ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT:
RUSTY BURNS
LEON HARMON
LACEY CROEGAERT
TOMMY DUNN: (Inaudible)

GRACIE FLOYD: I would like for you to please go to your higher power as I go to mine. Thank you.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY GRACIE FLOYD

TOMMY DUNN: At this time are there any corrections to be made to the minutes of January 21, 2020?

You make a motion to move them forward.

GRACIE FLOYD: No, I have some. Mr. Chairman, as you know, a record of what happened on certain issues during the council meeting -- anyway, as I was going over the minutes -- usually I don’t do that because it’s usually just little errors, grammatical errors or punctuation or something. But I have some concerns I want to bring to your attention here.

We need to start on page 15 of the minutes. Mr. Chairman, under Tommy Dunn, it says Mr. Burns, mic cutting out. Us three being together, wouldn’t that -- and the mic cuts out again. I don’t know what it’s about that we were talking about. On the same page, Brett Sanders, how would that money be split? Would it Anderson County or would it be split on a pro rated basis with the amount -- and it’s gone. Cindy Wilson, she says usage of the capacity to existing capacity right now. That doesn’t make any sense. On page 17, it’s the same thing. On this page Tommy Dunn, mic cut out on line 4, Tommy Dunn, I think that’s the ... And then on line 27, mic cutting out. 32, mic cutting out.

The next page, 18, Tommy Dunn, mic cutting out. Rusty Burns, mic cutting out. 31, Cindy Wilson, he’s a hilarious, fun sport, but we both -- I won’t tell you what he told me. But Tommy Dunn, mic cutting out, Tommy Dunn, mic cutting out. Do you see the problem here?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am.

GRACIE FLOYD: And it goes on, on page 19, mic cutting out. On mine, that’s why we have some people on committees -- on a committee since the incept. I should have said inception. But she got me there verbatim, and I just understand that. And on down page 21, Mr. Dunn, mic cutting out. Mr. Dunn, mic cutting out. And Mr. Burns, I have something to ask him on follow-up. And this thing here, 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 -- that doesn’t make any sense at all. We’re lacking a lot of clarity and continuity of what was going on. Mr. Dunn, she got you again on page 27, mic cutting out.
So what I was able to figure out, seventeen times
Mr. ---

TOMMY DUNN: Me?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: Picking on me that night then, huh?

GRACIE FLOYD: It’s usually me. But it’s seventeen times your mic cut out; four times for Mr. Burns.

TOMMY DUNN: I’m going to get a complex here, Ms. Floyd. You reckon they’re picking on me?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Well, they’ve done it to me for years, so whatever. But anyway, I think, Mr. Dunn, we have a problem here. We cannot follow the minutes, the continuity of the minutes nor can we understand the thought that goes through the minutes. And this does not make a good show for our county if we had to go back.

TOMMY DUNN: I agree.

I make a motion we put this off and try to work on this and try to get it approved at next meeting. Have a second?

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second Mr. Graham. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands.

Mr. Harmon, will you let me know, I’ll come up here and help Lacey and whoever else, to clarify this?

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir, I’ll be glad to.

TOMMY DUNN: I appreciate it.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, may I, please, that we go back to the microphones that we had before somebody decided it was a great thing to do to change, and it’s not.

TOMMY DUNN: The problem is, this is the first time I think that’s happened to me, and I’ve been using this and I’ll be more careful. But it’s like just then, people turn, you’ve got that mic there, it’s not going to pick it up. So we’ll just have to do a little better job and y’all let us know. Let’s give it a try. I think that’s the biggest problem. Mine sometimes I’ll turn down like this. But I’ll try to do better. Mr. Harmon, you see me doing that -- you got some paper over there? Throw it at me and hit me, do something ---

LEON HARMON: I’ve got a clipboard. You don’t want me to throw that?

TOMMY DUNN: No. I couldn’t take nothing that hard. We’ll work on this. That is a
serious thing. We’ll work on this and see if we can’t
get this straightened out; okay?
Moving on -- before we move on to number 4, a
little housekeeping if we could. If there’s no
objection, when we get to 8(b), before we do 8(b), the
Finance is going to give their report. That way we
won’t be voting on something before the Finance
Committee gives their report, if that makes sense.
We’re going to move that up if there’s no objection.
We’re going to do that by unanimous consent.
Then on item number 12, Executive Session, legal
issues regarding Magistrates serving as Municipal
Judges. That’s going to be taken off tonight. Mr.
Harmon has been in contact with the state down there,
the Administrative Court, I believe that’s the title,
what not, to get some clarity. And also getting some
work set up and be giving us something we can discuss
and vote on at maybe our next council meeting.
Therefore, I understand Mr. Harmon has been talking
with him today and also Senator Gambrell.
LEON HARMON: That’s correct, Mr.
Chairman.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Yes, ma’am.
GRACIE FLOYD: (Inaudible)
TOMMY DUNN: You talking about the
agenda? No, ma’am. You can do it -- Robert’s Rules
allows you to do a consent agenda if there’s no
objection. That’s the reason I asked if there’s no
objection. You don’t have to vote on that if there’s
no objection. That’s in Robert’s Rules of Order.
That’s what you call consent agenda.
GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. But you also,
when you change the minutes -- the agenda, you have to
vote ---
TOMMY DUNN: No, ma’am. That’s what
I just asked -- there’s a thing in the Robert’s Rules
of Order called Consent Agenda. That’s when there’s
nobody objects. That’s the reason I asked if there’s
any objection to changing this. If there is none,
hearing none, we go with Consent Agenda. I promise
you, it’s in Robert’s Rules of Order. And that’s what
we go by in council meetings.
GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. I understand
that. But I promise you, you have to vote on it.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
Moving on to citizens comments, number 4. Mr.
Harmon?
LEON HARMON: Mr. Chairman, no one is
signed up to speak.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Harmon.
Moving on to item number 5, CJCC Community Survey, Ms. Green. Mr. Burns, do you want to make sure the mic -- and get her where she needs to be? Make sure that’s on. It is? Okay.

MS. GREEN: Is it on?

TOMMY DUNN: Yeah.

MS. GREEN: Okay. Good. My name is Maria Torres-Green. I’m with the Anderson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. For those who don’t know, our mission is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to our local criminal justice system and thereby improving public safety and community well-being.

One of the newly formed committees, Community Connects, which I’m the co-chair, we’re working to raise awareness in the efforts of the Anderson community and better understanding the community’s priorities in approving our local justice system.

So what we did was we created a survey leveraging the Charleston CJCC survey and to gain input on various communities in Anderson County and gain feedback on issues of Criminal Justice.

This survey will collect data on what the community priorities and understanding about the criminal justice are. This will help us in developing our next strategic plan to help sharpen focus in the areas that need the most attention and provide education and outreach to the communities.

So what we’re asking of you is if you could share the survey within your districts. I left a packet at each of your stations. Lacey also was provided with a link if someone wanted to take the survey online. You could also find the survey on the county Facebook place, the sheriff’s Facebook page, as well as some of our partners. The library has also added it to the website banner. So our goal is fifteen hundred surveys. Right now we’re currently at three hundred and fifty. So we really need a huge push before the survey ends on February 29th.

With the district responses, we’ll be able to provide a report to all the districts and let you know what your community feels, knows and thinks is important as far as the criminal justice system is concerned.

There’s also some surveys in the bannisters if anyone wants to take it now. And Casey is in the back and she’ll be able to collect those. So I just wanted to just let you know about that survey.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Green.

We appreciate all the hard work y’all are doing. It’s
for a good cause. Anybody have anything? Comments or anything for Ms. Green? Thank you, Ms. Green.

Appreciate you.

Moving on to number 6, ordinance third reading.
There are none.

Same way as 7, ordinance second reading. There are none.

Moving on to Ordinance number 8, first reading.
2020-001, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone +/- 23.66 acres from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to R-A (Residential-Agricultural) at 150 Burns Bridge Road. Be in District 4, Mr. Sanders' district. Mr. Parkey, Dr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Yes, this request for rezoning is at 150 Burns Bridge Circle, approximately twenty-three acres. The request is to change the property from R-20, which is our single-family residential district with twenty-thousand square foot lots to R-A, the residential agricultural district. The request is for the purposes of having a multi-animal homestead or farm. Staff has recommended approval of the request. The Planning Commission also recommended approval in their January 14th meeting. And I believe that’s everything I have. I can answer any questions.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Do we have a motion on the floor for discussion?
BRETT SANDERS: So moved.
CINDY WILSON: Second.
TOMMY DUNN: Motion Mr. Sanders; second Ms. Wilson. Now any discussions or questions for Dr. Parkey? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Dr. Parkey.

JEFF PARKEY: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Now moving on to the Finance Report.
BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, members of council. From our Finance Committee meeting on the 31st of January, if I could I’d like to do the solid waste capital, both of them together and explain them. One request was for a pre-crusher unit for the Whitefield Convenience Center, five cubic yards. The winning bid was Baker Waste Equipment for forty-four thousand three sixty-five forty-one. Will allow for increased capacity and reduce full?? costs.

Second request was for three compactors, four cubic yards, for Craytonville, Townville and Agnew Convenience Centers. The winning company was Baker Waste Equipment, again, with a winning bid of forty-
four thousand six hundred and nineteen dollars.
This comes before council as a full recommendation
from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, it doesn’t need a second. We have a motion on the floor for items (a) and (b). Do we have any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Chairman, moving on.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Okay. The next was grants. We had two grands, a Green Pond Landing improvement, matching grant. The grant they’re wanting to apply for is a hundred and five thousand seven twenty-nine oh five to enhance the overall utility of the facility and provide further services for visitors and participants. This come before the Finance Committee. We bring it before council as a full recommendation.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Moving on, Mr. Chairman.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. The second grant was letter of intent to pursue a land and water conservation fund for the Piedmont River Park, Phase 1, grant request amount of three hundred thousand, a match used to develop a twenty-eight-acre public access facility on the Saluda River Blue Trail. I bring this before council as a full recommendation from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, again coming from the Finance Committee, doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed? Show the motion carries unanimously.

We’ll be moving on, Mr. Chairman.

BRETT SANDERS: Number 6 was the Veterans Affairs Van. It was to provide veterans with transportation to and from medical appointments. The purchase was for a seven-passenger van with a contract price of twenty-six thousand dollars. This comes before council as a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from the Finance Committee, again, doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.
GRACIE FLOYD: At that meeting it was -- we heard -- or they heard from the Veterans Affair Officer and he was talking about how badly they needed this van. And several suggestions came up. And one of them was about trying to get -- one of them was about trying to get a company -- car company to see if they would give the county a van instead of having to go out and buy one. How far did that go? How did that one turn out, Mr. Chairman?

BRETT SANDERS: Well, he was talking and I specifically remember him saying they had reached out but there was no free van. But he did say that they had budgeted for the van that they’re looking to purchase now. That they had reached out to other sources on maybe getting some funding or contributions and at this point of view, it didn’t work. But he was continuing to look.

GRACIE FLOYD: Good. That’s what I was getting at. Didn’t he say that there were some counties that were able to get some van donated to them?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes. And there was several counties that have multiple. This van would be used -- again, the problem they were having is when they would take veterans down to say Columbia for their appointments, the van has to be back at a certain time so if they weren’t completed with their appointments, they got left or they had to leave. So ... But it is something that they really need, and I think they’re looking for other resources and options, but this was an option for them that they had funded to make (inaudible).

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Mr. Chairman, on our part, I’m sure we covered with the Finance Department where this money is coming from?

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. They already had it budgeted. It’s coming from their budget. They already had it funded and planned for.

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

I just want to say in retrospect, I appreciate council moving this on. There have been several veterans contact me about this and it is greatly needed. Just getting -- other counties do do this, and I think it’s a service we need to be providing for our veterans.
Mr. Chairman.

CINDY WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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

CINDY WILSON: Just to add to the conversation, there will be a grant funding round through the COG probably this spring where the veterans can quality, most likely, for another van that they said they would use. So we’ll watch that carefully.

TOMMY DUNN: Please do.

Next.

BRET SANDERS: Yes, sir. Moving on to item number 7, the city of Belton Chili Cook-Off. They were requesting five thousand dollars from accommodations tax to help put on their cook-off. The big event brings a lot of people in. And it comes before council with full recommendation from the Finance Department.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, don’t need a second, coming from committee. Do we have any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yes.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: All right. Mr. Chairman, I couldn’t understand while I sat in on that meeting, I couldn’t understand how the city of Belton had problems -- that’s the way it was presented; wasn’t it? It was presented that something happened that they didn’t get into the process. Could you explain ---

BRET SANDERS: They missed an opportunity, and Mr. Burns knows ---

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, may I?

TOMMY DUNN: Let’s let Mr. Burns go ahead.

RUSTY BURNS: The person who had been leading the Belton Chili Cook-Off for many, many years has stepped down from that role. There’s new leadership in that role. They actually submitted an application, but it was lost due to a computer glitch; whether their fault or our fault. It is an ideal use for these funds, five thousand dollars, and it’s one of the largest festivals in the county. We’re just trying to make them whole and help them out.

GRACIE FLOYD: Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Mr. Graham, you got anything?

RAY GRAHAM: No. Just with the email, that’s what I was going to mention.

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

Mr. Chairman, moving on to item number 8.

BRETT SANDERS: Item number 8, software financing for the execution and lease purchase agreement for software for public safety, the county financed. This come before -- we bring this before council as a full recommendation from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Again, doesn’t need a second coming from Committee. We’ve had council move this forward before. Any discussion on this? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Chairman, moving on.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Item number (d) -- or number 9 was just we were presented with the second quarter financials, which I like bidding. I hope it’s a benefit to the council members. I hope that you have it in your packet. It allows us to track and see things as they happen quicker, I think in more real time. Everything that I looked over looked good. And basically I think everyone should have a copy in their packet.

And I’m going to move on to number 10, was transferred were discussed and explained. And it comes before council as a recommendation in its entirety from the Finance Committee.

TOMMY DUNN: Have a motion, again, being redundant here, but it doesn’t need a second coming from the Finance Committee. Are there any discussion on transfers? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Chairman.

BRETT SANDERS: That’s it.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate it.

BRETT SANDERS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you for your report; thank you for your committee’s work.

We’re going to move on now to item number 8(c), and I know this was on the Public Safety Committee, but if we would Mr. Graham is on that and he’s chairman, so we’re going to do this. 8(c), 2020-003. Mr. Chairman.

RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Members of council, this was brought up in the Public Safety Committee. In a sense it’s basically nothing more than cleaning up some paperwork. But basically, this ordinance, what it’s going to do is allow the sheriff’s department the opportunity to distinguish between a general sessions charge and a state charge on
basically the definition of maltreatment as the term applies to any animal or pet. What that amounts to is it allows council -- or excuse me -- the sheriff’s department the opportunity to -- that goes out if there’s an opportunity that we need to educate the public as far as some of the dos and don’ts, they can make a charge on a magistrate level that’ll be heard here in the county and it basically gives them a lesser charge where they can actually educate the public as far as, you know, the dos and don’ts and what the true needs is for the care of the animal. Leon and the sheriff’s department has worked hard as far as getting this together. And like I said, it’s just really cleaning up the paperwork.

Mr. Chairman, do you want me to read this entire ordinance?

TOMMY DUNN: No, I don’t think so.

You can do it in title only.

RAY GRAHAM: That was presented from Public Safety, was voted on a hundred percent to bring forth to full council for -- as a recommendation.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from Public Safety, doesn’t need a second. Is there any discussion on this?

CINDY WILSON: May I very quickly?

It’s just a typo on the second page of this, the word form should be from. Just a simple typo.

TOMMY DUNN: Make sure that gets corrected, Mr. Harmon.

LEON HARMON: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Any more discussion?

All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Moving on to item number 8(d), 2020-004, an ordinance to amend the agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park, that’s 2010 park, of Anderson and Greenville Counties, so as to enlarge the park to add Project Yellow to the business park. Mr. Nelson.

BURRISS NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of council. This again is an opportunity to assist Greenville County in an expansion of one of their existing industries, Project Yellow. There are -- gives this company an opportunity to access some state grants that could be available to them by being members of our industrial park agreement. And of course, Greenville County sends their thanks for your consideration in assisting them with this economic development effort in their county.
TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Nelson. 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 or comments, questions for Mr. Nelson? Hearing and seeing none, all in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Mr. Nelson.
BURRISS NELSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.
TOMMY DUNN: Now we’ll be moving on to -- there’s no resolutions under number 9.

Moving on to number 10, report from the Public Safety Committee held on January 24th. We just done item 3, so we’ll be moving on to item number 4. Mr. Chairman.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of council, this update on some of these items, and then there’s one other thing that we’ll need to bring forth for voting before full council.

Item number 4 is body camera update. Do you want to give an update on that just briefly as far as on where we stand? Because I know you gave some great information earlier before the meeting started.
ROSS BROWN: As I reported in the Public Safety Committee meeting, I’m happy to report ---

TOMMY DUNN: Wait a minute. Get that mic and get it working good. For the record, this will be Ross Brown from the sheriff’s department.
ROSS BROWN: Good evening. As I reported in the Public Safety Committee meeting, I’m happy to report that we have almost got, as of today we almost have full implementation of the units that we received. All but half of one shift has been issued their cameras and they’re up and running. I was able to actually pull some footage up on my phone a minute ago. It is up and running. We’re working through a few logistical issues here and there, just with the implementation and categorizing. Everything else is going very well. So we appreciate it, again.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Captain Brown. Anybody have any questions or comments for Captain Brown? Thank you very much. Appreciate what all y’all do.
ROSS BROWN: Thank you.
RAY GRAHAM: Thank you, Captain.

Definitely want to commend the sheriff’s department on getting to the level and to the point that we are with this. It’s definitely going to be a great asset for
the safety of our officers, along with the citizens of Anderson County. Appreciate what you guys have done with that.

As far as our next update was a brief dispatch update. Basically we’re still working on the EMD cards and also the AFCO to basically bring back a recommendation to full council. Right now it’s still in the works. Ideally if we can get some type of system in place with a dispatch system, hopefully it will quit -- or eliminate some of the taxation of our system as far as with basically running out of ambulances or just sending ambulances on excessive calls that could be handled differently. We’re still working on that. And we’ll hopefully have something to bring forth to full council within the next several weeks to a month.

As far as EMS fee schedule discussion, it was brought to council, as you guys know, presented to full council from Public Safety I guess a year and a half ago about doing a fee increase. They’ve approached us about doing that again. Right now they’re still gathering some information that the Public Safety Committee had asked that they go back and get and basically justifying the needs. So we’re still waiting on that information and hope to have some updates on that in the future, as well.

December compliance, we pulled that off. It wasn’t quite ready due to some of the information just coming in.

Steve, do you want to do a quick update on the EMS Plan for 2020? We had kind of tabled that somewhat, as well, but if you want to do that you’re more than welcome to.

TOMMY DUNN: Hang on a minute, Steve. And for the record, this will be Steve Kelly, our EMS Director.

STEVE KELLY: If I could circle back, the AFCO stuff that you were talking about, we have one of the final drafts ready. It looks like it’s (inaudible). We’ve just got to push it back through dispatch to sign off on it.

The EMS update for this next year, kind of what we’re looking for is continue with the fee schedule. Try to get it updated. Keep watching the numbers. See where we’re going to need to move ambulances. I’m thinking that Powdersville area will probably end up needing some sort of increase up there. I don’t know if it -- it’ll probably be more like a twelve-hour day truck. I’m not sure of the hours yet. But that’s really about as far as we got.
RAY GRAHAM: Okay. Thank you, Steve.

TOMMY DUNN: Steve, thank you very much.

RAY GRAHAM: Basically on the EMS Plan, what we done was task Steve with trying to get I guess a head start in a sense as far as what our needs are going to be for the upcoming fiscal year budget-wise.

Moving on down, we did have an EMD grant presented. Captain Brown, do you have that amount? Or Ms. Rita? It’s basically a full grant that — do you want — there’s no point in getting into that. I mean do you want to speak on it or ... Okay. Basically Lieutenant Baker had applied for a grant. It’s an ongoing grant that we get every year and basically there’s no matching funds on our end. And it’s just more a formality of bringing it before full council. Public Safety Committee did recommend this to bring before full council a hundred percent.

TOMMY DUNN: Coming from a committee, Public Safety, it doesn’t a second. Are there any discussion?

GRACIE FLOYD: Yeah. Mr. Chair.

TOMMY DUNN: Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, is this the one related to a charge to MedShore?

TOMMY DUNN: No.

GRACIE FLOYD: That’s not the one?

TOMMY DUNN: No. Anyone else? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously.

RAY GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, that’s all I have.

TOMMY DUNN: Appreciate your work, you and your committee. Yes, ma’am, Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: Mr. Chair, I want to talk -- I want to discuss that. I’ve been waiting to hear something about it. Okay. I don’t have it all together because I can’t find anybody to explain it to me. But something happened where Greg Shore was charged a fee for not showing up or something. I’ve got it all confused. And there were three council members that voted this thing on him.

TOMMY DUNN: Public Safety Committee.

That’s in our rules.

GRACIE FLOYD: I know. But it wasn’t reported back. I haven’t -- it wasn’t reported to full council that this had happened. Can you please explain to me what it is and what happened and how?

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. We’ve got
certain time to make and certain qualifications to make
on calls. Not just, not just MedShore or Priority, one
as it’s correctly called now, all of the EMS systems in
the county. And Director Kelly keeps up with this and
logs it. We was talking about a while ago about the
December ones are not ready. The November -- was that
right, Mr. Kelly, the month? October, I’m sorry. We
don’t it in November. The October, they missed their
thing and they was fined per our ordinance.

GRACIE FLOYD: They missed their thing?
TOMMY DUNN: They missed their call
time to answer so many calls in so many minutes.

GRACIE FLOYD: Minutes, okay.
TOMMY DUNN: So they missed that.

And this was not the first time. This has been going
on a little bit. It was Director Kelly’s
recommendation to implement a fine. The fine was
given. The Public Safety Committee, per our ordinance,
heard it. Reduced the fine down from what it
originally was and put it on.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. So Mr. Kelly did
the fine; right?
TOMMY DUNN: Well, per our ordinance
he’s the one that recommended the fine.

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TOMMY DUNN: Public Safety Committee.
GRACIE FLOYD: And then -- okay. Now,
what I heard ---
TOMMY DUNN: You’ve got to talk in
that mic. This is where we’re loving our minutes -- I
mean our agenda is getting lost.

GRACIE FLOYD: Well, my name wasn’t
down there.
TOMMY DUNN: Well, I can promise you
it will be next time.
GRACIE FLOYD: That’s fine because I’m
trying to understand something here. And it means I
have to look you.
TOMMY DUNN: Okay.
GRACIE FLOYD: But the thing is council
-- it never came back to council; did it?
TOMMY DUNN: No, it don’t have to.
But it should have been for information. I thought
everybody got it in their mailbox. But anyway ---
GRACIE FLOYD: I didn’t get -- did you
get anything? Did y’all get anything in your mailbox?
TOMMY DUNN: Again, I said I thought
it did.
GRACIE FLOYD: Well, I didn’t.
TOMMY DUNN: But it will get out then, a full report. But like I said, per our ordinance it goes before the Public Safety Committee and they’re the ones that make that decision, how this thing is drawed up. Full council does not vote on it. But full council should have been notified and I’ll make sure that everybody gets the thing.

GRACIE FLOYD: Okay. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Yes, ma’am. Will you take care of that, Mr. Burns, please?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your report and your committee’s hard work.

Now, we’ll be moving on, our next is 13. I know I’ve got down here none, but I just want to double check. Are there any appointments from anyone that come in late?

Requests by council members. Are there any requests by council members? Mr. Wooten.

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yes. I was hoping -- they already have their forms on file for non-profit status and everything, but I wanted to do fifteen hundred for Meals on Wheels as they have a 5K Connector run coming up in March. But if the paperwork is problematic, I can wait until the next ---

TOMMY DUNN: If they’ve got the thing, just get the paperwork in and you can make a motion to approve it when the paperwork is here if that’s your thing.

CRAIG WOOTEN: That works.

TOMMY DUNN: Do you want to do that?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Yeah, that works. Yeah.

TOMMY DUNN: We have a motion by Mr. Wooten out of his ---

CRAIG WOOTEN: Oh, I’m sorry. I was supposed to make the motion. I was confused for a second.

TOMMY DUNN: Fifteen hundred dollars, for the record, for Meals on Wheels, as long as they get their paperwork in.

RAY GRAHAM: Second.

TOMMY DUNN: Second by Mr. Graham. Now any discussion? All in favor of the motion show of hands. Opposed like sign. Show the motion carries unanimously. Anyone else?

BRETT SANDERS: Craig, are you going to run in it? Are you going to participate?

CRAIG WOOTEN: I’m going to probably lead. I’ll be like the pace car.

RAY GRAHAM: Notice he said car.

TOMMY DUNN: Hearing no more
requests, we’ll move on to item number 15, administrator’s report.

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

TOMMY DUNN: Moving on to item number 16, citizens comments. Mr. Harmon.

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

TOMMY DUNN: And now we’ll go to remarks from council members. Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: Thank you. Just wanted to make sure that everyone remembers that next Tuesday night at Cedar Grove Elementary School there will be another community meeting dealing with a number of concerns in that area. We’ll introduce the new Landfill Manager, who’s expected to be a welcome relief over there. Mr. Frank Holleman will present what they presented before the U.S. Supreme Court dealing with the Kinder-Morgan spill. DHEC has been invited and they will present their perspective on that. Apparently things are improving, but after five years it’s still woefully inadequate. Just want to make sure everyone knows they’re welcome to come and we’d be glad to have them. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Mr. Wooten?

CRAIG WOOTEN: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Wooten. Mr. Graham.

RAY GRAHAM: Nothing at this time.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you. Ms. Floyd.

GRACIE FLOYD: The only thing I want to say is that council members, we need to be sharp on what we report and what we don’t report to council members. It’s important that this one hand feeds the other one. Or one hand wash the other’s back. But we need to know what’s going on. And when you say that -- when we hear things on the street, then there’s no follow-up but you know there’s something to it, we need to be careful. Now, there’s one person said that she got the note or the letter about it, MedShore. Okay. Even thought I questioned it, I made phone calls, I never got a letter. I never got a letter. And only one person got it. That just seemed kind of weird.

But also there was another letter that went out. We did some clean-up work around Anderson County. We went out and we removed all those signs that were in the way of the presence of our community. Did any member in here go out and do that? Nobody else went? Employees didn’t go? Well, I went. I went. And I
rode with three other people in the county that works for the county that picked up signs and stuff. And we worked from eight o’clock that morning until three thirty-three that afternoon picking up signs. And we still didn’t finish.

But the thing is, all that hard work we did and I got a letter on here that says we apologize for being over-zealous. And I don’t think we were over-zealous. We didn’t even complete the job. It was so much to do. And the signs that we removed, it was legal because we had to take a picture of it. We had to mark where we got it from. And I just -- and most of the signs that we removed I feel like were illegal.

Now, we may have missed one or two, but to paint the entire project with one brush that says we were over-zealous and apologize for doing it, I just can’t see that. I just can’t see that. I worked hard that day. I worked very hard. But to have somebody say, well, you were just over-zealous, we were over-zealous, the county people were over-zealous, we shouldn’t have moved the signs. We should have moved the signs. We moved signs -- any sign that was less than fifteen feet, was it, from the road? Yeah. Was measured and removed.

Ms. Casey -- Casey, what’s your last name? Collins, okay. Thank you. Ms. Casey Collins, I’ve got a bunch of stuff for you. Okay. I have some still out, but let’s talk after. Okay. The surveys were done in my district and we got a lot of them back. Some good stuff on it and I want to talk with you about it; okay? And I thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Sanders.

BRETT SANDERS: Nothing at this time, sir.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

Mr. Davis.

JIMMY DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Just a couple of things. Ms. Wilson, could you have Lacey send -- I’m going to be on the road, but if I can get to your meeting I would love to attend. Could you get that information to Lacey and have her send it out with the location. That would be great.

Secondly, we are -- I serve on the GPATs Team which is the Greenville/Pickens Area Transportation study. I guess we ought to rename that Greenville/Pickens/ Northern Anderson County. But this is similar to ANATs and the transportation planning. We’ll be having a training session which I’ll be going to, to bring all members up to speed on all these tremendous amount of
acronyms that no one even on the study team can even remember. But we’ll be having a training session with GPATs and hopefully getting some more attention toward Anderson County from GPATs, who will help us fund a lot of that.

Lastly, it seems like we have a lot of issues, and maybe I’m the only one that notices, with that wireless microphone out there. And I’m thinking maybe we should -- if we can get -- that one there works really good. The one on the podium works good. Can we get another one like that and replace that wireless to where we’re kind of uniform out there and we have microphone that we don’t have problems picking up speakers. Thank you. That’s all I have, Mr. Chairman.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

Yes, ma’am, Ms. Wilson.

CINDY WILSON: (Inaudible) from the COG and I’ll ask Ms. Lacey to share that with everybody. But it’s the Project Finder link, so all the transportation projects that go through ACOG can be reviewed and that -- a lot of times there’s a little overlap between GPATs, ANATs and ACOG. All these acronyms. Anyway, I’ll get this out for y’all. I’m sure Holt may already have it. Thank you.

TOMMY DUNN: Thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Burns and his staff for the sign pick-up. I requested that, along with other council members at a council meeting probably two months ago before the holidays, to get this done. But I will be bringing before -- I’ve talked with Mr. Harmon, some different language for our sign ordinances. For one thing that gives me a little heartburn, this plainly says fifteen foot off of the road. Well, what we may or may not be aware of, Anderson County -- there’s roads in Anderson County the property is zoned to the center of the road. If you’re going on somebody’s private property and taking their sign off can be a little bit problematic to me.

The second thing is not everybody -- I’ve volunteered my time and service to do a tape check to get a reading, because some signs it’s been proven it was not closer to fifteen foot that was picked up. And I got numerous phone calls from a lot of different people. And I tried to respond and let them know and put out some because they was coming to burn some of our houses down and we didn’t want that to happen. So that’s where that comes from and know it.

Appreciate everybody. Meeting be adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.)