, all y’all’s hard work. Got this out and that’s
a good thing. Coming from the Finance Committee
doesn’t need a second. Put this on the floor for
discussion.

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a question for him.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Smith, I think that
you assumed that we’re smarter than what we are when it
comes down to what you’re talking about. All right.
Would you explain what you’re talking about yards this
and yards that. Just tell us a little bit more.

MR. SMITH: Basically at our
convenience centers, you’ll see the larger boxes,
containers that have the compactors that are large
forty yard boxes that take your trash. So that’s the
hundred and twenty-nine dollars we’re talking about.
At like the sheriff’s department, we’ll have an eight
yard container for trash or maybe like at the DSS
office or something we’ll have a six yard there because
they don’t need the large one, which is a savings. We
use a smaller container. It’s basically just the
containers that we use onsite.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So you had to go
back and negotiate the price of these things?

MR. SMITH: Basically just went back
for the forty yard pulls.

GRACIE FLOYD: Just the forty yard stuff?

MR. SMITH: Yeah.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. So what
was wrong with them at the beginning that you had to go
back?

MR. SMITH: It was just a request that
the Finance Committee asked me if we could get them to
go down just a little bit.

GRACIE FLOYD: So they went down a
dollar?

MR. SMITH: So they did go down a
dollar, which is actually about eight thousand dollars
a year, so there is a savings there.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, okay. 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. Thank you, Mr. Smith, you and your staff, for all the great work y’all do.
MR. SMITH: Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item number 4, services agreement with Fleet Services. The Fleet Services manager wanted the county council’s approval of a service agreement that he can get outside (mic cutting out) approved when fleet services fixes their vehicles, such as Belton, West Pelzer, small towns. Labor rate, shop supplies, tire (unintelligible), oil changes and outside parts. And these services would be covered under the county’s garage (unintelligible) policy. Brought up in the Finance Committee meeting. He’s doing -- we’re doing some work right now -- he’s been doing it. They just want to get it all across the board and get everybody on the same page and have an agreement to go to in case any other small towns want their work because they are doing some work for small towns. It’s not interfering with anything the county needs done. Again, coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. We’ll put this on the floor for discussion. Any discussion?
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.
RAY GRAHAM: Basically what I’m assuming because I know we’ve done this in the past with different municipalities as far as law enforcement vehicles and vehicles that municipalities own. I assume what he’s doing is coming up with an agreement that there’s a set fee across the board regardless whose vehicle it is?
TOMMY DUNN: That’s right. Knowing ahead of time, X being the same as Z and they know what the thing’s going to be when they sign that agreement.
RAY GRAHAM: Good deal. I definitely -- in some of the previous dealings I’ve had, and especially I guess a couple of years ago when I first got on council, I know there was a lot of different municipalities that we stopped some of those services with. You know, it put a hardship on them, but in the same respect we was trying to look out for the well-being of the county. So, number one, it’s good that we’re able to start that back. And I’m definitely glad that Stone has taken the initiative to ensure that basically it’s fair across the board. He has done an
exceptional job out there managing that department.
Definitely appreciate the Finance Committee bringing
this before council.

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

Now moving on to item number 5, 5(a) and 5(b),
hiring county workers in selected departments. Back in
our budget, we passed a budget back in June and asked
the administrator to put a hiring freeze on. We also
told him if there’s any exceptions or something come up
he thought was worthwhile, the administrator would
bring it before council. And this is what they’ve
done.

One is Solid Waste is seeking to hire an equipment
operator for the Starr Landfill and ambassador for the
Wren Recycling Center. These are budgeted positions.
The Solid Waste fund is a proprietary fund. The hiring
freeze was intended to apply this fund anyway, but
we’re going to go through all transparencies to make
sure this is covered. Coming from the Finance
Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Put this on this
on the floor for discussion. Any discussion,
questions? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Same thing with item number (b), Roads and Bridges
asked for permission to hire two positions, a heavy
equipment operator and a truck driver. They have
thirteen vacancies and are in need of this -- I think
they’ve got some people put in for this and they are
hard to find right now, things, you know, to help him
out, that department rather. Coming from the Finance
Committee, again, it doesn’t need a second. Put this
on the floor for discussion. All in favor of the
motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the
motion carries unanimously.

This will conclude that part.

We’re going to go now to item number -- if there’s
no objection can we have about a five minute break?

TOMMY DUNN: Call the council meeting
of October the 1st to order. At this time, item number
12, we’ll get a report from the Public Safety Committee
held on September 20, 2019, Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Fellow council members, this meeting mainly consisted
of grants that we’re in the process of receiving. If
it’s okay I’m going to read down each one of them. By
all means if there’s any question as far as one of the
grants, we can definitely pull it out separate. But providing there’s no question, we’ll read down and we’ll bring it forth in the form of a motion from Public Safety to accept all of these.

The first one being 2019 LEMPG grant. Basically in a nutshell that’s a grant that we received as far as would help cover the cost of a drone for emergency services. Basically about seven thousand dollars toward that drone that they’re going to be pushing on that.

The next one is 2019 VOCA grant. This grant here is a continuation of a grant for two victims’ advocate, along with one admin position that we basically already have in place. And basically what that does is assist crime victims in the county as far as going through the process as far as whether someone’s been arrested or what not. It kind of helps cover their needs. Again, that’s a continuation on that grant there.

The next one is a 2019 State Homeland Security Program Grants. One of them being 19SHSP03. It’s basically thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars. It’s fully funded. It’s going to be covering bomb suit, training and maintenance of robots, also some weapons of mass destruction equipment. 19SHSP10 kind of goes hand-in-hand with that previous one, which is also WMB rating for SWAT team equipment, etcetera, communication, headsets, SEBA gas mask, exercise programs. Most of this is replacing equipment that is basically end-of-life that our guys are using as far as with the SWAT team and also emergency services. And again, that one there is seventy thousand dollars. 19SHSP17 is an eighty thousand dollar grant from Homeland Security. Again, it’s weapons of mass destruction to sustain type one certification. This is basically a requirement that federal government mandates us to maintain and basically this is a grant to ensure we’ve got the proper equipment or what not to keep that certification.

The next one being a body-worn camera grant. Basically this is through DPS system. It’s for twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and forty dollars. It’s basically to sustain and replace -- excuse me -- it is not sustaining and replacing. The body camera grant is basically to initiate a program with the sheriff’s department to ensure all officers has body-worn cameras. That, along with some other grants that we’ve received as far as through DPS, it totals for about a hundred and eighty thousand dollars. And we’re in the -- excuse me -- they’re in the process of looking at some different options as far as with a camera program.
The biggest thing on the cameras, it’s mainly the cloud-based storage or, you know, basically what type of storage are they going to use as far as maintaining the records. And that’s where your tremendous cost comes in with that. I, personally, I support that one hundred percent. I think we need body cameras. I think it’s another line of defense for our law enforcement officers. It protects them against false accusation. It protects them in Court during trials as far as giving them more evidence. It’s just a lot of value that it brings to the table with that. But with all that being said, all this was presented to Public Safety. They bring forth and present that to full council in the form of a motion and they supported it one hundred percent.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Coming from Public Safety it doesn’t need a second. Now discussion?

Chairman Graham, on the body camera grant, have you got any idea about how many that would enable them to get?

RAY GRAHAM: They’re actually looking at a couple of different options. Right now what they’re looking at, they’ve looked at Axon and a couple of others. And they’re in the process of looking at a Panasonic program. Again, the biggest cost is the storage fees. What I did advise Captain Brown, who has been very instrumental in pushing through these programs trying to get something set up with this, is to basically come up -- his thoughts is this is going to basically partially equip Anderson County Sheriff’s Department. I’ve got a problem with that personally. How do we pick and choose what officer we’re going to cover with, again, that extra form of defense for them? What they’re doing is looking at what it’s going to cost and they’re probably going to bring back, you know, what options we have. Just guessing, that funding there would probably do a little more than half of the officers. Our goal would be to ensure that every officer that’s on the road would be, naturally, the first ones to get them. And then our second phase would probably pick up your investigators and some of the other lines of defense. You know, possibly your courthouse workers and what not. The main goal would be to ensure that every officer that is actually answering calls on the road would have the body-worn cameras.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s what I thought. I would hope so. Any more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. Mr. Chair, I
happened to be at that meeting by mistake. But I got there in time to hear them talk about the body (mis cutting out) and I thought that it would be a wonderful idea if we have them to come in at the time they get those body cameras to talk about it. Because that’s a relative new thing just like the thing that hovers over us -- what do you call it, the thing that ...  
TOMMY DUNN: Drones.  
GRACIE FLOYD: Drones, yeah. Thank you.  
But drone thing is a relatively new thing here in Anderson County. But anyway, I kind of like already invited them to come when they get -- I think the sheriff will make the idea of who gets what. But I think it’ll be a good thing for the people to understand it, to see, and to know what’s going on about that.  
TOMMY DUNN: I agree.  
RAY GRAHAM: I stated the total, but I did leave one of the grants out on the JAG, which is also another sixty thousand. Again, the total that’s been awarded so far is right at a hundred and eighty thousand dollars. There was about sixty thousand -- fifty something thousand left over from a previous grant. They’ve been awarded another right at sixty thousand and plus the twenty-nine thousand which again puts it up right at a hundred and eighty thousand dollars. As far as the -- a plug for the sheriff -- but as far as the camera system being something new, it is new here in Anderson, but the sad thing about it, it’s all over the United States. Anderson County is behind times on this.  
Our previous administration literally turned some money back in where we could have already started a camera program before Sheriff McBride even came in. So again, Sheriff McBride and Captain Brown have been very instrumental in trying to get these grants. And personally I truly support it a hundred percent. And definitely see that the administration is pushing towards this. Again, to me, it ranks right in there as another line of defense for our officers. Thank you.  
TOMMY DUNN: I agree. And I think it’s good for the citizens, too.  
Chairman, let me understand you, your motion now on the floor, does that include the JAG grant?  
RAY GRAHAM: It does include the JAG grant. My apology; I did leave that off a while ago.  
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.  
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate that.
Moving on now, item number 13. Do we need that, Mr. Burns? Do we have a motion to go into executive session for the benefit contract for employees plan?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

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

If we can, Mr. Burns, we’ll just step right back here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we come out of executive session, having received information regarding the employee benefit contract plan with no action taken.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Graham. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Let me state for the record there was no action needed or required on that. This was just for the insurance benefit package contract for our employees.

Do we have any appointments? Anybody have any coming up?

Moving on to requests by council members. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

District 6 would like to appropriate out of my special projects fund one hundred fifty dollars to the Anderson County Museum Hall of Fame Induction. I make that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Davis.

Have a second?

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Sanders?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. I’d like to consolidate two, if I may?

TOMMY DUNN: You may.

BRETT SANDERS: Anderson County Museum Hall of Fame Induction, one hundred and fifty dollars; PlaySafe, one thousand dollars. I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.
1 CINDY WILSON: Second.
2 TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Ms. Floyd?
3 GRACIE FLOYD: For Men at Work, I would like to allocate four hundred dollars out of the District 2's recreational account for recreational purposes. (Telephone ringing)
4 TOMMY DUNN: We’ll move on and come back to you. Mr. Graham.
5 RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If it’s okay, I’ve got three; I’ll do all of them together if that’s all right?
6 TOMMY DUNN: That’ll be fine.
7 RAY GRAHAM: I bring this in the form of a motion, a hundred and fifty dollars to the Anderson County Museum Hall of Fame; five hundred dollars to Anderson School District 2 for the falls games that they do; and also five hundred dollars to PlaySafe. I bring this in the form of a motion.
8 CINDY WILSON: Second.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Motion and second Ms. Wilson. Do we have any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show Floyd if you’re ready.
10 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I apologize for (phone ringing again).
11 TOMMY DUNN: We’ll come back to you.
12 CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From District 7's recreation account may I appropriate to the Anderson School District 2, their fall games event that Ms. Megan Rainey is conducting, seven hundred dollars; and to the Anderson Museum Hall of Fame production, a hundred and fifty dollars. And this is in the form of a motion.
14 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
15 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Now, Ms. Floyd.
16 GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, I apologize. Those are robo calls. I forgot to turn the phone off. I didn’t know how. But Mr. Chairman, I would like to allocate four hundred dollars to Men at Work. It’s time to take the children to the mazes for Halloween.
It’s from District 2’s rec fund. And that’s in the form of a motion.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: I have one other thing. With PlaySafe, I don’t understand what that’s about. I haven’t talked to anyone about it. No one called me about it, so I’m just not going to do it.

TOMMY DUNN: You’re talking about before the meeting?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have to know what the money’s going for, who it’s going to and why.

TOMMY DUNN: They can contact Ms. Floyd if they want to. Anything else, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: Give me just a second, please. I’m trying to do some quick math. District 5, I’d like to take out of the rec account, four hundred and fifty dollars to the Museum Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. And I would like to do seven hundred and fifty dollars to PlaySafe. Put that in the form of a motion. Second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

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 you’ve got three minutes. Please address the chair.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, Anderson County citizen. Mr. Chairman, yes, I attend meetings, and yes, I speak. I do research and I’m knowledgeable on county issues. Most of the time I am complimentary and I praise what I see as on course, right and beneficial for our citizens. But I am also going to speak when there are serious issues.

So let’s address the events of Friday’s council road fee called meeting, the final comments; the Williamston Town Hall meeting and the ensuing Journal editorial news article. What you said, Mr. Dunn, was a partial truth. Yes, I have been coming to these meetings for ten years volunteering my time, trying to keep our local government honest and representing the taxpayers of Anderson County. The rest you spoke was a
misrepresentation. How you responded, Mr. Dunn, was
dictatorial, petty and full of bullying. Sadly, here
is just one more example of your constrictive behavior
against anyone who has an opinion that differs from
yours. And why you responded, Mr. Dunn, was because
you got caught in a lie. The Friday meeting on road
fee was not to discuss the road fee at all, but instead
to nail down the specifics of the ordinances, per your
own words.

And to the current administration, you must realize
that this kind of behavior and the responses of your
minion news reporter are destroying your chances of
citizenry approving and accepting your attempts to
remedy the road issue.

Two quotes to consider: A lie is still a lie no
matter how it is dressed up. And, you can’t put
lipstick on a pig. And as Winston Churchill said, I no
longer listen to what people say. I just watch what
they do. Behavior never lies.

Anderson County citizenry are angry because they
have been told lies. They thought the gas tax would
fix the roads. They assumed that the South Carolina
legislature would follow its law and give us the
twenty-five million dollars that we’re due. They feel
that the county is spending millions of dollars on
Green Pond and other unnecessary projects. And with
fourteen million dollars more revenue coming into the
county last year, citizens are incredulous that the
county appears broke and has no money to repair roads.

LEON HARMON:   Time, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN:   Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Comments now from council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON:   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It’s been quite an interesting time to go around our
respective districts and some of our council members
have been kind enough to come on over to mine -- I’ve
tried to attend a few, too -- for the road fee and
other matters that we’ve discussed. I’m believing that
we need to continue those meetings because what we have
found is an enormous amount of confusion of the various
roles in funding sources for our roads.

Our efforts to inform and share what we knew has
been helpful and it’s been really, really awesome to
have our public input. But the fact remains that there
is incredible confusion as to what’s school, what’s
state, what’s county. And I’m going to look forward to
having some more of these meetings around my district
and hopefully time will allow for going to other
districts, too.

Where else, in all of our government, do we have
efforts by public servants to go out and sit down with
our citizens and share information and receive input? I think what we’ve learned the last few weeks will bode
well for the county citizens in the future. And I appreciate everyone’s participation. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

Mr. Graham?

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham.

Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I have a couple of things. First of all, Ms. Wilson, I think that you’re right. I have been having community meetings for nineteen years all over District 2. It’s a good way to get the news out. And it’s a good way of getting the news in. I don’t have a full house at all of the times, but I get the people that are wanting to know. So I think that is something that you might need to have happen in your area.

I have two questions if I can ask them about the workers’ pay and the hiring freeze. Now I know that we said that we were going to do this until October. So today being October the 1st, Mr. Burns, are we out from under the hiring freeze now?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. It was a six-month hiring freeze.

GRACIE FLOYD: We’re out from under it?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: When are we going to get ---

RUSTY BURNS: In three more months.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Well, I see a lot of new people around, you know, going on. So I don’t know what’s going on there. Okay. Well, what about the workers’ pay thing. When do they get that?

RUSTY BURNS: The second round of raises take place in the next paycheck. I think that would be October 11.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, that’s the one that’s in October.

RUSTY BURNS: If I’m not mistaken, yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. I see that the lady that just spoke is having trouble when she gets up with that microphone. Being that she’s handicapped, I think that the law would say that we have to make special amends for her on that microphone. She has problems getting up, as I do, and the microphone is away from her and it’s too high. So we
need to make sure she gets that.

And speaking of that, and speaking of the lady, at
the last meeting that we had, we had a very, very
unfortunate incident here at the county. We were
discussing -- it wasn’t a meeting. It was a called
meeting so we could discuss the first discussion on the
road thing. And it was -- is there such a word as
contentious -- toward the end of it.

Folks, we have to speak up for right. If nobody
speaks up, then that old thing says where will you be
when they come and get you? I remember being treated
the same way. Nobody spoke up. I stood alone. I
stood in this room one time when everybody in here was
yelling and screaming at me. At me. Nobody stood up
for me. I walked out the door with the grace of God.
It wasn’t right. And I cannot stand by and see it
being done. Friend or foe, blue, purple or black, I
cannot stand by to see it. Okay.

With that being said, Mr. Dunn, I think that you
owe one of our citizens an apology. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:   Mr. Sanders?
BRETT SANDERS:   Nothing at this time, sir.
TOMMY DUNN:   Mr. Davis?
JIMMY DAVIS:   Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
just want to say that the town hall events that I have
been a part of have been very constructive. I
appreciate everyone that has shown up to them and
contributed in a positive manner. And we can do a lot
as a county if we get together in a positive manner. I
do not appreciate people that come with vindictive
attitudes and agendas other than what we’re discussing,
in an interruptive manner. And I think it’s a waste of
a lot of good people’s time when things come and people
want to talk about things that aren’t even pertaining
to the situation.

And I think education is part of that, Ms. Wilson,
that the state -- when we’re having a county road fee
meeting, it’s enough, and I think most people know by
now after fourteen meetings, that when we say the gas
tax is a state road that that’s what it is. It is a
shame that we don’t have any of that money right now.
And we can continue to try to ask for that money
because they can’t tell you no if you don’t continue to
ask. But at the same time, I think we continue to
educate people. I mean, I’m not the smartest bulb on
the planet, but I think people, once they realize this,
and once they realize where a lot of their tax money
goes to the schools, and I’m not saying anything bad
about the schools, but they seem to be coming around to
the idea that, yeah, we’ve got some bad roads. We’ve
got to do something about it. And it’s going to cost money. And we, as a county, have an opportunity to sit down and iron this thing out.

But we don’t get anywhere when we get into town hall meetings when people come in with vindictive and disruptive attitudes. And I’m thankful that we’ve had some good, positive meetings. And I’m thankful that we have a great county council that I’m a part of. And I’m appreciative of every person up here and their opinions and their thought process. And I thank -- we even had some good compliments that this is a good, transparent county council. We’re out there beating the bushes, talking to people and hosting these meetings. Meeting, after meeting, after meeting. And we’re trying to be as transparent as we can.

I don’t believe in beating a dead horse. And this is no longer the county council of ten or twelve or fifteen years ago. This is the county council of 2019. I’m a proud person to be on it, and I’m honored to represent District 6. And I’m honored to be a member of this council. And I appreciate every one of you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Graham (verbatim). I just want to, for all the town hall meetings we’ve had and the work they’ve put in and trying to get the information out to citizens and getting back. And there are going to be many more town hall meetings or community meetings, I like to call them. We said when we started with this thing was to get the discussion started. We’ve got a road issue. And I think -- I’ve been to every town hall meeting they’ve had except the one last night because I had a meeting in Homeland Park in my district. I went there. And we’ve had some good comments. We’ve had some good, healthy discussions. But I think by far what we’ve done is two things. I think the people do realize, it don’t take a rocket scientist, we’ve got a road problem. And I think it’s got the discussion started, as we said. Just as Mr. Sanders always starts out of his meetings, you know, he’s got no problem with a twenty-five dollar car fee personally, himself, but he’s going to do what he thinks is right for his district when they come to him and talk to him like that. And that’s what this whole thing has been about.

So I hope, as we move forward and try to educate the people, that we can move this thing -- I like the idea, I’ve thought about this thing, about the penny sales tax. But it’s got a lot of work to be done to it. It’s got to be sold. And what hurts you about it,
it’ll be put to the people’s vote to be voted on, but
what hurts on stuff like this is when you’ve got people
out giving misinformation or not telling the whole
truth. You know when you don’t tell the whole truth
sometimes, it’s just as bad as a lie to me. You’ve got
a fourteen million dollar increase in the budget.
Yeah, that was through grants. And you can’t say, you
know, you use is somewhere else, because if that grant
money hadn’t come through that mill site wouldn’t have
got cleaned up. There wasn’t no money in that things
for that. And that goes on on numerous things like
that and back this up.
And so I hope this council has earned the respect,
at least the trust, to get something -- to spread the
truth that what we’re saying is facts and back it up.
Now, I just want to elaborate on a couple of
things. The last meeting, in all my intentions in
talking to council members, we wanted to get the nuts
and bolts of an ordinance before we went out to tell
people this was what was in it. You know what you’re
discussing. You know that’s what this whole thing is
about. And I think we’ve come up with some pretty good
things on that.
But I do look forward to going out and having more
community meetings, educating the folks, listening to
them because this is what we’ve got out of this thing,
what I’ve got out of it, you know, the town halls we’ve
had, I think we’ve had about fourteen or fifteen, is
people want a fairness issue. I think the one cent
sales tax will do that. Participation. We’ve got to
get a list of roads out to see what can be done. And
the nuts and bolts have got to be put in that. I know
other council members, too, has asked Mr. Burns and his
staff to try to start compiling the list of roads and
how long it would take and the money it would raise and
what not, to get out.
I just want to touch on two thing. One thing,
Green Pond keeps getting throwed up. Most of Green
Pond, I’ll get the facts here and get them back next
council meeting, has been done through the PCB money
that had to go for recreation on Lake Hartwell and
through grants. And I don’t apologize or take no
backseat at all what’s going on at Green Pond for
Anderson County. I think when I run the first time for
county council, I said Lake Hartwell was the crown
jewel of Anderson County that’s being used. And I’m
glad to see the spotlight being put on Lake Hartwell
and it being what you call it.
And I’m going to leave with this, if we’re going to
quote people, a good friend of mine, Councilman Bob
1 Waldrep, used to tell me all the time, you know,
2 everybody wants good government until it comes their
3 turn at the trough.
4 Thank y’all very much.
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6 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.)