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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROECAERT
At this time I’d like to call the Anderson County Council Special Presentation meeting of January 21st to order. Glad you’re here. Thank y’all for coming. At this time we would go in to Resolution 2(a) R2020-001, Mr. Davis. Councilman Davis.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN:   At this time I’d like to call the Anderson County Council Special Presentation meeting of January 21st to order. Glad you’re here. Thank y’all for coming. At this time we would go in to Resolution 2(a) R2020-001, Mr. Davis. Councilman Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS:   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WREN GOLDEN HURRICANES VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE 2019 UPPER STATE CHAMPIONS AND THE 2019 4A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, the Wren Hurricanes football season began on Friday, August 23, 2019, and with continued support from parents, students, coaches and former alumni, the team celebrated a historical accomplishment, a school record of 13 wins for a single season, for the first time in 62 years; and,

Whereas, on Friday, November 29, 2019 during the 2019 SCHSL Football State Championships semifinal game the Wren Golden Hurricanes played the Ridge View Blazers winning with a 34-19 victory, earning the title of 4A Upper State Champions; and,

Whereas, on Saturday, December 7, 2019 the Wren Hurricanes traveled to the Williams Brice Stadium in Columbia, South Carolina to challenge the Myrtle Beach Seahawks in the 4A State Championship Game. During the game the Hurricanes defeated Myrtle Beach with a 35-23 victory, earning the title of 4A State Champions; and,

Whereas, as a result of their exceptional performance during the 2019 football season Quarterback Joe Owens, Wide Receiver Tyler Cherry, Tight-End Eli Wilson, Offensive Lineman Colin Kosek, Linebacker Dez Frazier and Linebacker Harrison Morgan were named as part of the South Carolina Football Coaches Association All State Football Team; and,

Whereas, The Anderson County Council wishes to commend our youth who demonstrate high levels of dedication, self-confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork required to compete in a highly competitive environment. We would like to congratulate you on becoming the 2019 4A Football State Champions. We are proud of your achievements and wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

RESOLVED in a meeting duly assembled this 21st day of January 2020.

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

BRETT SANDERS:   Second.

TOMMY DUNN:   Motion Mr. Davis; Second Mr. Sanders. Any discussion?

JIMMY DAVIS:   Mr. Chair.
TOMMY DUNN:   Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.
JIMMY DAVIS:   I would just like to say that as a Wren High School alumni, I am so thrilled, I’m so proud of all that you have accomplished. You have done not only the upper part of our county and School District 1 and Council District 6 so very proud, but Anderson County as a whole is so proud of you. What you have done is something that you will remember the rest of your life. And I hope that you’ll carry this dedication on forward in your education and your careers and your family life. And I just thank God for all that you have accomplished. And I pray his blessings upon all of you in all your future endeavors. I just couldn’t be more thrilled to have you here tonight.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:   Thank you. Anyone else?

I’d like to add to what Mr. Davis -- echo what he said. This is a -- thank y’all for making Anderson County as a whole very proud, representing us very good. As a whole, thank you very much. And it is something to be proud of your whole life. People like y’all are what makes Anderson County great. And thank you very much.

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

JIMMY DAVIS:   If you would, come forward.

APPLAUSE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

JIMMY DAVIS:   For those of you that weren’t here, this is a Resolution that we just read that we’re honoring and recognizing you and your coaches, your families and all the support staff that helped you get to where you are today. We’re just so proud of the Wren Golden Hurricanes. I’m so proud as a Wren graduate. And we’re just thankful that we can have this night to recognize you. Sheriff McBride is another Wren person here. So we’re all real happy for you. If there’s anything that County Council can ever do for you, you can call on us. I want to give this to the coach here. If you want to say a few words.

COACH:   First of all, on behalf of our high school, our community, these young men, I certainly appreciate this honor. Once in 62 years, I’ve told everyone I don’t think I’ll get to see it if it’s another 62 years, but I’m glad I got to experience this one. We do appreciate you guys and the job y’all do in taking care of our county. And thank you so much for this great honor.
APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: At this time we’re going to be moving on to the next item on the agenda, 2(b), R2020-002, Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THEODORE A. “TED” MATTISON FOR HIS LIFETIME OF EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANDERSON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, Theodore A. (Ted) Mattison was born on October 22, 1936, in Williamston, South Carolina to Spurgeon and Addie Royal Mattison. Ted grew up in his family home on Cherokee Road in Williamston. He attended Caroline Elementary and Caroline High School in Williamston, graduating in 1954 with honors. After graduation Ted moved to Salisbury, North Carolina to attend Livingstone College; and,

Whereas, in November 1956, Ted decided to leave Livingstone College and join the United States Airforce, a career that allowed him to travel throughout the United States and around the world to the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Australia, Greenland, Okinawa, Guam and Japan. Ted served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1976, after serving 20 years in the Airforce, Ted retired as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). After retiring from the Airforce Ted began working for the Army Corp of Engineers in Jacksonville, Florida for eight years until moving back to Williamston, South Carolina in 1984; and,

Whereas, in 1984, Ted became the owner and operator of Professional Exterminators for the next 23 years until he sold his business in 2008; and,

Whereas, in 1985, Ted and a group of Williamston citizens joined together to form the Williamston Action Community Club (WACC) with an organizational mission to develop opportunities through various educational, recreational and social programs. The Williamston Action Community Club purchased the old Caroline School building from School District 1 to open the Caroline Community Center. Ted has served as the President and Director of the Caroline Community Center for 18 years; and,

Whereas, in 1999, Ted earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina; and,

Whereas, Ted, a dedicated member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church has served in many roles such as Brotherhood President, Trustee, Chairman of Trustee Ministry, Bible Study Teacher, Sunday School Teacher,
Sunday School Superintendent and Chairman of Deacons Ministry. He still serves as the Deacon and Chairman of the Budget Committee, and as President of the Deacons Fellowship of the Rocky River Baptist Association; and,

Whereas, Ted has dedicated his time and service to many organizations and committees in Anderson County to include the Anderson County Human Relations, the Appalachian Council of Government and Aging Committee, Economic Development and Placemaking for Envision Williamston and he also served as the President of the Minority Business Association for six years; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson County Council hereby recognizes and honors Theodore A. “Ted” Mattison for his lifetime of service and many contributions to Anderson County. We are appreciative of your unyielding dedication, passion and commitment, bringing a positive impact for the betterment of the community and Anderson County. We salute your most recent recognition and distinction as the 2019 Upstate Black History Maker.

Resolved in a meeting duly assembled this 21st day of January, 2020.

May I put that in the form of a motion.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We have a motion. Have a second? Second Mr. Davis. Discussion?

CINDY WILSON: May I quickly point, this dear gentleman and his wife and the other wonderful people over at the Caroline Community Center have welcomed and treated everyone I know with great kindness and hospitality. And it goes across the board. I’ve been so honored to work with him all these years.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else?

Mr. Mattison, thank you for your service to Anderson County. Appreciate it again. As I said earlier, folks like y’all is what makes Anderson great. Very, very grateful. All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

CINDY WILSON: If we may all go down.

Mr. Mattison will remain at his seat and we’ll join him.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

CINDY WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Mattison, for all that you and Ms. Mattison have done for our county. I would like ...

MR. MATTISON: I would just like to say
to the county council, especially Ms. Wilson, Mr. Burns, enjoyed working with you. I’m leaving Caroline Community Center. I’m not really leaving but I can’t serve as President. So don’t forget about Caroline. Always need something. Always need something. All that you’ve done for the eighteen years that always got good results on anything.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item number (c) on the agenda, be R2020-003. Mr. Graham couldn’t be here tonight. He’s out of town with his wife on a conference. This really comes from the whole council. It’s an honor to have Councilman Wooten (mic cutting out).

CRAIG WOOTEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THIS IS A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE OUR DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, law enforcement officers work devotedly and selflessly safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow Americans, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and,

Whereas, law enforcement officers, provide a vital public service to uphold and enforce the law equitably within legal authority to maintain peace and order; and,

Whereas, these same officers work purposefully in partnership within the communities they serve to engage and enhance public trust through visibility, accountability and professionalism; and,

Whereas, January 9th of each year shall be known as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in honor of officers around the country dedicated to protect and serve in their communities; and,

Whereas, the Anderson County Council considers it a privilege to convey our sincerest respect to the men and women who stand guard in our midst to protect us through the enforcement of our laws. We are appreciative of the dedication, bravery and compassion required to serve in your roles as public servants and, we thank you for making Anderson County a safer place to live, work and raise our families.

Let this be resolved in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of January, 2020. Mr. Chairman, may I put that in the form of a motion?

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion; second Ms. Wilson. Any discussion?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Yeah, I would just like to thank everyone for risking their lives for
our citizens and myself included to have peace of mind (not speaking into mic). Thank you.

CINDY WILSON: May I? It goes without saying we wouldn’t be looking at a new jail if y’all hadn’t been doing such a good job. And we really appreciate the great professionalism that you represent for our community. We thank y’all.

TOMMY DUNN: Anyone else? Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: I would just like to say that since taking office it has been not only a privilege and an honor, but an easy task to be able to think men and women of our sheriff’s department and all the law enforcement divisions for doing the great job that they do. We have seen great strides in the last twelve months in the northern part of the county in District 6, and it just shows their dedication and their hard work and I, for one, not only as a councilman but as a constituent and as an Anderson County resident am so grateful and thankful for all the men and women at the Anderson County Sheriff’s Department. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

I too would just like to add, I want to thank the sheriff, and the command staff. It’s been a real joy to work with. And being part of the team of Anderson County, always looking out for what’s best for the citizens. Appreciate it. Thank the men and women in law enforcement for risking y’all’s lives to protect us. Y’all think I know sometimes you don’t hear it enough, but believe you me the citizens of Anderson County, the whole majority, appreciate it. Where I got at every day and see people at community groups, they’re really appreciative of the job that y’all do. Thank y’all very much.

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

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’d like to echo my fellow councilman’s comments. You know, I’m as guilty as anybody of doing my routine every day, driving to work, church, whatever, and I’m sort of encapsulated because I don’t have to think about what goes on around me because you guys have got it taken care of. And I know that that’s long nights, that’s long weekends, that’s sometimes situations that take discernment and that are tough. And so we appreciate that. I can honestly say from the people I interact with on a daily basis, this staff, this group of people, has made a real difference. I get compliments all the time. Makes our job easier. It builds trust in the
community. And it really helps us in everything that we do. So thank you so much and really appreciate it.

SHERIFF MCBRIDE: I just want to say I believe we have the best department in South Carolina, if not probably the whole United States. I’m proud of the men and women that serve at the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office. And I appreciate them every day. And I’m very thankful for a county that -- county council that appreciates them. And you guys have been awesome to work with and I can’t thank you enough for the support that you guys give us so we can do our jobs day in and day out. Thank you.

APPLAUSE

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

TOMMY DUNN: That will conclude this part of the council meeting. We’ll reconvene back here at 6:30.

(SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:27 P.M.)
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ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:
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JIMMY DAVIS

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
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LACEY CROEGARER
TOMMY DUNN: ... regular Anderson County Council meeting of January 21st, 2020 to order.
I’d like to welcome everyone here. And thank y’all for coming. For the record, I’ll show Mr. Graham is out of town. He’s at a conference; him and his wife. All rise for the invocation and pledge of allegiance with Councilman Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. If we could bow our heads together.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY CRAIG WOOTEN

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have a motion to accept or are there any changes to the January 7th regular council meeting of 2020? You don’t have any? Do I have a motion to accept and move forward?

CINDY WILSON: So moved.

TOMMY DUNN: Motion Ms. Wilson to accept the minutes. Do we have a second?

BRETT SANDERS: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Sanders.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item 4.

But before we do that, for the record show item number 7(a), ordinance third reading, 2019-032, is pulled; will not be tonight. They’ve got a little more tweaking to do. It’s on a little bit prematurely.

So saying that, we’ll go to item number 4, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please step forward, state your name and district for the record. You have three minutes on agenda items only on the first round.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Harmon, thank you.

Now moving on to item number 5, 2020 air show presentation by Mr. Jones, chairman of the air show. He’s done a fantastic job in his years of doing this. And really appreciate his dedication and hard work.

Mr. Jones.

BUTCH JONES: Mr. Chairman, county council, I’d like to thank you for the support and the partnership that we’ve had with the county over the last few years with our air shows. I will tell you, in December I was in Las Vegas for the -- the national conference -- actually international conference for air shows and was telling folks out there our story, and they really could not believe the support that we were getting from both the town, the county, the county council. You name it, every department of this county has helped and really made these air shows a success.
What you have in front of you tonight is the performers that we’re going to have at our air show this year. Rusty, can I have one of those? Just to pass on to you what we have in mind, what we have coming in, and also to tell you the theme of this year’s air show. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution which gives women the right to vote. So our air show this year will be dedicated to women in aviation. Thank you, ma’am.

You know, we were blessed one time to have Amelia Earhart here so we’re going to take a look at what has happened and transpired in women in aviation since then. We are very fortunate to have probably one of the few, if not one of three or four, qualified licensed aircraft mechanics in our shop out there in the maintenance department who has just won a scholarship, I believe, for her work in aircraft maintenance. So I’ve already told her that she’s going to be a prime member of this show. So she said she was going to hide, but we’ll see how that goes.

But what you have before you are our performers coming in. Patty Wagstaff is the first picture that you see. She is a three-time national champion aerobatics pilot. She’s also in the Hall of Fame for aerobatics. Second, on the next page, is Firewalkers International. Those of you that were at the air show the last time remember the excitement that that wall of fire caused. This year we are planning to have the largest wall of fire ever seen in South Carolina. So it should be something. The Misty Blues will be our parachute team this year. It is an all-women parachute team. And at least right now they will be jumping in the colors for the air show to get it off the ground. Scott Francis who has been at, I think, every air show that I’ve been involved with and is one of the great performers and a true gentleman that comes in and performs for us every year. Lori Cline down in the left hand corner, you probably do not know her but you probably have seen her. She is the chief pilot for American Airlines. But any of you that saw the movie Sully, toward the end of the movie they were trying to reproduce Sully Sullenberger’s flight. There was a lady pilot in there and they kept being able to go to Trenton or go back to Newark until they brought in the human factor. Lori Cline was that pilot that was doing the simulation. So she will be with us, both in her role as chief pilot and a real model for women in aviation. Skipper Hale, the AT6 that you’ll see, he not only performs in the air show but he also dresses
in the period of World War II. Got out and mingles
with the crowd and basically becomes a historian at
that point in time with our spectators. The Museum of
Flight is out of Rome, Georgia. They’ll be bringing in
two of their big trainers, as well as the twin engine
airplane that you see, which will be our jump platform
for the Misty Blues. So they’re going to serve double
duty for us. LD Microjet which actually stands for
Little Devil Microjet will be coming in. Right now
it’s the only jet that we have. We were not able to
get the Snowbirds. They had a crash in Georgia some
months back and that put them on stand-down for a few
months which delayed the start of their performance
till mid June. We were lined up, but we can’t overcome
those sort of things. The pilot was okay, by the way.
Chef Pitts will be coming in. He’s been at every air
show that we’ve had. And he also cut the ribbon,
inverted I might add, for the new runway. So he’ll be
coming back to us again. George Cline is the air boss.
And not only is the air boss, he is the air boss. He’s
probably the best air boss in the country. And he will
have complete and total control of the air show once we
start the show part of it. And the C-17, we’re very
pleased with this, the C-17 out of Charleston Air Force
Base will be coming in for static display. I haven’t
heard yet if they’re going to open the plane up for
tours. If they do it would be an awesome experience.
But it is a huge airplane for those of you who have not
seen one. And as far as I know it’s the first time
we’ve ever had a South Carolina flagged aircraft on our
runway for an air show. I did shame them a little bit
and told them we needed somebody with a South Carolina
flag on it.
So that is the air show, May 30-31. And we hope to
have a huge crowd. It’s free to the public. Free
parking, free admission. That was another thing that
really dazzled the folks out in Las Vegas. They could
not believe that we were not only able but we were
willing to do that. But we think -- we have a mandate
from the county that we’re to go out and make friends.
Isn’t that right, Mr. Burns? Yes. And that is what we
try to do with these air shows.
But thank you again for your support, the time and
the effort. All the divisional help that you give us
we appreciate it. We could not do it without your
support. Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Do we have any comments or
questions for Mr. Jones? Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you.
You have -- we, excuse me, we had some awesome women on
our staff right here in Anderson. And to highlight
them in our show for this year is just a great idea.
And I thank you for that. I’m looking forward to it.

MR. JONES: Thank you, ma’am. We look
forward to seeing you there.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Jones, I just want to
thank you for all the hard work you’ve done.

MR. JONES: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: And I think we -- the air
show in Anderson County is something to be proud of and
we take a backseat to no one. It’s all because of all
y’all do.

MR. JONES: Thank you, sir. It is a
team effort. The committee really makes this happen,
along with this gentleman over here. It’s a great
group to work with.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you very much.
Let’s give them a big hand for what they do.

APPLAUSE

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on now to item
number 6, update on Exit 14, Highway 76 sewer service.

Mr. Singleton.

DEREK SINGLETON: So, Mr. Chairman, members of
council, I appreciate the opportunity. Am I talking
too loud?

TOMMY DUNN: No.

DEREK SINGLETON: I appreciate the opportunity
to come and discuss Exit 14. We have a preliminary
layout which consists of, as you see on the map here,
which consists of a pump station, gravity line and, of
course, the force main.

So ?? which is down here right beside, runs
parallel with I-85, we’re planning on putting a pump
station here that will be fed by gravity sewer coming
off of 187 on the west side. Also, we will bore under
85 and pick up the east side. The east side, we’ll
just put a manhole on that side for future development.
Until development comes there’s no sense in putting a
line in; just additional cost.

So the force main will run up to what we call the
Clemson Research Plant. We have a Clemson Research
Park. We have a pump station there. The flow will be
pumped back to there for right now.

Original plans called for us to build our own
treatment plant. So we ran into some obstacles on
building our plant. Number one is finding property to
put it on. Number two was the expense of building a
new plant from scratch. You see here, the cost to
build a new plant, about six million seven hundred
thousand dollar. That is not including the purchase of
property; not including grading the property; and the
permits that goes along and associated with that.

Through this planning process we have Pendleton,
and Clemson has reached out to us. Now currently we’re
part of the Pendleton/Clemson plant. We have two
hundred thousand gallons capacity in that plant.

TOMMY DUNN: Derek, people out there
may not know where you’re talking about.

DEREK SINGLETON: Okay. So the plant is
located across from Tri-County Tech off of Highway 76.
We have capacity bought in that plant. The city of
Clemson has capacity bought in that plant and the town
of Pendleton has capacity bought in that plant. So
that plant right now is rated at two million gallons
per day. We have two hundred thousand gallons of
capacity. Right now we have about eighty thousand
gallons unused capacity that we can continue to grow
until we make the decision on what we need to do here.

So with Clemson and Pendleton, they approached us
and said, look, we need capacity, you guys need
capacity and the town of Pendleton; all three of us
need capacity. They asked us, along with Mr. Burns,
Mr. Harmon and Mr. Hopkins, we’ve all been involved
with preliminary talks with these people, along with
Mr. Sanders, which this plant is in his district.

Let me step back. So to build a three hundred
fifty thousand gallon plant, and I failed to mention
this, right at five million dollars. And what I had
told you earlier, that was for the pump station. So I
apologize. I got ahead of myself. But to build a
treatment plant that Anderson County solely owns,
operates and maintains, we’re looking at right at five
million dollars, plus the cost of land and grading and
issues such as that. So I apologize for jumping ahead
of myself. So what Pendleton and Clemson and Anderson
County have discussed, currently Anderson has two
hundred thousand gallons a day; Pendleton has a million
gallons a day; and Pendleton is eight hundred thousand
gallons a day (verbatim). What we are anticipating is
increasing our capacity in the plant by six hundred
thousand. Pendleton would like to increase theirs by
four hundred thousand. And the city of Clemson would
like to increase theirs by five hundred thousand.

Total cost for this project is estimated at
nineteen million one hundred thousand dollars. Now
that would be split three ways between the three
parties. It has not been determined, but I would
assume we would be charged by the percent of the
upgrade. So whatever percentage. And right now we are
requesting more of this upgrade than any other party
that’s a part of this.  

As you can see, and it kind of breaks down some of the requirements. We’re going to have to have, you know, civil concrete in the process, electrical and mechanical. And the reason that we’re able to get more bang for our buck working with the Pendleton/Clemson plant, the plant -- they have the land. They have an abundance of land. Most of the infrastructure is in. What we would have to look at doing is maybe making some upgrades, maybe adding some additional treatment process. But the core of the whole plant is already there. So that is one of the reasons that we can get six hundred thousand gallons for about the cost of what we can build our own plant and get three hundred and fifty thousand gallons a day.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, before we pursue this with Clemson and Pendleton, us three being together, wouldn’t that greater up our chances of getting grant funds?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. Because it would be a regional system. We would qualify for ARC money, rural improvement funding, USDA money, grant loan money. So, yes, it would enhance the chances of us getting money from the government, various government, state and federal, greatly. Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: How would that money be split? Would it Anderson County or would it be split on a pro rata basis with the amount ---

RUSTY BURNS: If we built our own treatment plant, we would also be eligible to receive grant funding. If all three went together, I think it would enhance our chances because they always look for a regional project with a big bang. I do not know at this point how we would agree because right now we’re still in the very preliminary stage. We’re looking at the possibility of an agreement between all three. That agreement could take different shapes, sizes and colors. But this primarily tonight is to make council aware of where we are in this process. We have not signed anything. We have not done anything. And there are still some things for us to look at to make sure that we’re doing it in the best interest of taxpayers of Anderson County.

CINDY WILSON: ... usage of the capacity, the existing capacity right now?

DEREK SINGLETON: Okay. So the reports that we’ve seen, the Pendleton/Clemson plant is right at 1.8/1.9 million gallons a day.

CINDY WILSON: So they’ve got to expand?

DEREK SINGLETON: Yes, they have got to
expand. Right now DHEC is allowing them to allocate more than two million gallons just because we have the PER in place. So it’s short-lived. So what they or we, or as a group, are going to have to do something soon.

CINDY WILSON: I’ve been out to that plant but not on the property. It does seem to be well-placed for our consideration.

DEREK SINGLETON: Right. Right.

CINDY WILSON: But we certainly don’t want to have an agreement like we have with the city of Anderson.

DEREK SINGLETON: No, ma’am. And it’s so -- as Mr. Burns said, we have just kind of had some preliminary discussions. And I think we all realize -- I know Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Harmon and Mr. Burns, we’ve all been involved in past agreements with Pendleton and Clemson. And I think what we’re striving for is to have an equal representation and that all three parties has the equal amount of say-so.

If I could continue, the first upgrade, 1.5 million is what we’re looking at. And as projected by 2040 that we would have to increase the plant to five million gallons a day. So we have a plan in place and Mr. Burns and I have discussed this, I like the small phase increases here. We don’t want to spend thirty-six million dollars when we only need 1.5 now. So I think in the past we have kind of jumped the gun and really bit off more than we can chew. And that’s the debt, Ms. Wilson, that you keep referring to that probably way back then we did too much. I like the way we’re stepping this thing up. I think it meets our needs for the next five, ten years. And in 2040 we’ll let somebody else come up here and figure out what they need to do then.

TOMMY DUNN: You ain’t going to leave us, are you?

DEREK SINGLETON: Well, maybe by 2040 I may. But once again I think our talks and our discussion has been going well. I think all parties are willing to work with each other for the best interest of Anderson County and their parties that they represent. As Mr. Burns said, nothing has been signed. Nothing has been agreed upon. Mr. Dunn asked if we could come and kind of share it with the rest of council. And if there’s any other questions I’ll be glad to answer.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: Our next step, I know, is working on the agreements. The last thing that I want
to do sitting here is do something and put the future at risk ten, fifteen years down the road. How are we going to start about the agreement process; working on it? Is that something Mr. Harmon would be involved in?

TOMMY DUNN: If I could, I believe our next step is -- I apologize -- meet with a lawyer who’s done similar agreements down below us.

RUSTY BURNS: He’s the person who put together the Anderson Joint Regional Agreement. He’s put together agreements in Aiken.

DEREK SINGLETON: Yeah, so Oconee County has the same type agreement.

TOMMY DUNN: And they was going to, at the proper time, come for a presentation before council.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Maybe at a special meeting?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Then before we get something, we sort of said, you know, this thing like many things, the devil is in the details.

BRETT SANDERS: Exactly.

TOMMY DUNN: I think that’s the -- I think it would be very important for council to get that information from somebody that’s done something like that before and see how it would work out. One thing that brought up is Mr. Harmon was talking about, you know, go have a self-governing board, how would that thing act with council members not being able to be on there because it would be a dual office holder. The last thing I want to do myself is create another layer of bureaucracy at the site. If it’s done right it can work. But, you know, I think over the years up in Oconee County, if I’m not mistaken, they’ve had some trouble up there with authority trying to (mic cutting out).

BRETT SANDERS: I think it’s a great idea and I think it will save the taxpayers a lot of money in the long term. Again, the devil is in the details and that’s going to be key.

DEREK SINGLETON: Well, if I could mention, too, if you’ll look at your screen here, the five million gallons a day if we decided to do that right now which I think all parties agree that we don’t need to take that step, but it’s thirty-six million.

And if I could mention, too, with this plant already established in this location away from the lake, our limits is going to be lower because we have more transportation to the lakes and receding streams.
We did some preliminary lab studies and studies on the impact to the lake and most of the areas that we seen was going to be really a direct discharge to the lake. And our limits were extremely low. And that’s something we need to keep in mind, you know, that if industries want to come in, they’ve got to meet these limits which will be pretreatments and other forms of treatment processes that, you know, really drives the cost up. But with a plant this size it’s going to go to three and a half million, you’ve got more of a dilution factor, which I think is going to help everyone.

TOMMY DUNN: Also, that plant already here, they might not like it, us trying to go out and put something there.

DEREK SINGLETON: Right. And I think that -- and Mr. Burns, you may know this, but I mean it’s surrounded by Clemson University’s property.

CINDY WILSON: It is.

RUSTY BURNS: It’s out-of-sight and nobody sees it. Nobody’s complained or has any problems with it. No problems with the plant, talking about equipment modification. Ms. Wilson, you raised a good point. What’s the capacity of that plant? We already know as Mr. ?? opened up that intersection he has people standing in line right now who would like to have development in that area. They have already purchased property in hopes of something good happening.

CINDY WILSON: The actual location is away from a lot of homes. It’s visible from the road, but it’s surrounded by a lot of the Clemson property. But it’s behind the Pacolet -- the Milliken Mill. It has a lot of appeal. But I do want to make sure we discharge clean regardless.

DEREK SINGLETON: Oh, yes, ma’am. I wasn’t insinuating that we were not. But you know, it’s just the fact that ---

CINDY WILSON: I know the requirements are more stringent going into the lake, but it would be good if we could factor in a much cleaner discharge than what we’ve dealt with in the past, like the city of Anderson. I got into some heated discussions with Mayor Shirley. He’s a hilarious fun sport, but we both -- I won’t tell you what he told me. Anyway, we’ve got to be mindful of that.

DEREK SINGLETON: As far as I know Pendleton has always been in good standings with DHEC. You know, it’s our job to make sure what we’re discharging out is of good quality.
TOMMY DUNN: And too, according to how this thing is set up and all with Pendleton and all of it.

DEREK SINGLETON: Yes, yes. It will be owned by three different parties; Anderson County, Clemson and the town of Pendleton.

Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Derek, we appreciate your hard work on this. Mr. Burns set up something to have the lawyer come and have a presentation on this.

Moving on, there is no second or third readings of resolutions tonight.

Brings us to item number 11, the 2020 committee appointments. What we have here is the Finance Committee chaired by Brett Sanders, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Graham. Personnel Committee chaired by Mr. Davis, Ms. Floyd, Mr. Dunn. Public Safety, Ray Graham chair, Mr. Davis and Craig Wooten. Recycling and Solid Waste chaired by Craig Wooten, Ms. Wilson, Ray Graham. Planning and Public Works Committee, Ms. Wilson chair, Mr. Wooten and Mr. Davis. And I put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Say that again, please.

TOMMY DUNN: Huh?

CINDY WILSON: Would you say that again, please.

TOMMY DUNN: I’ve got a copy. I’ll give it to Lacey to work on it. We put that in the form of a motion.

CINDY WILSON: Second.


Discussion. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Each year, I’ve been here for about twenty years, we started this committee stuff in 19, whatever it was, when we had the -- what they called the new council come on because we never had committees before during the first couple of years I was here. We always -- everybody was on every committee and we didn’t do as much involvement as we did then. The county officials concerned with these so-called committees came to us and it was thoroughly discussed. But when the new council came on, all of a sudden we had to have committees. I have never been -- I have been on one committee where I was the chair. But that particular year something happened and I was pulled off the chair. That’s two, excuse me. I was pulled off the chair. First of all, they put a person on that committee with me that had it before I did. And this person refused to let it go. So that didn’t work out.
The second committee, it was the -- you know the ambulances and the problems that come with hurricanes, tornados, that committee, and we did absolutely nothing that year. Okay. There was a chance for me to be involved but they put somebody else in my place during that time. And that was the last committee I was on.

So last year I was told that nobody wanted to work with me. And that -- no one ever came up to me and said that wasn’t true; not a person stood up and said, no, Gracie, that’s not the truth. So I assumed that it was true. We had all these people here and not one of them stood up. They let somebody else speak for them out of total ignorance. But anyway, last year I was put, again, on the Solid Waste Committee. I’m on that committee every year; Solid Waste Committee. That’s the trash committee. And I decided then that nobody is going to tell me where I’m going to work. The others are asked where they want to be. That’s why we have some people on committees -- on a committee since the incept (verbatim) of it. They aren’t doing any better or any more than they’ve been doing, but they are there. So what I’m doing this year, I’m not accepting any appointments because everybody else, as I said, gets to say where they want. I don’t.

But this year I served on the Finance Committee; I served on the Environmental Service Committee; and I decided that what I will do is this year I shall work on the Civic Center Committee. I will work on the Finance Committee. I will work on the Environmental Service Committee. We have a lot to do there. And I will work on this new committee, this justice CCOO something another. I will work on that committee. Our appointee hasn’t been to one meeting all year long. And that’s a very important committee. That’s the committee that’s going to give our people a chance to say what they want or how they feel about the judicial system, the jail and all of that. And that’s too important to not have somebody on that committee that’s willing to work. So I’m appointing myself to those committee. I thank you for considering me, but I can do it myself. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN:   Thank you. Change on that, if Ms. Floyd don’t want to serve on the Personnel Committee, that’ll be Ray Graham’s spot.

BRETT SANDERS:   Mr. Chairman, would you run them back down one more time for me, here?

TOMMY DUNN:   Finance Committee is Brett Sanders, chair, Ms. Wilson, Ray Graham. Personnel Committee, Jimmy Davis, chairman, Tommy Dunn, Ray Graham. Public Safety Committee, Ray Graham chair, Mr.
Davis, Craig Wooten. Recycling and Solid Waste Committee, Craig Wooten is chair, Ms. Wilson and Ray Graham. Planning and Public Works Committee, chair, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Davis and Brett Sanders. Lacey will have everybody a copy of it.

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries with Mr. Davis, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Wooten and Ms. Wilson in favor. Ms. Floyd abstains.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Chairman?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: I would like to say that if Ms. Floyd needs my help or assistance with any committee I’d be more than happy to work with her.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, thank you. Mr. Chairman, that brings me to say, too, that we need to be more involved with this Environmental Services Committee. I don’t see or hear about many of us going out there to pick up the trash or to help or to do something like that. I don’t think I’ve ever seen any of you -- well most of you -- out there picking up trash. We’re not too fine to do that. It’s going to take all of us to get Anderson clean.

TOMMY DUNN: I picked up trash on trash day with council last year with Mr. Sanders.

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah, like I said, many of you. And I know that you help with the dogs, too. But the point is now, today, we are nasty here in Anderson. We are dirty here in Anderson. And it’s up to us. It’s up to us to lead this fight and clean it up. And you accept these things, but some of you don’t attend the meetings. Let’s get busy, folks.

TOMMY DUNN: All -- you all have a chance.

GRACIE FLOYD: Good.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to appointments. Does any council member have any appointments to make? Requests by council members? I don’t see none, but are there any?

Moving on to administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

GRACIE FLOYD: Wait a minute, Mr. Chairman. Mr. -- what’s his name?

BRETT SANDERS: Burns.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you. Mr. Burns, tell us about the paving thing. How are we standing here at the beginning of the year for paving?

RUSTY BURNS: On the paving in terms of
what the council intends to do?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes. And what do we have left? And what are we paving, if anything?

RUSTY BURNS: We can give you a list of all the roads that have been paved by Anderson County and all the roads that have been paved by the Anderson County Transportation Committee. Plus we can also get you a list of the roads the state is doing and has done. We have that information available. Pretty lengthy list. I don’t have it off the top of my head.

After about eighteen public meetings across the county, it seems to me that the opinion of council is the idea might be to place the road situation on a referendum. Council hasn’t voted on it. This is just individual conversations. And let the citizens of Anderson County decide if they want to impose a transportation tax of one penny. But that was something that council will have to decide and vote on. And that’s where we are on that.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Do -- are we getting close to a deadline of when we’re going to do that?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. We are very aware of the deadline required to put it on the ballot if council so chooses to do so. Mr. Harmon is watching that like a hawk.

GRACIE FLOYD: Uh-huh (affirmative). But we no longer talk about it publicly, do we? Or are we?

RUSTY BURNS: No, ma’am. I am not aware of any discussions after those eighteen town hall meetings. Public, no, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. That kind of concerns me a little bit because we can’t let it go now. We had all of these meetings at the beginning and now folks are wondering, well, what’s the outcome of the meetings and stuff. But for us not to be saying a thing about it, I wish that we could think of another way. We could keep it out in front of the people so that they can expect it, they can start making up their minds of what they want to do, and that we can work toward doing what’s best for Anderson County.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, ma’am.

BRETT SANDERS: Mr. Burns, can we get that list of roads up on our website if they’re not already on there?

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir. I believe the county roads are already on the website.

BRETT SANDERS: I saw some. I didn’t know. But it would be nice to have that so when someone calls we can refer them ---
RUSTY BURNS: ... make sure they’re on there and the state roads, we can get an update on that.

BRETT SANDERS: That’ll work good. That way when we get a call we can refer them to our website to get exact.

RUSTY BURNS: Yes, sir.

BRETT SANDERS: Thank you so much.

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 15, citizens comments. When Mr. Harmon calls your name, please state your name and district for the record and address the chair. You’ve got three minutes.

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

ELIZABETH FANT: Elizabeth Fant, District 3. I’m talking on the sheriff’s report and also the solicitor spoke last night. I think the two things are inner-related. It’s obvious that we have a crime problem. We have a hundred and seventy-five percent capacity in the jail. So that means we’re almost twice as many people in the jail as we are supposed to have. I do note that for the month of December there were three hundred and sixty-two arrests and the average daily population was four hundred and thirty-eight. So if you merge those two numbers, if that’s the number of arrests, that tells me that most of the people who are in jail are stuck in jail. They’re already there. We’re not having that many new arrests, but still we’ve got a backlog of people that are stuck in jail.

The solicitor last night mentioned several things. One, he said I think we’re missing one court reporter -- you know, the one that takes all the -- the court reporter who takes all the information down and several other things, that make a backlog. That’s where I think a big part of our problem is. We’ve got a backlog. We’ve got people who are just sitting there waiting, waiting, waiting for their court date. And it clogs up the whole thing. Somehow another we need to move those people through.

Now I know part of the thing is that we’ve got to have evidence that goes to Columbia and evidence from all different counties goes to Columbia and they have to look at it and do what they do to send it back. But if we need to hire more people to be doing that in Columbia for all the counties, we need to do that so that these people are not stuck in jail. We’re not doing them any service, and we’re not doing ourselves any service. And we really need to work on that problem. I think we do need a much improved detention
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1 center. But just having people sit there is not
2 solving the problem.
3 LEON HARMON: No one else is signed up,
4 Mr. Chairman.
5 TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
6 Moving on to remarks from council members. Mr.
7 Davis.
8 JIMMY DAVIS: Nothing at this time.
9 TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Sanders.
10 BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.
11 GRACIE FLOYD: I have plenty. First of
12 all, did you know that you have -- this is the last
13 year that -- well, let me start it over. If you have
14 not already applied for your real ID, you have until I
15 think it’s October. You have to go down and get a
16 slip. You have to figure it out. And you have to do
17 all those things in order to have a real ID. Your
18 driver’s license will no longer be good enough for you.
19 Okay?
20 But District 2 has done the work for you. If you
21 would like to have a real ID application and the
22 instructions of how to fill them out or even the
23 newspaper clipping which says getting your real ID
24 early in 2020 should avoid a long line. I’ve got them.
25 If you would like to have a copy of it, please pick up
26 one. Everybody has to do it, especially if you’re
27 going to get on the airplane. Okay?
28 Number two, the Valentine’s Day for the senior
29 citizens has been planned. It’s going to be held on
30 the 14th of February at the Civic Center and it starts
31 at 11:30. But I’ve got some bad news for you. Those
32 who attended last year, we had fun; didn’t we? But
33 this year if you’re married you can’t come. What
34 happened, last year we had sixty people. We didn’t --
35 well, we had sixty people to call in. But half of you
36 were married folks. And we had some senior citizens
37 that couldn’t come because we were already -- we had
38 already reached our peak. So the senior citizens who
39 live by themselves who were widows, widowers, divorcees
40 or just plain old single, didn’t get in. But you
41 married guys came because it was a cheap date; wasn’t
42 it? You didn’t have to pay for nothing. You just
43 came. But this year you’re going to have to find some
44 place to take that lovely lucky lady; okay? Because
45 this year is just for seniors. But I need your help in
46 getting the word out; okay?
47 Also, we had a situation where we can help the
48 Anderson County -- Community Survey of Anderson County.
49 What they did was they put -- they call themselves
50 CJCC, but nobody knows what that means yet because this
is a new, this is a new thing. And nobody knows what CJCC is. So anyway, they’ve got a survey that they need help with. Now, this survey needs to go to everybody, as many people as we can get because they have a chance now to tell us what they think about the jail. They have a chance now to tell us how they think that we can fix the jail. They’ve got a chance now to tell us how they feel about the people there, how long they’re kept as Ms. Fant was just telling us about. But we’ve got to get these surveys done.

Now, the leaders they have chosen for this committee, I worry that they may not get to the places that need this. So if you think that you can help them with this, that’s no more than taking the applications, the survey out to people, sit with them if you need to and help them fill it out, pick it up again and let’s return it to the CJCC Committee. That will be a big help. That will be a big help that we all need.

The things are up here if you would just please -- council members, I’m hoping that you will take some, too, to do some work in the community. Okay. There they are.

And let’s see, what else? We are still working hard on District 2's application for the grant that we need to fix up or remove or repair the seventy-seven houses that’s in our district. I had one lady today that asked me questions about it because she -- I think she was really concerned about what’s going on here in Anderson or how it got like this in Anderson? How one section of town is just dying while they’re building more sections in another area.

Okay. And I think that’s about everything that I have to talk about in this time. But if you have any questions about anything, call me, because I know it. That’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I just wanted to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the council members and staff who reached out to me in my father’s passing this last couple of weeks. It meant so much to me. It meant so much to my family and my mom. And Ms. Wilson, Ms. Floyd, y’all were personal friends of my father, and I thank y’all for being there. And I really appreciate the council members and staff. Thank you so much.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. He was an incredible gentleman.

Every year it seems the litter gets worse than the previous year. And it’s been brought to our attention that SCDOT is supposed to be cleaning their roads and
they haven’t. They’ve done it maybe once a year, and
then one year they skipped. And we seem to have
enforcement issues. I wonder if we should all get
together maybe next council meeting and have a
resolution to send to our county delegation and General
Assembly requesting some assistance and guidance on
that? You know, we can barely keep the county roads
cleaned.

And the second thing, I talked with Mr. Greg Smith
today. The recycling will be slightly improved this
coming year, but it’s still kind of not doing too well.
China quit taking our garbage, you know.

The third item that’s of great concern and I wanted
to make sure everybody is aware of it. We will be
meeting with DHEC and Kinder-Morgan and the community
February the 11th at 6:00 at Cedar Grove Elementary.
Kinder-Morgan has had five years to clean almost a half
million gallons of petroleum products that spilled into
that community. The contamination has now migrated
further into the body of water that was adjoining it.
It was a small creek that had beaver dams. And thank
the good Lord the beaver dams captured a lot of it.
But now it’s migrating in the opposite direction, as
well. I personally find it so offensive that that
company is such a poor corporate neighbor. We have so
many good corporate neighbors in our county, but
Kinder-Morgan, we even reached out to them prior to the
great disaster and they just simply didn’t have an
interest in setting up communications with us with the
ethanol facility they have over at Cheddar, which is a
highly incendiary situation. But anyway, everyone is
invited to come. And we’re hoping that we can get some
movement with the U.S. Supreme Court case that this
situation is part of. There should be some kind of a
reading coming up. But Mr. Frank Holleman will make a
presentation and bring us up-to-date on the test of the
water and wells over there. And hopefully we can get
some movement to make it -- get it cleaned up. It
should be as clean as Mr. Kinder’s backyard. Thank
you.

TOMMY DUNN:   Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD:   There was one thing I did
forget about cleaning up Anderson. Folks, we didn’t
throw the trash down there. I don’t believe anybody in
this room would do that. But it’s down there
regardless. It doesn’t reflect on the people who
throws it down. It reflects on us, the people who live
around it. And all we do is complain about we need to
do this, we need to -- we need to have a meeting. We
need to do. But what we need to do is what one of the
ladies in our audience does. I’m going to call her name. Her name is Elizabeth Fant. She doesn’t sit around and complain about it. She gets out there and pick it up. Also, Mr. Marian Tarrant with his Men at Work, they don’t sit around and complain about it. They get out there and clean it up. As Mr. Meredith, William Meredith does. He gets outside of his house and he cleans it up. We’re going to have to do that. Before I got in my condition, I got out there and picked it up. I was going out there to pick it up and my son found out and that was a phone call. I can’t go out there with you, but I can help you get there. Let’s follow the examples of our true citizens, Anderson County community people, let’s get out there and do what they do. Let’s pick it up, whether we threw it there or not. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Burns, I apologize. It escaped my mind. When is the pick-up sign date? 29th?

RUSTY BURNS: On the 29th. It will be an opportunity. We’re going to have county personnel out that day. We are going to have volunteers out that day. And we’re going to concentrate on removing illegal signs. We’ll be starting the advertisement. We began that process today. And we’ll be encouraging people to assist us in that effort. So we hope to get every illegal sign out of Anderson County.

TOMMY DUNN: It is a problem. Remember all our inspections and stuff when the Keep America Beautiful group come here a couple of weeks ago at a council meeting. Council throwed this idea out there and Mr. Burns and staff have come up with a date to get through the holidays. There was so many people off during the holidays. They go out and pull the staff of county employees that’s taking off to help get this done. Keep in mind, illegal signs. We don’t want no signs out of nobody’s yard.

The next thing, I just want -- a few things. One thing is about the jail situation. We’ve had a group, the Criminal Justice Committee. They’ve been going on now well over a year, probably a year and a half. The first meeting they had the federal folks come in and I’ll never forget what they said. If you build a jail that holds ten thousand people, you’ll fill it up. We know there’s other problems. If county council had a magic wand on some of these people sitting in jail to get his done what not, Casey Collins is heading that group up and has done a fantastic job trying to co-mingle with the solicitor’s office, the judges over there. This is all the senators, magistrates got a
Everybody needs to be working together and coming to these meetings. She’s done a good job trying to get them. Major Vaughan back there, his team has been excellent putting this together. Come up with -- help me out here, Mr. Burns, the medical -- not medical -- mental health screenings come out of this to make it better. It’s been working. It’s been a good thing of our attendees of committees. They’ve got if I’m not mistaken people go through to tour the jail with Major Vaughn so we’ll know what’s going on instead of just making accusations and not knowing what you’re talking about and looking at the jail to see how it’s going. But they are working. And Ms. Collins, like I said, has done an excellent job so far and continues to do her job. But it’s going to be a team effort. County Council can’t fix the problem by itself. Everybody working together can.

Last, but not least, I want to thank everybody for last year, what we accomplished. We’ve got a busy year, a lot coming up. We’ve got some Civic Center stuff I hope we can accomplish coming very quickly. Got some road issues that’s out there. We’ve got very good, I think, information on the eighteen or so meetings we had. You know, we sat down and talked about a car fee and I think we found out that’s not the way to go. That, and we listened to the folks. We’ll be looking at some other avenues and pushing them around. Can’t do nothing before -- it’s got to be on the referendum if we do decide to go that route and that’s November. We’ve got almost a year.

But I do want to thank everybody for (mic cutting out). And I know Chairman Sanders is going to get started very soon with the budget. Mr. Burns, and have your staff tuned and ready early to get started on it and not wait till the thing. I know we started last year doing quarterly stuff, and I think, if I’m not mistaken, the end of this month will be the second quarterly report we need to do. I’m looking forward to that.

But I appreciate everybody and look forward to seeing you (mic cutting out).

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.)