ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the November the 5th special presentations county council meeting to order. Welcome each and every one of you. Thank y’all for coming out tonight. We’ll start off with Resolution 2(a), 2019-047. This will be from all council members. Councilman Craig Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAITH LINE UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Faith Line, a Kentucky native and South Carolina resident since 1970, holds a Bachelor of Science in History from Charleston Southern University, a Master of Library Science from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Public Administration from Troy University, and has served as Director of the Anderson County Library System since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Library Association Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding individuals with a longstanding, distinguished record of professional achievements and significant accomplishments who have made substantial, lasting contributions to the development of library and information services in their local community, the state of South Carolina, or the nation; and

WHEREAS, Line has a track record of excellence in library leadership in South Carolina over a career that has spanned more than thirty years, including service in the Pickens County Library System, as Director of the Sumter County Library System, and, since 2007, as Director of the Anderson County Library System, where she has overseen improvements and renovations of six Anderson County Library branches, led innovative initiatives like the addition of fishing equipment to Library inventory that patrons can borrow, and has been instrumental statewide in establishing consortiums of South Carolina libraries, first with Palmetto Polaris group and then with SCLENDs, allowing twenty South Carolina libraries to share materials and greatly expanding the resources available to Anderson County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Line, in addition to her service at the Library, gives of her time and expertise to organizations such as the Alston-Wilkes Society, First Steps, Foothills Alliance, United Way, Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Anderson University Lifelong Learning, and Rotary International and received the 2018 Athena Award for professional excellence, community service, and active assistance of women in...
their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled this fifth day of November 2019, to take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson County Council recognizes and honors Faith Line for her service to Anderson County and the State of South Carolina through her achievements in the field of librarianship and congratulates on her induction into the South Carolina Library Association Hall of Fame.

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

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Discussion? Second Mr. Sanders; I’m sorry. Do we have discussion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I just want to say as a lifelong Andersonian, my parents took me to the Anderson County Library, and I know the impact that it makes in this community. I was talking to my wife about it tonight, and you know, people joke historically -- they even say historically that, you know, the gun is the great equalizer. I’d make an argument that the library is the great equalizer because it gives everybody in our community access to learning and about whatever topic they want; either for entertainment or for professional development. It’s a wonderful resource. And for Ms. Line to have this honor bestowed up on her from her peers and the association is just a testament to the great work she’s done for our county.


CINDY WILSON: Very quickly to repeat what Mr. Wooten said and also to recognize what a treasure Ms. Line and her staff are to our county. I remember going to the reference desk with help for my daughter. And the library is just an incredible asset for the county. And I, like you, started at a very early age, my mother taking me to the library and we’d check out books every summer and be done in two or three days and have to make another trip down there. It is just a wonderful place. So we’re very proud of our library. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Anyone else? I’d just like to say, Ms. Line, this is greatly deserved. Appreciate you getting it and Anderson County is very fortunate and very lucky to have you leading our library system. Very fortunate since I’ve been on council now going on eleven years,
you’ve done an outstanding job and before I got on
council you did an outstanding job. And I just want to
say we really do appreciate it. We might not be able
to go to all the events because we have a lot going on
at the library, thank goodness. That don’t mean we
don’t support you and think about you. We do
appreciate what all you do. The library does a great
job for the citizens of Anderson County. It’s run very
good. We get very few comments but the comments we do
get is always very positive. Thank you very much.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously with
the council members here and Ms. Floyd is absent
tonight.
Moving on now to item number 2(b), be Resolution
R2019-048, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANNIE
SUTTON UPON HER SELECTION AS THE 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING
LIBRARIAN AWARD.
Mr. Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir.
WHEREAS, Annie Sutton, an Indiana native, holds a
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with minors in
Psychology and Business and a Master of Library
Science, both from Indiana University, and currently
serves as Head of Access Services for the Anderson
County Library System, overseeing staff and operations
in all ten branches of the Library, after having served
in progressively responsible roles, including Reference
Librarian, Teen Librarian, Branch Manager, Head of
Extension, and, now, Head of Access Services, since
she began her career with the Library in 2006; and
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Library Association
Outstanding Librarian Award recognizes and honors a
mid-career librarian who has initiated or developed an
imaginative or creative program, service, or work of
enduring value for the effective use of or increased
interest in libraries or a particular library with
contributions including excellence in leadership,
significant professional writing, instrumental role in
building programs, or promotion of the profession
through teaching or influence; and
WHEREAS, Sutton, throughout her distinguished
career with the Anderson County Library System, has led
the Library in innovative initiatives and improvements,
including spearheading the establishment of
dedicated teen library services through the Jonathan
Gambrell Teen Room, managing multiple major branch
library renovation projects and a reworking of the
Anderson Main Library for improved accessibility to the
fiction, audio/visual, and magazine collections, and
creating community outreach programs that have brought
thousands into the Library and significantly increased
library card sign-ups; and

WHEREAS, Sutton, in addition to her service at the
Library, is active in the Anderson community,
volunteering her time at the United Way, the LOT
Project, PAWS Animal Shelter, and other organizations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled
this 5th day of November 2019, to take effect and be in
force immediately upon enactment, that the Anderson
County Council recognizes and honors Annie Sutton for
her service to Anderson County and the State of South
Carolina through her achievements in the field of
librarianship and congratulates her on her selection as
the 2019 recipient of the South Carolina Library
Association Outstanding Librarian Award.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Any further discussion?

I’d just like to say that we are very blessed. Ms. Wilson said her thing and very fortunate to have the
staff that we have and people that care about what they do. Very fortunate and very appreciative of what
happens and goes at the library and very thankful that we have great people like Ms. Sutton on our staff. Weeally do appreciate the job they’re doing. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

At this time we’d ask Ms. Faith and Ms. Sutton to step up.

APPLAUSE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

FAITH LINE: I just want to thank you all for this. This was a lovely honor. It was very unexpected and I appreciate it greatly. And thank you for the support. If you all had not supported the library as you have over the years, we would not be in the shape we are. So it’s due to the fact that you all support the library and realize the importance of it, and we appreciate that greatly. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’ll be moving on to item number 2(c), R2019-049. Vice Chairman Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I bring this resolution in the form of a motion. It’s R2019-049.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF
BELTON AND THE BELTON AREA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION’S JOINT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY WITHIN BELTON’S CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Belton Area Museum Association, founded in 1975, collects, exhibits, preserves, and interprets the artifacts, sites, antiquities, and genealogical, archival, cultural, and natural history of Belton, Anderson County, and the State of South Carolina, operating the Ruth Drake Museum, the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame, the North End Gallery, a gift shop and a performance venue, all housed in the historic Belton Train Depot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belton and the Belton Area Museum Association have worked in close partnership for many years to complete a multitude of projects, the latest of which is the proposed creation of the South Carolina Museum of Natural History within Belton’s city limits; and

WHEREAS, the stated vision of the proposed South Carolina Museum of Natural History is to become an educational resource for students across South Carolina, providing one-on-one experiences with animal mounts, fossils, and gemstones native to the state of South Carolina and from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belton and the Belton Area Museum Association have approached Anderson County Council for guidance and general support in their joint efforts to create the proposed South Carolina Museum of Natural History;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 5th day of November, 2019 that the Anderson County Council, on behalf of the citizens of the County, expresses its support for the City of Belton and the Belton Area Museum Association in their efforts to create the proposed South Carolina Museum of Natural History within Belton’s city limits.

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

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

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, if we could I know we’ve got Ms. Darby and Ms. Abigail Burden here tonight. If you guys can come up we’d like to present this to you.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION APPLAUSE

ABIGAIL BURDEN: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the county council for their
support, not only in this endeavor but in other
devotors that you’ve supported the museum throughout
the years. This endorsement will join those from our
city. We’ve also met with some state agencies down in
Columbia. And all of this will go together to put
forth a packet that our state legislators will be
presenting to the legislature to be on the agenda for
the 2020 legislative season. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time that will
conclude this portion or part of our council meeting.
We’ll adjourned. We’ll meet back here at 6:30 to start
our regular council meeting.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 P.M.)
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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TOMMY DUNN: At this time I’d like to call the regular Anderson County Council meeting of November the 5th to order. I’d like to welcome each and every one of you here tonight and thank y’all for coming. I’d like to especially welcome, I think Leadership Anderson class here thirty-six; appreciate y’all being here. Thank y’all for coming.

At this time we’re going to move on and I would like to ask Councilman Davis if he will lead us in invocation and pledge of allegiance. If we’d all rise, please, the ones that can.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JIMMY DAVIS

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: I want a personal privilege, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Sometime really nice happened to me coming here today, and I’m not going to let it go by because it’s so seldom that people think about other people. But there are two people in the audience that I really want to bring special attention to. She told me her name, but you know how I am about names. She is on the second row and she’s wearing a yellow blouse. Okay. That’s her. She’s trying to hide her face. But when I got here today I had one of those brain things and I couldn’t get the stuff out of the car and I couldn’t cut my lights out on the car. But this lady came up and turned my lights out for me. She showed me how to do it. And you talking about something that was ... but she did it. She did it. And she helped me in. I want to thank her. She told me her name. What was your name again? Whitaker, okay. Mrs. Whitaker, I thank you.

And then there’s a young lady way in the back, back there. She knows to be quiet. She was one of my students, y’all, in middle school and look at her now. She is working for Tri-County Tech, and I’m very, very proud of her. And I told her to keep that little group quiet and don’t make me have to come back there. And she would do it. But thank y’all so much for coming tonight. And I thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

And I cannot forgot my other student from high school is here with me and I love her to death. But y’all thank you for giving me this privilege to say this tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on now to approval of October 15, 2019 minutes. Are there any corrections to be made? Do we
1 have a motion to move this forward?
2 CINDY WILSON: So moved.
3 TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a second?
4 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
6 At this time we’re going to ask for citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, the first round is only on agenda items only. You have three minutes. When Mr. Harmon calls your name if you would, for the record, state your name and district. Mr. Harmon.
7 LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first speaker is Elizabeth Fant.
8 ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m speaking on a bunch of things tonight; number 5, number 6, finance, lots of things. Basically they all revolve around two things. One is publicizing the good things that are going on in Anderson County, and the second thing is no matter how much we want to look at the good things, we always need to look at the deficits and see where we are amiss and what we can improve on. The detention center is on there. We know we need to have improved facilities. We need to have a night court magistrate. Some of those people have been over there for almost two years waiting to be seen. That’s really not good. So we’re cluttering up the detention center by all these people that if they had been seen, bonded, done whatever has to be done, we wouldn’t have the high numbers that we’re having.
9 I also want to talk about Homeland Park. I went to the meeting that was there about a week ago. And those people are really angry. They’re angry that all the assets that are going on in Anderson County, whether it be roads, street lights, safety, whatever, that their surroundings are not being looked at. Everybody else gets the goodies and Homeland Park gets nothing. Did you know the average median salary down there is twenty-one thousand dollars? That’s a rough row to hoe.
10 The atax money, that’s good, it’s going to a lot of things to promote Anderson. We’ve got to realize, though, that we can’t just promote the good guys or the people who already have the money, who already have the facilities; we need to be helping those that don’t. I’m concerned about the website. I don’t know anything about the people who are going to do it. We need to make sure that they are bonded, that they know what
they’re doing and in the contract we have a caveat that
if something goes wrong that they’re responsible and
that we don’t pay them until it gets fixed. We don’t
need another Obama -- five million dollars Obamacare in
the ditch website.

I’m glad to see that we’re getting a K9 vehicle for
Belton. We recently got a Belton police car. We now
have a new policeman. I think we’ve hired a couple of
new police. That helps Belton. But you’ve got to
realize that the small towns are really at a
disadvantage because they don’t have this money that’s
being pumped into Anderson County to a lot of the
facilities. And their little towns, they don’t have
money for roads, they don’t have money for
infrastructure, water, sewer and all the amenities that
seem to get on the 81 side of Anderson or the Pendleton
side. And we’ve got to step up and make sure that the
small towns get their share, including when we get to
the roads ---

LEON HARMON: Time, Mr. Chairman.
ELIZABETH FANT: --- that that happens, too.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon. Who
you got next?
LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Tonya
Winbush.
TONYA WINBUSH: My name is Tonya Winbush.
I’m in District 1; Craig Wooten is my county council
person. But the thing that I want to bring up is --
and it was really not expounded on at the last meeting,
but it is about number 8. This is the ordinance for
the second reading. It’s to amend Chapter 2, Article V
of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so to add a
section 2-613 regarding a policy related to minority
business in the procurement process, and other matters
related thereto.

I don’t even know what this is about. I would, I
guess, have to dig and try to find where the Anderson
County Code of Ordinances so that I could find what
it’s talking about. It’s too vague. I need to know
what -- it says the procurement process, which is
purchasing process, but purchasing process of what? Of
other businesses, of property in Anderson County, and
other matters related thereto. I don’t know what the
other matters related thereto are.

I think I’ve addressed things before when
Councilwoman Gracie Floyd is not here to expound on
things and to slow things down, it goes really, really,
really fast. I think last county council meeting I was
here and she wasn’t. There was a comment made that
that was the fastest meeting ever. You know, just kind
of zoomed straight through things. And I know that some of the things can be mundane, boring, but when it comes to information and what’s going on, especially when it comes to the citizens that it could affect, when I see something that says minority and I’m a minority, then I want to know what you’re talking about, what’s going on, especially if it’s going to affect me and my community.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon?

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to item number 5, South Anderson Community Development, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a lot to tell you and a lot to talk about tonight. But it’s not going to take me the whole fifteen minutes. But I -- in my district I am responsible for the Homeland Park area. And Homeland Park is one of my -- well, in fact, they’re all favorites of mine. But I’ve spent a lot of time in Homeland Park since I got it about seven years ago. It wasn’t always mine. But I’ve worked very hard there. But it’s a situation where the harder you work the further you get behind. And that’s what’s happening. I found out -- you’re going to get sick of this story because I’m going to talk about it until the day I die, which won’t be soon; okay? But I found out that in District 2, Homeland Park, that I have seventy-seven houses that are delapidated, burned, needs to be fixed up or people left it and abandoned the houses. I have seventy-seven houses. Okay. District 1, you have five. I’ll swap with you any day. You have five, according to the report that I have.

District 3, you have fourteen.
District 4, you have thirteen.
District 5, twenty-six.
District 6, six.
District 7, three.

How many do I have? Seventy-seven. All the time I have been here no one ever said that. No one ever told us that. No one ever told me that. I was devastated how much money it takes to remove a house, to tear a house down. I think -- is it thirteen thousand dollars to tear down one houses -- one house? In the budget this year they gave us, all of us, they gave us fifty thousand dollars. Fifty thousand dollars. What in the heck am I supposed to do with fifty thousand dollars? Nothing. We begged them. Then we got a hundred
thousand. What can I do with a hundred thousand?

Nothing.

So I came up with this brilliant idea. I had already packed my luggage. Went to talk to Mr. Burns and told Mr. Burns that I wanted him and me and some other people to go to Washington, D.C. because we are going to go and talk with -- what was his name, Mr. Burns? No, it wasn’t a congressman. It was Ben -- his name is Dr. Ben somebody. What is it?

FEMALE:  Carson.

GRACIE FLOYD:  Carson. That’s his name.

I don’t do names, folks. But anyway, we were going to go up there and we were going to talk to Dr. Ben Carson and we were going to come back down here with something. Well, poor Mr. Burns, he talked me out of it.

So we come up with another idea. Let’s write a grant. We found out that the CDBG grant, that’s a grant that gives folks money, different counties, to do the things with houses and community. And they did away with it for a while, but then they brought it back this year.

So I begged Mr. Burns to please give me, body and soul, Mr. Steve Newton. Steve Newton writes grants. And he did. I guess he was afraid not to. But he gave me Steve Newton. So Steve Newton and I brought a -- some people in from the district to help us, to be our eyes, ears and anything else that we needed to get this thing done.

Well, the first thing we had to do was to take it to the people. And we took it to them. They were very, very pleased. They were very pleased. They want it. They’re going to help us. But we are going to have to show something. I’m scared. I’m scared.

Because if we don’t get that grant what is poor Homeland Park going to do? A lot has been done to Homeland Park, but very little has been done for Homeland Park. Now it’s time for us to get together. I don’t care what district you live in. I’d like for you to come and help us get over this doing what we have to do for Homeland Park.

We are writing for -- I wish Steve were here tonight -- but we are writing for -- is it a three hundred thousand dollar grant? That’s what it was? Five, okay, five hundred thousand dollar grant. And council members, some of you I just love to death. You ain’t getting none of the money. It’s all going to District 2 to clean up Homeland Park and the area down there near South Fant Elementary School and may go as far up as the streets near the old Boys and Girls Club;
I think it’s Evergreen Street. We’ve got to do something. It’s not fair. It’s not fair what we have done.

Homeland Park was the end of -- the south end of Anderson County one time. They have the most wonderful people that you want to meet. Real down to earth, honest people that you want to meet. But what can they do?

My apology to them is that I did not know, I did not know that I had seventy-seven. Nobody told me that. Nobody. But I found out. We’ve started -- we’re about ready to go from neighborhood to neighborhood now to look at the houses to see just what has to be done. We have a demolition project, a process, in Anderson County. But out of seven districts, and each of us have a total of about twenty-two to twenty-four thousand people in each district.

I’m only going to get two houses torn down unless you let me have yours. I didn’t think so. But we’re going to get two or three houses torn down off of that demolition project. We need the money.

So when it’s time for you to write letters for us to get this grant, please don’t hesitate. Nobody’s going to hurt you. Nobody’s going to take what you have. All we need is your voice when we get ready to write that letter to say this is a highly, highly needed area.

The young lady asked a question a few minutes ago. You will soon find out that it’s related to this project that I’m going to do. All right.

But my name is Gracie Floyd and that’s my story and I’m going to stick to it. We’re going to do this.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

Moving on to item number 6, Mr. Burns will give us an update on the detention center. I think he’s got some -- I think Ms. Casey is going to give us some, too.

RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, we have put together our detention report -- detention center report. It’s an offshoot of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. We have been studying extensively -- the major and the warden are handing out copies to each member of council. You have already received a preview in your boxes sometime ago. And we’re going to begin with, with council’s permission, to let Ms. Casey Collins go through that briefly.

TOMMY DUNN: Go ahead. Thank you, Mr. Burns.

CASEY COLLINS: Thank you, council. Thank
you, Mr. Burns. You guys just received phase two of a
two-phase facility development process as outlined by
the National Institute of Corrections. The contents of
this document analyze trends within the criminal
justice system that are intended to direct facility
planning. Data follows the National Institute of
Corrections, observing some metrics like average daily
population, average length of stay, classification, and
accounts for peak populations.

As you move through the packet you will notice four
very distinct population models; actual, low, moderate
and high. This data was gleaned from the 2010 census
data and preliminarily provided and reviewed by both
the County Planning and Government Affairs Divisions.
Based on these projection models, the Anderson County
Detention Center would need to house max rated
capacity, depending on which project you look at,
anywhere between seven hundred to eleven hundred beds.
That projection takes this facility into the year 2027.
And please keep in mind our goal is to be at
operational capacity, not rated capacity. So those
numbers would bring us to between five sixty and eight
eighty operationally.

Please note that these numbers are reflective of
current laws, charging practices and our current rated
capacity at the time. Since the needs assessment was
complete, the South Carolina Department of Corrections
lowered our rated capacity in the current detention
center from two fifty-seven to two forty-five, which
brings our operational capacity to a hundred and
ninety-six individuals.

Today we had four hundred thirty, which puts us at
a rated capacity of a hundred seventy-five percent and
operational capacity of two hundred nineteen percent.

A feasibility study which Mr. Burns is going to
provide an overview for consideration would move us
into phase three, four and five, which would address
site and financing options, as well as design and
implementation planning. This would incorporate
architects, technical assistance and subject matter
experts to help guide through the planning and
development process for your consideration.

Thank you.

RUSTY BURNS: Thank you, Casey. And with
that, Mr. Dunn, I believe every member of council has
expressed this desire that it is now time to do
something about the jail. And the first step that we
would request from council is that we would be allowed
to do a feasibility study.

Staff has done a great deal of background work on
this and we’ve had numbers from one hundred twenty
million dollars to build a jail to twenty million
dollars to build a jail. We have had people talk about
this type of construction, that type of construction.
There are a lot of variables out there. And in order
for us to make a concrete decision to give council the
information they need, we would request this
feasibility study which we believe we could get for
thirty thousand dollars with a qualified architect who
has a background in building jails and prisons. That
would be the first step.

Also, almost simultaneously we would request
permission to go do a request for qualifications for
people who are able to do this type of work. But first
we need to know exactly how many beds we have. There
are a lot of new concepts in prison construction these
days; double-bunking, things like that. But this
request is tonight only for the feasibility study and
the request for us to do a request for qualifications
with firms who could possibly do this type work.

All of these decisions will come back before
council. All of this information will come back before
council. But I believe every council member has said,
we’re at a critical phase to put any more lipstick on
that pig. We can’t do anything else. Everything is
wearing out. We’re at a hundred and seventy-five
percent capacity. And so we’re in crisis conditions.

And so I’m open for questions, Mr. Chairman.

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: What would it cost to do a
feasibility study and how long would it take?

RUSTY BURNS: I think it would take three
months. I think we would have it before January 1st,
Ms. Wilson. And I think that we could get it between
twenty and thirty thousand dollars from a qualified
person who builds jails for a living.

CINDY WILSON: And then that would be part
of sending out requests for qualifications?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair? Mr. Burns?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: What happened to the last
one that we did.

RUSTY BURNS: There was one done, and I
believe that was done eleven years ago, if I’m not
mistaken; eleven or twelve years ago on the jail study.
I believe they paid twenty-five thousand dollars for
that study at that time. And I believe the price --
the major can may help me remember, but I believe the
price tag on that jail was a hundred million dollars.

Through our research that we’ve looked at, talking
to various firms, looking at different prisons, new
prisons that have been recently constructed in South
Carolina and in our neighboring counties and in Georgia
and surrounding areas, we believe that we’re possibly
looking somewhere between thirty and forty million to
build the type of facility that would serve the needs
for Anderson County into the foreseeable future.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. When the study was
done years ago, attempts were made to go out and find
the people that could do it. I remember going down to
the Association of Counties meeting and we talked to
people there, people who actually build jails, and they
looked over the one that we had. And it was accepted.
We didn’t do a bid or anything, but we had a company
that was very interested in it. And I don’t think it
was a hundred thousand dollars -- a hundred million
dollars, you said, it wasn’t that much.

But my concern is this: we pay twenty-five -- how
much did you say? Twenty-five thousand?

RUSTY BURNS: Between twenty to thirty,
Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Twenty to thirty
thousand dollars to have the feasibility -- here we are
getting ready to do nothing, the same thing we did with
the first one that we had. There were people at the
time that thought -- okay, there were people at the
time that thought that we didn’t need a bigger jail.
They had some things that they were planning on doing
and they tried this and they were going to get the
Courts to stop sending so many people to jail. You
remember that one?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And we were going to cut
down the population. Didn’t work. And now here I’m
sitting -- I’m here now getting ready to sit through
another one; feasibility study.

Okay. So just answer this for me. The feasibility
study back then would not suit for this time?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. Because
construction costs have increased dramatically.
Corrections law has changed drastically. We have also
become more aware that a lot of the population in our
local detention center suffers from mental illness. We
are also embarking on and have already done some
successful re-entries into society to try to break that
vicious cycle. So prison, jail, detention center,
whatever you call it, would take into consideration all of these advances in that field up to this point.

CASEY COLLINS: And Mr. Burns, if I may ---

GRACIE FLOYD: We have done a good job and what we’ve had to work with all of this time, for this long time of -- long time. But we don’t need another do-nothing project that we have to pay a whole lot of money for again. We wasted the twenty-five, thirty thousand that we spent the last time. We can’t afford to keep doing that.

RUSTY BURNS: And I would agree with that, Ms. Floyd. But also in that request that I just made after that, as part and parcel of this, we would request qualifications. The qualifications would be people who have designed jails, know how to design jails, and to also -- how to construct jails, who have a track record in this line of work.

So this is not another stopgap measure. This is not something just to do this to humor people. We’re at the critical point where Anderson County has to build a new detention facility or somebody else is going to come into Anderson County and build it for us and give the taxpayers a bill ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Isn’t that the feds ---

RUSTY BURNS: --- which is going to be a lot more.

GRACIE FLOYD: Isn’t that the feds who said they would come in and build us a jail?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. No.

GRACIE FLOYD: It wasn’t the feds? Who was it?

RUSTY BURNS: Nobody is going to come build us a jail.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, no, it was said years ago that if we didn’t build it somebody else was going to build it, but we were going to have a new jail. And how we got along this far I do not know.

RUSTY BURNS: I do not know either, but it’s a compliment to the staff that we have out at our detention center. Those people risks their lives every day, the men and women who work out there. They’re actually -- if you haven’t toured the jail or if there are any citizens groups that would like to tour the jail, we would be more than happy to arrange that. But we’re at a crisis point. This is not going to get better.

And it would be our suggestion we do the feasibility study knowing full well that this is not something to wave around and say, look, we’re doing
something. Because if you stop there nothing is going
to change. Somebody is going to come in here and tell
us to build a jail. They’re going to tell us how to
build the jail. And we will have no control over that.
The only thing we will be able to do is pay for it and
say, thank you very much.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But what I’m saying
it’s fine, but this time we can’t get back that thirty
million dollars -- thirty thousand? Thirty thousand
dollars that we spent doing this. We can’t keep having
these projects and paying for the project and not do
the project. We’ve done that a lot. But it’s got to stop now. It’s got to stop.

RUSTY BURNS: Tonight.

GRACIE FLOYD: Tonight, yes. Thank you,
Ms. Collins.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Collins has something
she wants to add.

CASEY COLLINS: I’m sorry. Point of
clarification major pointed out, as he does daily, I
made a mistake. These projections are through 2070, a
fifty year project; not 2027. Excuse me. I misspoke.

And Ms. Floyd, if you reference the last page of
your needs assessment, it does make mention of the
feasibility study that was done in 2007. A note there
is that based on those numbers that they did at the
time, eleven years later we would already be
overcrowded.

So this needs assessment did multiple population
projections for your consideration to avoid running
into that same situation eleven years from now.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, your point is well
accepted. But we just got this a few minutes ago. We
had no time to look at it.

Secondly, 2090, what we’re planning today may, as
well, be obsolete.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: The study that you guys are
talking about before in the past was a ten or eleven
year old study.


BRETT SANDERS: And for that twenty to
thirty thousand dollars it actually bought the county
eleven years without having to spend thirty million
dollars? This thirty thousand that we’re talking about
now, we’ve already had people come in and tell us we’re
at a critical state to where we have to do something
now. And I wasn’t on council then, but if I could
spend twenty thousand dollars to buy another ten years,
I think that was an investment well made. Now that the federal has come in and inspected and the safety of our officers and our personnel, we’re at a point now to where we’re going to have to do something. I would support moving forward with such a study.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Thank you, Casey and Major Vaughn. This is eye-opening information that we’ve had. We’ve had some of this and we’ve had some discussions as I came on council this year and there’s no doubt that we are in critical need in this county as we are growing at the rate we’re (end of audio) have a detention center to match our needs.

It is my opinion that thirty thousand dollars is a drop in the bucket in light of a possible lawsuit that we could face by not having the appropriate facilities for a county with the growth potential as Anderson County. I represent one of the fastest unincorporated areas in the state, a little place called Powdersville. We’re growing rapidly up there. And so the county is experiencing great growth. We’ve got great new employment opportunities that we see every month thanks to the economic development folks, Mr. Nelson and his staff, that we’re seeing this great growth. And with that comes some bad things.

So we’ve got to make sure that we’re building the appropriate detention center. I don’t want to call it a prison because it’s not a prison. It’s a detention center. It’s a jail. And most of the people there are awaiting trial. So we have got to do something to protect our inmates. They have a right, by the law of the land, that they have a right to be protected. And we have to make sure that we have a protection for the mentally ill patients and protection for juveniles. And we’ve got to make sure that we do this right. And I think thirty thousand dollars is a mere drop in the bucket in light of the possible lawsuit which we could be facing down the road. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CINDY WILSON: May I, Mr. Chairman?

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson and then Mr. Graham.

CINDY WILSON: The formation of a Criminal Coordinating Council provided a more comprehensive analysis of the whole situation from recidivism to the Court factor. I mean every factor, it gave this county the benefit of a more deep study of what we actually need and how to go about it. I will certainly support a feasibility study to nail it down closer. So thank y’all very much for your hard work.
TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

You know, looking at this, and some of this is kind of going back on what some of the other council members has stated. But Ms. Collins, Major Vaughn, Director Mattison, Sheriff McBride, you guys have moved us so far in this process right here. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, I mean we are so far ahead with this versus where we were two years ago, four years ago, ten years ago. Prime example with the other feasibility study. You know, the money we’re talking about here is a small investment when you’re looking at spending the money that we’re fixing to have to spend. And note I did say have to, because it is something that we have got to address as a council and as the citizens of Anderson County.

You know, not only do we have to look at the liability of our officers who works in these conditions, and I would encourage each and every one of you guys to take that time, go out there and tour the facility. It’s not something we’re proud of. By no means, it is not something we’re proud of. But you will see the needs that is there. The needs where these guys is working in that condition every single day. And not only is our officers liability at stake, but we’ve also got the inmates out there. Well, those inmates has family. A lot of them lives right here in Anderson County. Who, guess what? They’re also citizens of Anderson County. We’ve got to address this issue. The liability in itself is unreal. And it far exceeds thirty thousand dollars, by far. By far. But I mean if you look at some of the issues we have out there, you’ll see right quick that we do need to address this.

The feasibility study, what that does is it polices this process because we’re not going to -- I’m going to pick on Major Vaughn. We go way back. We’re not going to build a jail that fits his needs. We’ve not going to build a jail that fits the sheriff’s needs or the council’s needs. We’re building a jail that fits Anderson County’s needs.

This feasibility study is an assessment of what is our needs. Again, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, they have done studies on what works in detention facilities. What can we offer to prevent that same individual that has been going through that door, that rotating door, day in and day out? And I hear all the time, well the judge lets them out too quick or they stay in there too long. Well, you’re not going to please everybody. But at the end of the day
what we need to do is fix the problem. Is it drugs?
Is it alcohol? Is it some type of addiction? Well, that’s what these programs that the Criminal Justice Committee has identified is going to address. And hopefully the unfortunate luck that some of these families here in Anderson County has had with one of their loved one taking that path going down the wrong road, hopefully through some of these programs it’s going to correct that path. And all of a sudden a year down the road instead of being in jail they’re going to be out and be productive in the community. They’re going to be giving back. They’re going to change that path. They’re going to break that cycle.

Thirty thousand dollars is a drop in the bucket for what we’re investing here. And it’s the citizens’ money. I’m not paying for the jail. We’re going to pay for the jail; every single one of us. And it’s something we’ve got to do.

Again, I would encourage each and every one of you, contact Major Vaughn, Director Mattison, the sheriff. I assure you it’s not that they’re proud of it, but they want you to go out there and see that facility because they know the needs. They’ve been working in it every day.

I definitely appreciate the fellow council members. I know this is something everybody feels like we need to do. And I look forward to this moving forward. And thank you guys for all y’all’s hard work with this.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, do we need a motion on the floor to fund this? May I make a motion that we fund a feasibility study appropriate for the need here? And would that come out of the contingency fund or where would we pull the funds for that?

TOMMY DUNN: Professional Services?
RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I second that.

TOMMY DUNN: If you would, Ms. Wilson, if you don’t mind, I think it would be a best to do a caveat and put a cap on that thirty thousand; not to exceed thirty thousand.

CINDY WILSON: What now?
TOMMY DUNN: Not to exceed thirty thousand.
CINDY WILSON: Okay. May I make the motion that we fund a feasibility study appropriate to this need, not to exceed thirty thousand dollars.
RAY GRAHAM: Second that.
TOMMY DUNN: Now any more discussion?
Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. I, too, will
vote for this. I will. But I cannot vote for this for
the second time just to have the money gone and getting
nothing done. That is my point. If we’re going -- it
was a small investment back then, as well. You’re
saying how it was a small investment, I don’t mind
paying thirty -- it was a small investment then.
Nothing happened. At the time we did it, it would have
been a good time, as well as now. The liability that
we have now, we had it then, but it’s just that it’s
gotten bigger this time because we didn’t do.
All I’m saying is this is not new. We have been
here before. And those two men over there are doing a
fantastic job. I’ve been there several times. I’ve
been there. And I’ve had one of the guys in my home
talking to me about the situation out there, telling me
what’s going on out there. I mean, you can’t go any
further than that.
The only thing I’m saying, if we’re going to go do
this a second time, let’s not put a third time on the
people. Let’s go ahead and do it this time; okay?
And there was one more thing. Guys out there, I’m
not going to thank you for the hard job that you’re
doing. That’s why we pay you the big bucks. Okay.
TOMMY DUNN:  I just want to say I wasn’t
around in 2007 when this happened.
GRACIE FLOYD:  I was.
TOMMY DUNN:  So I don’t know why it
wasn’t. I wish it would have been solved. We wouldn’t
be doing this now. We are.
First of all, I want to thank Casey, the Criminal
Justice Coordinating Committee for what all y’all have
done, council, to get us to this point. I think it’s
great. It’s not something we’re looking forward to
quitting, even if we had a new jail today, that’s
something that council will keep going. Appreciate the
hard work y’all have done and everybody. I want to
thank Major Vaughn and Director Mattison for their fine
job and working and all y’all’s staff.
My concern is not just the jail; it’s the people
that has to work out there, for their safety. At this
time we know -- we’re not throwing money. If you’re
going to spend thirty, forty million dollars, you need
to know what you’re doing. I don’t know how to build a
jail. That’s what this feasibility study is going to
be about; about helping; not no ten years ago.
And again, my hat is off to y’all for the job y’all
are doing in this. And I think this will get us in the
right direction. And Ms. Wilson’s thing and Mr. Burns’
thing was to start the process simultaneously about
requests for qualifications, to get this and see where
we’re at and get the funding and get this started. You
know, even once you pick somebody to design a jail,
it’s going to take a few months. This is a process.
This is a big step that we’re going to do and we’ve got
to do it. And I want to commend the sheriff for
putting the staff together you put out there at the
jail, Sheriff, and doing this and keeping this. I know
we’ve got it and I know the first meeting Ms. Collins
had when the federal people was here and I won’t never
forget what they said, you can build a jail for a
thousand people and you’ll fill it up. There’s more to
this. Y’all have been working on that and I appreciate
what all y’all have done.

And I think for ones that’s interested, there will
be some trips lining up to go look at some other
facilities. Council is more than welcome to go.
All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed
like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Again, thank y’all.

CASEY COLLINS: Thank you for council and
administration support.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item
number 7(a), third reading, 2019-040, an ordinance (1)
authorizing pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Laws of
South Carolina 1976, as amended, including sections 4-
1-170, 4-1-175 and 4-29-68 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, Strategy Plastics, LLC and certain related or
affiliated entities, including CJG US Properties LLC
(formerly identified by 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. And again,
this is Project Swan.

Do we have a motion on the floor to move this
forward? I’m sorry. Looking at the wrong paper here.
This will be a public -- Mr. Nelson, if you will, will
you just speak to this before we go into a public
hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: Certainly, Mr. Chairman,
members of council. Appreciate this opportunity. Last
week we had a press release announcing Strategy
Plastics which is Project Swan, creating a hundred
jobs, investing 4.2 million dollars in capital
investment. Project Swan has an annual payroll of 3.2
million dollars and going into the Williamston
Community over on Highway 29. Great opportunity for
growth for that community and well placed and certainly
needed in that particular area. But it produces in
projected taxes for that property next year, 2020, will
be forty-one thousand seven hundred twelve dollars,
where taxes in 2018 that were paid were nineteen
day thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars. And
this comes to council as a recommendation from staff,
as well as from the Economic Development Advisory
Board.

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

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make
the motion that we pass this tonight.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Ms. Wilson
to move forward on third reading. Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now
discussion.

CINDY WILSON: Very quickly to point out
that the folks around Williamston, especially the mayor
and the council, are very, very encouraged by this
development. It’s at their front door and with all the
Highway 29 projects to improve that roadway and raise
the bridges, it’s a very exciting project. Thank you.

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

Moving on to 7(b), 2019-041, an ordinance to amend
an agreement for the development of a Joint County
Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) of Anderson
and Greenville County so as to enlarge the park to
include certain property owned by CJG US Properties,
LLC. This is to put Project Swan, the one we just
voted for, into that.

Mr. Nelson, you got anything you want to add to
that before we go into public hearing?

BURRISS NELSON: No, sir. It’s the same
project. It’s just a contingency ordinance that goes
along with the same project. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: We do this where they can
get a tax benefit ---

BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, sir; yes, sir.
The Multi-County Park Agreement allows them to get
additional benefits, state benefits, and gets their
corporate income tax right. And so it gives them the
opportunity to garner those benefits in that process.
TOMMY DUNN: Be a public hearing.

Anyone wishing to speak to this matter, please 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 move this forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

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

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Davis. Mr. Sanders. Disguising his voice there. 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(c), third reading, 2019-050, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 49.44 acres on Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to R-A residential agriculture, tax map number is 066-011-017 and 66-00-11-005. This is in District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.

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

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, is this the same thing that we had the families here -- it’s not the same one?

TOMMY DUNN: Their family has been here, but it’s just one family up behind ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, but I’m wondering is this ---

TOMMY DUNN: This ain’t the one about the rezoning for business park up on 187 south with the families, the bunch of people ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. That ain’t come back to us yet.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: This particular thing I think has got three pieces of property. We’ll be talking about this same family. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. How you voting, Ms. Floyd?

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry.

TOMMY DUNN: He bothering you? I know. I know. Shove one of them cakes if he gets to talking too much.

GRACIE FLOYD: I’m sorry. The mistake is
TOMMY DUNN: Unanimous?
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, uh-huh (affirmative).
TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 7(d), 2019-051, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus 5.72 acres at 1150 Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to residential agriculture, tax map number 066-00-11-020. Do we have a motion? Again this is the same family in District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.
BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Sanders. Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to item number 2019-052, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus five acres at 1140 Garrison Road from R-20 single family residential to R-A which is residential agriculture, again tax map number 066-00-11-021, District 4. Do we have a motion to move this forward?
BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; 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 now to Item number 8(a), ordinance second reading, 2019-054, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances so as to add Section 2-613 regarding a policy related to minority businesses in the procurement process and other matters related thereto.
Mr. Burns.
RUSTY BURNS: Mr. Chairman, this is something that we already do in our bid process, but we want to put it in our county ordinance codification to make sure it’s clear and unambiguous. And it is also one of the requirements that we need to have reaffirmed in terms of grants and procurement and anything that we do in business in this county.
TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to move this forward?
CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson; second Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yep.

TOMMY DUNN: Any discussion?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I would say from my point of view, I had a constituent from District 1 who asked for clarification. She might have already left, but it’s basically a statement that says to promote free competition and equal opportunity, Anderson County is committed to assisting small minority-owned and women-owned businesses in becoming active vendors of the county. So it’s a direct statement that just says we support this. And it’s overtly out there. So that’s the gist of it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair?

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. The problem was that we’re trying to write this grant to get this money to do the houses that I was telling you about. But we’re working with the feds and tax money. So we have, in everything that’s done, it has to be -- this statement has to appear somewhere. It appears on all of our applications that we do. It appears -- there you are. It appears on all our applications we do. It appears in all our books. But it does not appear anywhere in the, in the articles in our procurement -- in our big old book, rules book. It doesn’t appear there. I never knew that. And I thank the federal government for pointing it out to us, that it’s got to be done before we can do anything else in Anderson County. We have to be inclusive to everybody. And this statement makes it inclusive in our book, in our rule books, and on everything else that we do. That’s all that is; okay? Because, I too, when I saw it I went straight to Mr. Burns. Okay? And he got it straightened out for me. But that’s what it’s for. It was caught in time before we did this big grant. Do you understand? I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Ms. Floyd, I’ve just got to ask. A vote for this maybe get us a smidgen of that for ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Who? For y’all? No. I told Mr. Burns already, guys, -- listen to me carefully -- I won’t use that H-E-L-L word, but I’ll use heck. Heck has no fury than it would be if you touch a dime of that money if I get it. Uh-uh (negative).

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion on the floor. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously.

Moving on now to item number 9(a), ordinance first reading, be 2019-053, ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone plus or minus one acre at 5351 Copeland Road from R-A residential agriculture to C-1R which is residential -- I’m sorry -- which is rural commercial, tax map number 222-00-14-006. This is in District 7.

Before we go into a public hearing I’d like to ask Dr. Parkey if he’d talk on this and then we’ll have the public hearing. Dr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, this rezoning request is on Copeland Road to change the zoning from R-A, which is our residential agriculture classification, to C-1R which is our rural commercial classification, for the purposes of having a vineyard and winery on two acres of the property, is what was requested at the Planning Commission meeting on October 8th.

I also want to point out here that a special exception will also be required from the Board of Zoning Appeals if the rezoning is approved.

The staff recommended approval of the request and the Planning Commission, in their October the 8th meeting, voted three to three, with one abstention and so that does not end up being a recommendation for approval of this request.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Dr. Parkey, did I misspoke or do we need to amend this before we -- is it two acres or one acre? I’ve got plus or minus one acre. Is that going to cover it, Leon, Mr. Harmon, if we need to do something?

LEON HARMON: We probably should amend it. I think what happened at the -- it was initially presented to the staff as a one-acre rezoning. Some survey work was done on the property. The owners realized they needed about two acres to be able to put the facility they wanted to put there. So I think we do need to amend it to say two acres.

CINDY WILSON: And that’s out of eighteen acres.

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

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I make the motion that we amend the application request to two
acres. And I have some information if I get a second
to move forward with it.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a second.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Wooten.

Ms. Wilson.
CINDY WILSON: There was confusion over
this situation. This is a very delicate area over
there. I don’t know if you remember years ago there
were rezonings that were kind of bait and switch deals
that damaged the neighborhood. This is a really good
prospective property project, but people were concerned
that they were going to be exposed to some negative
impacts.

Meanwhile what we learned is that the property
itself is under covenants and restrictions. And if you
look in your backup information that you got this week,
there’s been a variance signed by the two adjoining
neighbors who are affected by this who are part of the
properties that are under covenants and restrictions,
and they -- the original restrictions were used for
residential and/or agricultural purposes and no mobile
homes or junkyards. But if you’ll see, the neighbors
who were very active in the zoning process in that
community have both agreed to allow the use for a
vineyard, wine tasting and wedding venue.

And if there are any other concerns, I will be
talking with the three or four people who were
expressing concerns. And I would request that we pass
this tonight. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All
in favor of Ms. Wilson’s motion show of hands. Wait a
minute, you got a question? Go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: (Mic cutting out) what
we’re getting ready to vote on?
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. What was she talking
about?

TOMMY DUNN: Talking about that certain
piece of property has already got restrictions on it,
what it can do and what it can’t do.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.
TOMMY DUNN: So that’s going to protect
the neighbors there. Like nobody couldn’t go in there,
even if we rezone this, couldn’t nobody go in there and
put a junkyard.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But that’s not
written in the ---

TOMMY DUNN: It’s written in their deed,
GRACIE FLOYD: The covenants?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. But that won’t affect what we’re voting on now because it’ll be too late to change --
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay.
CINDY WILSON: Actually it enhances it.

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

Moving on now to item number 9(b), an ordinance proposing prohibition on certain motor vehicle traffic on Sullivan Road. I put that in the form of a motion.

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Where is Sullivan Road?
TOMMY DUNN: It’s right off Dixon Road, runs between Dixon Road and Highway 28. That’s where ---

GRACIE FLOYD: Whose district is that?
TOMMY DUNN: Mine. That’s where the -- about three weeks ago or somewhere around in there we had a bad wreck out there at the sheriff’s department right there on 28 Bypass.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, I just needed who district and if you agree; it’s in your district.
TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to 9(c), 2019-056, 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, various Greenville County projects. Mr. Nelson, would you like to speak to this?

BURRISS NELSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you, member of council. This is what we do many times over in the past adding projects from Greenville County into the Anderson County Park and us putting, placing projects that are in Anderson County into the Greenville Park, sharing with the multi-county park agreement. This is a first for us, however, to -- and I wish we could do this every time -- to put multiple projects in at one time. All of the first six are Greenville County projects that have already announced and are in place. And if you’ll notice, the last four are actually the same project. They’re all solar farm
opportunities. And the first three -- the first two are business park projects much like we did with VanTrust and with the other project that we’re working on that we haven’t finished announcing yet. But anyway, the only one that’s industrial there is Accurate Brazing Corporation, Project Charm, and then for us the Anderson County projects are the VanTrust property, the Anderson Industrial COI, Center of Investment -- it’s just an acronym they use within their business -- but Anderson Industrial LLC is VanTrust and then the Blue Bird Solar Project, which we finished up weeks ago, as well as the Anderson Solar Farm, which we just discussed with -- which we’ll discuss next in the Intergovernmental Agreement. But that’s part of Project Tarpan that we finished about three months ago.

So this comes to council as a recommendation from staff and from the Economic Advisory Board and is merely the opportunity to put these in the park to give each one of these additional state incentive opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: So moved.

CINDY WILSON: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Davis; 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 10(a), R2019-050, a resolution to express the intention of Anderson County Council of Anderson County -- County Council of Anderson County to cause Anderson County, South Carolina to be reimbursed with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations in connection with a lease-purchase transaction. What this is is this pertains to our -- we had a special meeting on last week about our computer program, paying for it on this bond. Mr. Harmon, you got anything else you want to add to that?

LEON HARMON: No. It’s a typical lease-purchase arrangement whereby we would do a lease purchase much like we did on vehicles a year or so ago and then --

TOMMY DUNN: This is about the computer program we talked about in that meeting?

LEON HARMON: That’s correct. This would be strictly for the computer programs that we talked about last meeting.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to put this on the floor for discussion? Motion Ms. Wilson.
Brett Sanders: Second.
Tommy Dunn: Second Mr. Sanders. Ms. Floyd, you got any discussion?
Gracie Floyd: Yes, I do.
Tommy Dunn: Go ahead.
Gracie Floyd: Mr. Chairman, please, somebody please, the way this thing is worded, I didn’t even know what it is, and I was at the meeting and understood it perfectly. But the way this thing is worded, we need to explain this in layman’s terms.
Tommy Dunn: Can you do that, Mr. Harmon?
Rita Davis: Yes, ma’am. What this does basically is if we have to spend money we pay Central Squares, our vendor that won the bid for our public safety and our public administration software, if we have to pay them money in advance of a lease-purchase being let, then we can get reimbursed. We can get our money back. That is all that this does. In an abundance of caution we are asking council to approve this. That’s all it does, Ms. Floyd; we get our money back.
Gracie Floyd: Well, I understand it. But Mr. Harmon, did you write this?
Leon Harmon: No, ma’am. Our bond attorney wrote this.
Gracie Floyd: Well, we need to talk to him; okay? Because when I read it when I got my book, I didn’t know what they were talking about. But I understand it so clearly when we were in a meeting. But I thank you, Mr. Chair.
Tommy Dunn: Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
Moving on to item number 10(b), R2019-051, a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Anderson County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. This is Project Tarpan.
Burriess Nelson: Mr. Chairman, thank you, members of council. Project Tarpan, a solar project that we passed and the new council members passed about three months ago. Project Tarpan actually had three sites within it. One of those was the site at the Anderson -- former Anderson Country Club property. And that falls inside the city limits. And the city has requested this Intergovernmental Agreement so that there’s language within the document that that particular site, the property tax dollars that proceed
off of that for that fee stream, those will be
allocated proportionally to every one of the taxing
entities, which includes the city and the schools,
which is what we normally do. That’s the standard
process we normally have. But the city had requested
this additional language and the ordinance allows it to
be added to the ordinance by resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have any
more discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Since this is my district,
okay, since this is my district I’d like to go over
this thing again.

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am. This ---

GRACIE FLOYD: No, Mr. Burriess, I want to
do it.

BURRISS NELSON: Oh, okay. I’m sorry.

GRACIE FLOYD: I want to do it because I
want to make sure because you know the city -- well,
just let me do it; okay? If you don’t mind I’m going
to pair it to what you say to make sure that I
understand this for my district; okay?

Now, what you’re saying is three months ago we all
got together and we talked about this power thing that
they want to put out there at the old golf course. It
was called Anderson what? Old country club; okay.
They’re going to put some power thing out there. Okay.
Now, the thing is this, the city is going to get some
money back, but we’re going to split the money that
they’re going to get back; am I right?

BURRISS NELSON: Well, there’s one pot of
money and they’re going to get a slice of that money,
which was the standard way we -- if there’s a city
project and the county is involved in it, just like the
schools get their proportional amount, everybody gets
their fair share, their slice of the pie ---

GRACIE FLOYD: We’re going to get a
slice, too?

BURRISS NELSON: Oh, yes, ma’am. Yes,
ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That’s my point
right there. We’re going to get a slice of it, too.

BURRISS NELSON: That’s correct.

GRACIE FLOYD: And that’s all they’re
going to do. Now, we’re going to sign this
Intergovernmental Agreement that we’re okay with this.

But we will get the money; right?

BURRISS NELSON: Yes, ma’am.
1 GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.
2 TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
3 BURRISS NELSON: Thank you for your support.
4 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you and your team. Thank you very much.
5 Moving on to item number 11, road acceptances into the county. This will be in Mr. Davis’s district and I think it’s all in Hunts Meadows Phase II Subdivision, be South Harvest Moon Way, McBride Drive and Heirloom Court.
6 JIMMY DAVIS: Mr. Chair, can I make this motion for all three at one time?
7 TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.
8 JIMMY DAVIS: I would like to make a motion that we accept all three roads, South Harvest Moon Way, McBride Drive and Heirloom Court into the Anderson County inventory of roads and bridges.
9 BRETT SANDERS: Second.
10 TOMMY DUNN: After meeting all of our requirements? We have a second by Mr. Sanders; motion made by Mr. Davis. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
11 I want to ask y’all. It don’t matter to me. Mr. Wooten’s got a little bit on this agenda. Do y’all want to take a break before we go into this? We’ll take about a five minute break.
12 BREAK
13 TOMMY DUNN: Back into session now. Going to be moving on now to the report from the Finance Committee; Chairman Wooten. Chairman Wooten.
14 CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15 This is a report from the Finance Committee held on Monday, November 4, 2019. The first line item was to accept a bid for a web design for the county. This was a bid to overhaul the county website and to integrate and make all the things that work available.
16 We had sent out for a number of bids, but the winning one that came back was a group called Design Sensory for about twenty-nine thousand four hundred ninety dollars as an initial cost, with a twenty-four hundred dollar a year maintenance. This is a larger company than we’ve used in the past. And one of the things, they had notable examples of past work was the Department of Commerce, Clemson University, Bristol Motor Speedway, Tennessee Economic Development and the Biltmore Estates. So with that kind of past work we
feel confident in their ability to perform. And as always, we put them through the procurement process and made sure that we were selecting someone who had the ability to perform and that they were doing it at a price that was good for the taxpayer.

So I’d like to put forth in the form of a motion that coming as a recommendation from the Finance Committee that we accept this bid price.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of the web page show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The second amount was ATAX recommendations from staff. And this is accommodation tax funding that we receive from the county each year. And what happens is different groups, non-profit groups, can make applications to receive money from this. And this is money that comes in when people stay at hotels in Anderson. So if somebody stays at a hotel in Anderson, they’re probably from out of town and there’s a little bit extra on their bill. Well, that goes into a pot of money that then can be spent on recreation items in the county. So non-profit groups make an application and then our staff looks at it and says does it meet certain requirements and are they a good group in good standing? And then we have an ATAX committee of people who look at it and make recommendations also.

So these recommendations came forward as a group for council approval, but then they also -- we also had some adjustments that council wanted to make based on different priorities we knew in our districts. So just as a point of, I guess, clarification, shall I put forth a motion that we accept as is and then we make the adjustments or do we allow the adjustments ---

TOMMY DUNN: Make a motion as is ---

CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.

TOMMY DUNN: --- and then there will be the adjustments.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, may I?

Item number 51 on page 13, I serve on that board. This was originally a county council initiative and I provide funds -- personal funds and volunteer time. But it wouldn’t look right so I ---

TOMMY DUNN: I was going to say ---

CINDY WILSON: If we could separate that one out.

TOMMY DUNN: --- if you would, pull that out and do that separate. That way Ms. Wilson has
already recused -- has a form here to recuse herself.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay.
TOMMY DUNN: And we’ve done that in the past for other council members.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Okay. Well then with the removal of item 51, I’ll make a motion to move ahead with the requests/recommendations from the ATAX Committee.
BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?
TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion from the Finance Committee pulling 51 out. Coming from Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. Mr. Sanders. I open up for discussion and Mr. Sanders asked for the floor.
BRETT SANDERS: Well, I was going to make a motion to exclude the Upstate Equine Council, but Councilman Wooten has already done that. That’s fine. I’m fine then.
TOMMY DUNN: All right. Any more discussion? Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. I, too, Mr. Wooten just said something about -- now, I know there was some changes made at the meeting and I know there was concern because others didn’t think they got as much as they should have. So are we going to vote on just what we have here and do we have to vote again when they get more money?
TOMMY DUNN: We’ve got to vote again to get more money.
GRACIE FLOYD: When they get more money?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Because I know that some of them will be getting money out of another part of this. So do we have to ---
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. That’ll have to be voted on separate.
GRACIE FLOYD: Separately; okay. Good.
And the second thing is I want to commend the committee today because this is the first time -- when I looked over this as best I could this time I didn’t see as many double dippers or triple dippers as I have seen in this thing. Usually they have people that come and get money out of the budget. They get money from this, and then you can see them up here getting money from the recreational fund that we have. And I always thought that was too much; too much I call it triple dipping. But I didn’t see as much of that. I only saw one entity like that. But it wasn’t a whole lot.
Smile Mr. Burriss. But anyway, maybe next year we won’t see as much as them -- as they? As they. But
that’s all I wanted to say.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

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

Chairman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The third item ---

BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to ---

TOMMY DUNN: Excuse me.

BRETT SANDERS: I’d like to make a motion
to approve the ATAX recommendations as submitted by the
Advisory Committee and staff recommended by the Finance
Committee, by giving two thousand to the Upstate Equine
Council from the accommodations tax.

GRACIE FLOYD: What?

TOMMY DUNN: Put that -- that’s what
we’ve been talking about.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

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

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: That’s coming -- his
motion is to take two thousand dollars out of
accommodations tax to give to ---

BRETT SANDERS: Upstate Equine.

GRACIE FLOYD: But where are we taking it
from?

TOMMY DUNN: Accommodations. Not ATAX,
accommodations.

GRACIE FLOYD: Oh, yeah. How can we do
that, take it from the ---

BRETT SANDERS: Take it from
accommodations.

GRACIE FLOYD: How much is in that
accommodations ...

BRETT SANDERS: I’m not sure. They
requested two thousand actually to help balance the
ATAx stuff, take money from one and do to the other.

GRACIE FLOYD: But why?

BRETT SANDERS: Because they actually got
cut more than ---

GRACIE FLOYD: A whole lot of them did,
so are we going to ---

BRETT SANDERS: But not at that
percentage. And you’re welcome to ---

TOMMY DUNN: If we could just for a
minute let Mr. Burns see if we can get something ---

RUSTY BURNS: Council is looking to take
the accommodations tax as recommended by the committee
as is. There were two instances which are separate
instances where two groups were cut, but they needed
that money to make themselves whole. So you have the
original recommendation which is one thing. Then you
have the second recommendation divorced from what you
just voted on for two thousand dollars and I think
you'll have another one for five thousand dollars.

   BRETT SANDERS:   For four and another one
   for five.

   RUSTY BURNS:   Another one for five,
   which would be additional accommodations tax money
   which we have.

   GRACIE FLOYD:   Okay. Well, this is just
   new because we’ve never had anything like that before.
   RUSTY BURNS:   We will be having a
   Finance Committee meeting that’s been scheduled coming
   up to request additional expenditures of accommodations
tax money coming from a separate pot, Ms. Floyd, and we
will be requesting about a hundred thousand dollars,
off the top of my head, for Broadway Lake out of this
same fund.

   GRACIE FLOYD:   When?
   RUSTY BURNS:   At the next council
   meeting.

   GRACIE FLOYD:   You’re going to give ---
   TOMMY DUNN:   No, there’s going to be a
   committee meeting ---
   RUSTY BURNS:   There will be a Finance
   Committee with a recommendation and then it will come
to full council.

   GRACIE FLOYD:   Well, this what I don’t --
   pro -- what do they say?
   RUSTY BURNS:   Quid pro quo?
   GRACIE FLOYD:   Yeah.
   RUSTY BURNS:   If it is, you’re coming
   out ahead.

   GRACIE FLOYD:   Uh-huh (affirmative). I
see what Trump feels like now. All I have to do is
vote for this and I get that other one; right? Okay.

   Thank you.
   TOMMY DUNN:   All in favor of Mr.
Sanders’ motion, show of hands. All opposed. Show the
motion carries unanimously with Ms. Wilson recusing
herself. She’s outside. She can come back in.

   BRETT SANDERS:   We need to also do -- I’d
like to put in the form of a motion before Ms. Wilson
comes back in ---

   LEON HARMON:   He’s got another one, I
think, for the Equine Council.

   TOMMY DUNN:   My apologies. Go ahead,
Mr. Sanders.
BRETT SANDERS: Yeah, I’d also like to make a motion to award the South Carolina Upstate Equine an additional three thousand out of the accommodations fee. I’d like to put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a second?

JIMMY DAVIS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Davis. Now discussion. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Again, Ms. Wilson is out of the room, recused herself. Now is that through with Ms. Wilson?

BRETT SANDERS: Ms. Wilson can come back in; yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: You’ve got one more?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. We’ll wait.

TOMMY DUNN: Okay. Go ahead.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, you know, I want to discuss it, but I don’t know what to discuss. This is the first time in twenty years and I’ve been sitting here waiting on money and all I had to do was go to the accommodations tax to get it and give it to the ATAX. Somebody say something.

RUSTY BURNS: Accommodations tax and ATAX are exactly the same thing. But by state law they are segregated into categories. The first one, the larger one that we voted on, requires us to give thirty percent of that money to qualifying organizations that request it. What we’re doing now is dipping into our accommodations tax money to flesh out these requests from those organizations. And in doing this tonight then we will also have in the next Finance Committee meeting and the next council meeting, more appropriations from that accommodations tax fund.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, Mr. Burns, thank you for explaining it.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: But Mr. Burns, I didn’t know that we get pots of this money. I never knew
that. Never knew that. I’ve been here twenty years.
I’m the longest sitting body up here. And I never knew
that.
So can we discuss the Broadway thing now in front
of people.
RUSTY BURNS: Sure we can. What we are
going to be requesting is we already have some money
for the two walls at Broadway Lake in additional to the
other work that we want to do down there, which is to
move some of those delapidated structures and things of
that nature. So we will need approximately -- we
opened the bids last week, off the top of my head, and
the bids came in. The low bid was around two hundred
twenty thousand dollars. We’re still reviewing that
bid, but we think it to be a just bid. So in order for
us to match the money that was already allocated in
last year’s budget ---
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.
RUSTY BURNS: --- we’re going to need
some additional money and we’re going to take that
money out of the accommodations tax fund to make it
reach that level.
GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Burns, I
think that we need to sit down together to discuss
this.
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So we’ll do that
tomorrow.
RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: So folks, stay tuned.
Come back next week for the same time and place to get
the results ---
JIMMY DAVIS: I won’t be here next week.
GRACIE FLOYD: Why not?
TOMMY DUNN: All in favor of Mr.
Sanders’ motion show of hands. All opposed.
Abstentions?
GRACIE FLOYD: Opposing.
TOMMY DUNN: You abstain?
GRACIE FLOYD: I abstain.
TOMMY DUNN: Show the motion carries
with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Graham, Mr.
Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor and Ms. Floyd abstains.
Mr. Chairman, moving on to number 5.
CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes, sir. We had a K9
vehicle donation to the city of Belton. This was a
vehicle that was identified by Stone internally as one
that I believe it had a hundred and ninety-three
thousand miles on it, but it was one in our fleet that
we could afford to work with the city of Belton who
needed it. They put forth which item it was, and it’s
a 2009 model, currently a hundred ninety-three thousand
miles, and comes as a recommendation from Joe Stone,
our Fleet manager. I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion coming from
the Finance Committee doesn’t need a second. Any
discussion?

RAY GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just
wanted -- I know we haven’t voted on this yet, but
definitely wanted to thank the council members for
considering this for the city of Belton, and also for
the sheriff. Hopefully in the future, Sheriff, we can
get rid of the cars from you guys with less miles so we
can help these municipalities out. But this is a big
part to these municipalities and the willingness for
everybody working together to assist them, I mean it’s
huge in their mind because they just do not have the
funding to do that. But definitely appreciate
everybody’s support.

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

Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. The next item, if
you all will permit me, I’ll put the different county
workers from selected departments in a single motion.
But before I do that we were looking for a customer as
a recommendation -- or a request from the Register of
Deeds, they’re looking for a customer service
specialist. Brian Richardson from Facilities asked for
a custodian and building maintenance technical. Greg
Smith came and asked for a solid waste truck driver.
And then Dr. Sanders had asked for a senior caretaker,
animal caretaker. In all of these instances except one
these were already existing positions that were in the
budget that just have not been filled yet. So they’re
open positions where we haven’t been paying anybody
because they’ve just been absent.

One, the custodian, is an actual new position and
that is for the TTI facility out on 28 Bypass which is
a massive facility. And we do not have, currently,
staff that can be the custodian of that facility and
also take care of the other workload around the county.
So that was a logical additional. But I wanted to make
that clarification, that all of them were existing
positions that they were requesting to fill except for
one for the custodian of TTI.

So with the permission of Council and chairman, I’d
like to put all of that together in the form of a
motion.
TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion. Again, coming from the Finance Committee it doesn’t need a second. 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. Mr. Chairman.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Ms. Rita Davis finished with a quarterly update. And this was an item that Councilman Sanders had talked with the committee about and with Ms. Davis about and this was a really good thing in the fact that it shows what our budget numbers are for the year in different departments when it comes to personnel, spending, capital requirements, and then it shows us each quarter how much we’ve spent to-date so far and what percentage of that is of the entire budget. So it allows us to line item and look, is there a department or key area that is spending money quicker than their yearly budget, and that can allow us to ask questions and figure out what’s going on.

In many cases it’s logical because departments don’t always spend money evenly every month throughout the year. They have peak times of expenses. But in seeing that breakdown, it’s very informative and allows us to make decisions. And if there are problems or if there are successes, we’re able to see them as they’re transpiring through the year and they’re not surprises at the end of the year. And I think it’ll aid in the budgeting process as we enter next spring.

After that we didn’t have any citizens comments.
And before we adjourned we agreed to shoot for a meeting, I believe it’s November 18th. It’s the Monday before the next meeting. We’re going to try to have the Finance Committee meeting at 1:00. That’s what we’re shooting for right now. We’ll have to schedule that with the Clerk to Council.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Davis, if you haven’t already done it, make sure all council members get a copy of that report, quarterly report, just for information. It’s the first one; there will be a second one; third one. That’s to help out in the budget process.

At this time do we have a -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time do we have a motion to go into executive session? This is for legal issues regarding the opium litigation thing.

BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: So moved.

BRETT SANDERS: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed. Show the motion carries unanimously.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

CINDY WILSON: May I make the motion that we come out of executive session, having received legal information regarding the opioid litigation, with no decisions voted on.

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

Moving on. Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I’d like to read Resolution number 2019-052 into the record.

This is a resolution to opt out of the nationwide class certified for negotiation purposes in a national prescription opiate litigation MDL 2804 and other matters related thereto.

WHEREAS, Anderson County (the “County”) is a plaintiff in the consolidated South Carolina state court action In re: South Carolina Opioid Litigation and is represented in that action by Harrison White, PC (South Carolina Opioid Counsel);

WHEREAS, a class has been certified under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “Class”) in the multi-district litigation In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation that is intended to encourage and facilitate negotiations between opioid defendants and Class members;

WHEREAS, the Class encompasses all cities and counties in the United States, including the County;

WHEREAS, membership in the Class allows the County to share in any approved nationwide settlement reached with the Class (an Approved Settlement) and binds the County to any such settlement;

WHEREAS, opting out of the Class foregoes the County’s right to share in an Approved Settlement and prevents the County from being bound by any such settlement;

WHEREAS, the deadline for opting out of the Class is November 22, 2019 (the Opt-Out Deadline), after which there is no guarantee that the County will be permitted to change its position relative to the class;

WHEREAS, the failure to affirmatively opt out of the class by the Opt-Out Deadline will result in the County remaining a member of the Class; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that it could choose to be a member of the Class but desires to opt out of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anderson County Council in meeting duly assembled that:

1. The County will opt out of membership in the
Class and the Council will authorize its County Attorney to sign the appropriate exclusion request form, thereby affirmatively opting out of the Class and to communicate the Council’s decision and deliver the exclusion request form to South Carolina Opioid Counsel as soon as is practicable after the adoption of this resolution.

2. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed and rescinded.

3. Should any part or portion of this resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

RESOLVED this 5th day of November, 2019, in meeting duly assembled.

In reading this into the record, I’d like to make a motion that we approve this resolution on the basis of recommendation from our legal counsel.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion by Mr. Wooten. Have a second?
CINDY WILSON: Second.
CINDY WILSON: Second.

Discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Moving on to item 14, appointments. I have one appointment to the Ad-Hoc Airport Committee. The County Council Ad-Hoc Airport committee will examine all airport operations and policies with the goal of improving function, safety, growth and financial sustainability. Opportunities related to runway and hangars will also be under the purview of this committee. I appoint Mr. Sanders chairman, Mr. Davis and myself. Put that in the form of a motion. Have a second?

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

Do we have any other appointments?
GRACIE FLOYD: Anybody can come to those meetings; right?
TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. They’ll be
1 public notified.
2   GRACIE FLOYD:   Yeah.
3   TOMMY DUNN:   Hearing no more requests,
4 now requests for council members. Mr. Davis.
5   JIMMY DAVIS:   I have none.
6   TOMMY DUNN:   Mr. Sanders?
7   BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman,
8 the GAMAC, I’d like to request (mic cutting out).
9   TOMMY DUNN:   Have a motion Mr. Sanders;
10 second Ms. Wilson. Discussion?
11   GRACIE FLOYD:   Yes. What is that?
12   TOMMY DUNN:   GAMAC.
13   RUSTY BURNS:   It’s the Greater Anderson
14 Musical Consortium.
15   TOMMY DUNN:   It’s a choir.
16   GRACIE FLOYD:   Wait a minute. It’s too
17 many people at one time. You say GAMAC?
18   JIMMY DAVIS:   GAMAC.
19   GRACIE FLOYD:   Oh, okay. I’m sorry.
20 GAMAC. Yeah, excuse me. I know what that is.
21   TOMMY DUNN:   All in favor of the motion
22 show of hands. All opposed like sign. Show the motion
23 carries unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Sanders?
24   BRETT SANDERS: No, sir.
25   TOMMY DUNN:   Ms. Floyd?
26   GRACIE FLOYD:   Yeah. I have the South
27 Carolina Dogs Therapy Group. This is a group that goes
28 around to the children and the dogs help them to read.
29 They interact with the dogs and the dogs interact with
30 them. They are called -- they read to the therapy
31 dogs, but that’s what it is. It’s a recreational
32 thing. I would like to allocate fifteen hundred
33 dollars from District 2's recreational account. That’s
34 in the form of a motion.
35   TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion. Do we
36 have a second? Ms. Wilson. Any discussion? All in
37 favor of the motion show of hands. All opposed like
38 sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.
39 Mr. Graham?
40   RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
41 Chairman.
42   TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten?
43   CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. From District 1 I’d
44 like to allocate fifteen hundred dollars to GAMAC. Put
45 that in the form of a motion.
46   TOMMY DUNN: Have a second.
47   CINDY WILSON: Second.
48   TOMMY DUNN: Second Ms. Wilson. Any
49 discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.
50 All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries
unanimously. Anything else, Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: No, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson?

CINDY WILSON: Also from District 7's rec

account, two hundred dollars for the GAMAC proposal for

the children’s scholarships. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson. Have a

second?

BRET SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Sanders. Any

discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

All opposed like sign. Show the motion carries

unanimously.

Out of District 5's account, allocate two hundred

dollars also to GAMAC. Put that in the form of a

motion. Second Mr. Davis. Discussion? All in favor

of the motion show of hands. All opposed like sign.

Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on to item number 16, administrator’s

report.

RUSTY BURNS: Nothing at this time, Mr.

Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Now, going on to number 17, citizens comments.

When Mr. Harmon calls your name you’ve got -- please

state your name and district for the record. Also you

have three minutes. Please address the chair. And

keep in mind, according to our ordinance, this is not a

question and answer session. Go ahead.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, first

speaker is William Simpson.

TOMMY DUNN: Help him out. Help him

get to the mic and make sure the mic is working.

WILLIAM SIMPSON: Thank you, County Council

and thank you, Mr. Davis, District 6. My name is

William Simpson. I live in Bentwood I Subdivision in

Piedmont. We have a dog problem. And I have a

petition with sixteen names that has signed it, all

within hearing distance of the dogs. They are really a

nuisance. And I would like to have something done

about it; either he move the dogs out of the

subdivision to another location where we wouldn’t hear

them at all. I know you can’t do anything about

barking dogs, but they are a nuisance, as you see with

all the signatures. And they’re Doberman Pincers.

Doberman dogs, the big dogs. And they are very loud

and they’re adult dogs. And we’d like to have

something done about it.

The property in question is on 1808 River Road,
which backs up to our subdivision. It is very loud. We’d like to get something done about it if we can. He’s got big dogs and he’s got puppies. They’re both howling and it just annoys the whole neighborhood. I’d like to have something done about it; change the code, location of puppy mills. I don’t know the definition of a puppy mill, but he’s raising all these dogs and selling them. Hearsay, he’s making a good profit off of them. Anyway, they don’t need to be in our neighborhood; bottom line. I have some neighbors here who signed the petition. I’d like to turn it over to them. Thank you very much.

TOMMY DUNN:    Thank you. Mr. Harmon.
LEON HARMON:    Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Angie Hernandez.
ANGIE HERNANDEZ: Good evening. My name is Angie Hernandez and thank you for your time. I am with Mr. Bill, as well. It’s very upsetting that they’re doing that. There is a puppy mill because he is selling them. He is going even farther as Illinois to sell them.

And one of them came into my property. We have a fenced-in yard. I have video that my daughter -- she’s an eighteen year old and wet she’s a hundred and twenty pounds. So she took a video, but she was scared for her life. And the next slide that she has, the dog is coming toward her. And he is at our back door, which is glasses, to my kitchen and she’s taking pictures because she’s calling me and telling me, mom, the dogs came out; they’re after me. She says I can’t even walk in my own yard. And so it’s more towards our property which ends up on 105 Bentwood Road, but it’s still -- I don’t have the pictures but he went ahead and put tarps to pretend that they’re not there. But still he is clinging from our fence line. So we’ve been there for nineteen years. Nothing has ever happened. We were fine with the neighbors everywhere. But all of a sudden they move in and this is what we have. We have video from Mr. Bill Simpson’s recordings where he is across the street from us at 107 and you could hear it from his front door the loud barking and stuff. The nuisance is not only the dogs but the vocabulary that comes out of the owner’s mouth.

So with that said, I don’t want my children around that. So my husband says I don’t know what’s worst, the mouth of the lady or the dogs barking. So you know, their thing is that they spoke to their neighbor saying it is farmland, which I’m not aware that that was ever -- it was twenty years further. But we’ve been there for nineteen years and it has never been a
farm. So that’s what I bring to the floor. Thank you for your time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman, we do have puppy mill ordinances. Has that ever been looked into?

TOMMY DUNN: I think Mr. Davis is on top of this. This is in his district. Give the man a chance to do something another. He’s got the sheriff’s department and talked to them, too.

Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, next speaker is Donald P. -- I think it’s Curry. I may have that wrong.

DONALD P. CURRY: Mr. Chairman, not much I can say because they pretty much got it covered. But I’ve been there since ’74 when they first built the subdivision and never had no problems with each other’s dogs till now. The person don’t seem to want to get along with neighbors just trying to explain to him that we’re having problems. He seems to think that we’re wrong and he’s right. We don’t need that. We have children in our neighborhood. We don’t need dogs running after our children. If you would in your heart would you think about maybe doing something to make a change. Bless you. Appreciate it. The neighborhood appreciates it.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

DONALD P. CURRY: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

LEON HARMON: Next speaker is Elizabeth Fant.

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. One of the things that most people treasure is their home environment where they live. Most people have put a lot of investment of heart and money into where they live and it needs to be a safe and secure place.

I mentioned Homeland Park. The other night I’m trying to drive out of Homeland Park -- I’ve not been in it much, although I have some friends who live there, I don’t go that way very often -- I couldn’t find my way out. There weren’t street lights. There weren’t sidewalks; at least where I was there weren’t any. People were burning trash. It was so strong that my eyes were just burning, so I don’t know how and why they’re allowed to do that in the city.

But I’m going to coin a word tonight, a word that I’m going to make up, and I’m going to call it chelegal (phonics); taking the word cheat and adding legal and saying it’s chelegal. I don’t know how many of you
have been bombarded, but in the last two weeks my phone
doesn’t stop ringing before I get some kind of robo
call. And one of the types of the calls is, they’ll
call and if I miss the call and I call back thinking
it’s an animal call, they’ll say this is Nancy, are you
calling about the Medicare something? And they’re
wanting you to say yes. And when you do that, somehow
another that triggers your buying something or they can
hook you into some sort of scandal. Another one I’m
getting is social security. They’re calling to say you
owe a fine and if you don’t contact so-and-so-and-so,
you’re going to go to Court because this fine shows
that you’re doing money laundering. Another one is
somebody from the something another sheriff’s fund
trying to raise money for the sheriff. They don’t do
that. And another one that’s happening, that’s
happened twice to me at QuikTrip; once in Greenville
and once in Anderson. QuikTrip employees have their
backs to the machines outside. They’re looking at the
counter and the people who are coming up to pay so
they’re not aware of what’s going on out. Twice there
have been people out there who are, oh, we just ran out
of gas or we need money for a car part or whatever.
And QuikTrip I consider to be one of the better gas
stations. But it’s happening because where they’re
doing it on the extremities of the place next to the
doors where the attendants can’t see.

And another thing when we’re talking about the web
and so forth, I want to make sure that our county
computer ---

LEON HARMON:    Time, Mr. Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN:    Thank you, Mr. Harmon.

Anyone else?

LEON HARMON:    No one else is signed up.
TOMMY DUNN:    Remarks from council

members now. Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS:    Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
thank the citizens from District 6 for coming up. We
have another one, Ms. Bodner (phonics), here in the
back that is here with this same complaint about some
barking dogs. The gentleman at his residence is
raising many Doberman Pincers. I’m a dog lover, but
this dog barking is going on for long, long periods of
time. What I will say is your voice is heard. We have
one of our best deputies, Deputy McCarley, on this
case. We’ve got the sheriff. And we’re not going to
drop it. We’re going to investigate it. You have a
right to live a peaceful existence on the property that
you pay Anderson County taxes on. And I appreciate you
being here and we will continue the investigation. And
if it’s okay I’ll work through Mr. Simpson here. He can give you the information from there. But your voice is heard, and thank you for the petition. That’s all I have, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to say I’m glad to be back and I appreciate members of council reaching out to me. I apologize to my constituents for the one that I missed. I’m back and will be a hundred percent before long. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Have you been gone?

BRETT SANDERS: Yeah. No, I’m glad to be back.

TOMMY DUNN: We’re glad to have you back. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, I want, Mr. Davis, if I can, I’d like to thank your folks for coming up there. I really, really enjoyed them. I enjoyed talking with them and I hope that they will come back. Don’t let this be your last time, even if I don’t get there to fix the (not speaking into mic). But I was so -- you made me feel like it was worthwhile. Thank you so much.

About the dogs and cats thing, I too think it’s terrible. I suffer from cats. For some reason people drop the cats off at my house. The children were telling me today I’ve got a new one that looks like a bear. There are my neighborhood children; okay? I need help. I need help. They’re sleeping all over my carport. I have the cushions, chairs out there for my comfort, but I have so many cats at nighttime that you can’t -- you know, you just ... Mr. Burns, we need help. They need help with the dogs. I need help with the cats. Okay?

Now I know we’ve got these rules what you can’t do, what you can’t do, but nobody never tell you what you can do. I don’t like cats; I don’t want them around my house.

Okay. I told you today I need your help in getting these houses torn down in District 2. If you can help, if you’d like to help, if you’d like to write a letter or whatever you can do to help us, we would certainly appreciate it. I think that Anderson is a beautiful town. I have some people I’d like to move out, but you can’t do that. But it’s a beautiful, beautiful town; a good place to live. But all of it has to be considered. You can’t just leave people behind while you just keep on building everywhere else that’s nice.
1 As long as I have breath in my body I will fight it.
2 The jail thing, I believe in the jail thing, but my
3 only thing is we’ve been here before. We’ve had this
4 rodeo right here in Anderson. We spent over thirty
5 thousand dollars trying to get a -- the money is gone
6 but nothing has happened. The only thing I’m saying
7 now, if we’re going to do this, let’s do it. No more
8 wasted money or time.
9 Mr. Leon, I have something to tell you but I can’t
10 remember what it is. But all night long I remembered
11 until I had a chance to talk with you and now I can’t
12 think of what it is now.
13 But other than that, Lord, it’s a hard time these
14 days. There’s nobody else, but I’m going through a
15 personal crisis. I don’t even know it is, but if you
16 are a praying person -- now I don’t mean the people
17 that’ll stand up and pray, you know, like the Pharisees
18 did, good ole long prayer for nothing -- I’m talking
19 about praying people. Remember me in your prayers.
20 And that’s all I have.
21 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.
22 Mr. Graham.
23 RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time, Mr.
24 Chairman.
25 CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.
26 TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Wilson.
27 CINDY WILSON: Nothing at this time.
28 TOMMY DUNN: I’d just like to say I
29 want to appreciate Mr. Burns and his staff, all they’re
30 doing. They’ve got another fishing trip this week for
31 Anderson County, and all the work they’re doing on that
32 to make that successful. Also want to thank staff and
33 all the people involved on my garage, looking at moving
34 it to TTI and work done on it. We continue to work. I
35 think the committee is meeting Thursday. That’s one
36 thing.
37 And for these folks out here, I want you to know
38 y’all’s voice has been heard. Y’all are welcome to
39 come to council any time. You’ve got a good council
40 member. All you need to do is talk to Mr. Davis. If
41 there’s anything he can do, he’ll sure do it. What we
42 do, we’ve got to find out what we can do if there’s any
43 ordinances to change. We’ve also got to keep in mind
44 what we do, them people -- if we do something they’re
45 going to more than likely go to Court and we’ve got to
46 make sure a judge is going to uphold it. Anything we
47 can do, we’ll do. And I echo Mr. Davis’s sentiments
48 about Officer McCarley. He’s good. He’s helped us in
49 my district many a time; does a good job.
50 Meeting be adjourned. Thank y’all.
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(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 P.M.)