



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2009

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Discussion And Vote On Funding Priorities For Potential Congressional Funding And Stimulus Bill Funding

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is a special meeting of Fairfield County Council come to order on this March 2nd, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Invocation by Mrs. Kinley.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to thank everybody for being here. We've got a lot to do, a lot to discuss. Mr. Kyle Michel's with us. You see a handout. Everybody get the handout in the stuff that was on the desk.

MR. MARCHARIA: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: Before we get started, I wanted to ask a question. I think the majority of the Council voted last week to have a meeting on a certain day and it was changed and I was not notified, so I left here that night, went to North Carolina and came straight back from North Carolina and the doors were locked and I understand that it was e-mailed to my house, but I didn't get the information. What I'd like to know, I need a legal opinion. When the majority of the Council make a decision, how can one person without us coming back to ratify to do something can change that meeting without Council approval and participation? We can do that in terms of our rules and whatnot?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We'll just have to have a legal opinion rendered on that, Mr. Marcharia. I talked to everybody that night. Mr. Ferguson's wife was being operated on yesterday. I hope everything went well on that, David.

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** I was out of town and I wanted to be here to
2 discuss all of this. And we were doing it Thursday night, and
3 we've been working on this pretty diligently now for six weeks and
I didn't want anything left out and so I changed the meeting until
Monday night when I knew everybody would be here or hopefully
everybody would be here. So anyhow, I made the call and if we
need a legal opinion on that, so be it. But I'm sorry you didn't
get the message with Council within two hours after it was done
and I think Mr. Hinely left here and went and ate supper and e-
mailed everybody while he was eating supper to that effect. But,
anyhow, we can get an opinion on that.

MR. MARCHARIA: So my specific request was once the majority of
Council vote on something, can the chairman either by proxy by
calling other Council members and change what we voted on doing,
that's the legal question that I have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. If you will, Mr. Hinely, look into that.

MR. MARCHARIA: Before we proceed, let me also, so I'll be
straight on what I'm sitting here doing. Also, I know I missed
one working session. Can I have the minutes when we agreed that
this was the package that we were going to take? Because I don't
remember us voting specifically on the (inaudible). We had
conversation. I don't remember voting on that, so I need ... I
wanted to have the minutes on that to see when did we do that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you will let me finish this meeting, we're
getting ready to discuss what we're taking to Washington right
now.

MR. MARCHARIA: Oh. Okay. I thought it was a done deal by what's
in here, and because I want it clear before we go into this, now,
all this stuff you just gave us here, I hadn't seen it. I don't
see nothing about western Fairfield. I don't see a plan about
recreation; I don't see the charts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll tell you, Mr. Marcharia, all of those right
there are shovel ready projects, what Mr. Obama wanted as far as
things that were ready to be money spent on. And it could be
shovel ready by the time it was done. This was all predicated at
a meeting we had in Ridgeway one night and the school district
told the Dennis Corporation to put this together.

Department of Disability and Special Needs, I think they already
had all theirs done, so that was a shovel ready project. And the
Fairfield County priority list, I think that was all the roads and

1 bridges that we had talked about in the past year. So all it was,
2 the Town of Ridgeway already had theirs ready. Mr. Perry and I
3 had talked about that, I mean, at that meeting that we were at
Ridgeway, they talked about having this one ready and they wanted
it done, so all of these things were considered shovel ready
projects that would meet the criteria for the stimulus money, not
the earmarks that we are going to Washington about.

MR. MARCHARIA: I think that's probably where I'm confused between
earmark and stimulus. But even though if you say you met with the
school, you met with Ridgeway, as a Council member, I certainly
wasn't invited and I heard it through the rumor mill that they had
a meeting. Now the school board has the biggest budget in the
County in Ridgeway and it seem like the County and the Town is
putting up some money for this stimulus stuff to get grants and
look at. How much did they contribute to this?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Who?

MR. MARCHARIA: School board and Town of Ridgeway.

MR. CHAIRMAN: School board didn't do a thing and all I know is
Dan Dennis and the Dennis Corporation were sitting there and the
school board just happened to have four members of their board
there and told him to put the thing together for them. I reckon
they're paying for it. But all this is stimulus. If it's not
bound and put together, then it won't be gotten period.

MR. MARCHARIA: Well, I'll let you go on with the meeting, but let
me simply say we've been fighting for a recreation center for
several years now. That should be shovel ready, should have been
in the program, should have been mapped out by the architects and
whatnot, and there's nothing here. Everything that's here is
people that always get are going to get again, and the rural areas
seem to be locked out. So we'll go ahead with the meeting, but I
wanted that to be clear before we start the meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. So anyhow, let me just go ahead and
finish. What we have in front of us, which this is the first
time I've seen any of it, the Dennis Corporation brought this for
everybody to look at. These are what are considered shovel ready
projects. They are pre-existing in Fairfield County that we could
send up or look into as shovel ready projects for the stimulus
side of the Obama money. Now, what we go to Washington for every
year is ... and let me say this, that is stuff that's supposed to
be stimulus ready. Now, there's other projects out there that we

1 can identify as stimulus projects that we can work on over the
2 next 350 days that Mr. Michel is working for us, that as he goes
3 through the budget and as things come down from Washington and as
things are created and as different pots of money are opened up
and are defined, there's other stimulus things we might be going
after or might want somebody to write a grant to go after.
Everything is still new. But I think that having these different
things that are stimulus ready, that doesn't mean any of them will
get funded. I mean, that are shovel ready. But those are the
different packages that people put together because they
considered it ready to be done. What we are going to Washington
for is what we have talked about now since the meeting at Midlands
Tech and at that meeting and came out of that meeting is number
one, was the water line for the Broad River from the reservoir;
number two was the water line from the reservoir at the Town of
Winnsboro; number three was Peach Road. And we weren't going to
take but three to Washington with us. I mean, we'll have these
other ones that we might want to have, and those were our
congressional earmarks that we were going to ask Mr. Spratt to
help us with. And Mr. Michel's looking into the budget. The water
line to Broad River has to have an endorsement of the congressman.

And correct me, Mr. Michel, if I say something wrong. Got to have
pretty much an endorsement from the congressman to get this thing
started through the Corps of Engineers because water going to be
taken out of the Broad River. And that is money in Corps ...
whatever section of the budget the Corps of Engineers has money in
that we can proceed with. But up until then, since that is Corps
of Engineers that has to be endorsed by the congressional
delegation. Then the next item on the list was the Town of
Winnsboro water line from the reservoir to the plant, so it moved
up number one. That's where we are right there, that's the top
one. Number two was our number three, which was the Peach Road
infrastructure. Number three, because it was a project that was
not real expensive that we feel good that we might be able to get
funded and that was a suggestion by Mr. Michel is Fairfield
Memorial Hospital and Adult Daycare Center. They already got the
building, all they got to do is upfit it. And this is downstairs
in the doctors' offices over at the hospital is what Ms. Kinley
told me a little while ago. And then the market hall town clock,
that was the Town of Winnsboro's number three, so we would ... in

1 conjunction with the Town of Winnsboro, it will be the two water
2 lines and then we had a difference as far as Peach Road and they
3 had a difference as far as the town clock. So that is pretty much
where we are unless somebody says they want to change something.
And that's pretty much what we have said as far as the
congressional earmarks. Now, when you get down to the potential
stimulus bill funding, which is down at the bottom, you got your
13 different items. Now, some of this stuff over here that I just
handed you, some of these 13, there might be some in there that's
not even on this 13, but some of the 13 will be in here. I mean
some of these might be in this 13. It might be some in here
that's not anywhere. It might be some that we are talking about
doing in the future ... well, it's 15. And then you also got the
Town of Ridgeway's top three things. So anyhow, we're all still
sitting here hoping for the best and that we get something to help
generate jobs and energy and money for Fairfield County, wherever
it might end up going. Whether it's the Town of Winnsboro, Town
of Jenkinsville, Town of Ridgeway, whatever. Now, I do have
another letter from the Town of Jenkinsville that Mayor Ginyard
wrote me that pretty much covers they need just about everything.

So just to get started on the western side. So any how, this is
pretty much everything that we have talked about plus some in the
meetings we had at Midlands Tech; the meetings we've had since
then, other than what went on at the meeting the other night, I
have no idea because I wasn't here, I was at a conference, and so
I think this is a summation that Mr. Kyle has put together that
covers just about most everything. Our next number one item was
the Wi-Fi thing and I think Mr. Hinely's had a couple of meetings
with those people now; and then the electronic medical records, I
think Mr. Michel has been working on that or thinks that will be
something that might be fundable. And then I know we got Mr.
Lindsey out here in our audience who also helps the hospital with
funding. So they've been working together. It's been a
culmination of everybody that we've had any kind of access to kind
of pull this thing together in order to get us something to take
with us. It might not be everything that we need on there, and
we're going to add more stuff to it, but this is what we've been
able to pull together from our talkings in the past six weeks. And
at the meeting at Midlands Tech, one thing was recreation and
community centers, etcetera. I don't know what pocket of money

1 that's going to come from. But we haven't forgotten about that.
2 As things come down, now, when we met about this six weeks ago, we
3 thought we had two weeks to get everything together. The Senate
hadn't started working on it. At that time, we thought it was
going to be something like \$20 billion in the educational
buildings and they ripped that apart and it ended up being about
\$100 million, I think, which won't go very far. I mean, a lot of
things have changed in six weeks and they are still changing. I
mean, I think everyday we're reading something else that has been
gutted or whatever. It's amazing that Mr. Michel has kept it
together and got us to this point, in my opinion. So that is
pretty much where we are. It might not be perfect, but it's what
we've got and if anybody has a problem with the top four things,
we can take all four up there and if they get any of them funded,
we'll be doing good. If we can get the congressional legislative
support with the Corps of Engineers, we might be able to get that
through WRBA. I don't know anything about any of this, but we got
an expert who is sitting there looking at us. So through his
leadership, this is where we are. And I think if you think back
about the different meetings we've had and this is pretty much a
summation of those meetings. So this is the first time I've seen
this was right here when you all saw it, so. And tonight's the
first time I've seen these things. So everything is new to me.
We're here for a work session, so if anybody has anything to say
or anybody wants to say something, this is the time to ask
questions. If I can't answer them, I hope he can. If he can't
answer them, I hope Mr. Lindsey can or Mr. Hinely can, somebody
can, but we might not all ... might none of us have the answers to
any of them. But you can ask. Let's go to work.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to start. I got a couple of
questions in that first category up there. We had asked for an
earmark three years ago for the new facility in western Fairfield
for a healthcare center, and that should already be up there. My
question on that one is should that be in that package of those
four up there or how are we going to go about, because that was
supposed to be an earmark project what was asked for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we need to ask the congressmen about that.
It's been up there three years. If it was a earmark, it's
supposed to have been funded; it should have been funded by now.
If it hadn't been funded, then we need to have a proposal written

1 up on it as fast as possible and get it to his office. Is that
2 the way you would approach it, Mr. Michel?

3 **MR. MICHEL:** The appropriations requests have to be resubmitted
each year. The ones that are submitted in year one are gone in
year two; and the ones that are submitted in year two are gone in
year three. They have to be resubmitted each year. The
appropriations requests have to be resubmitted each year. Each
year there's an annual deadline. There are forms that are due and
those are taken up by the congressional offices anew each year.
There is in the stimulus bill, there is a significant amount of
money for rural infrastructure loans. There is a smaller amount
of money, \$63 million nationwide, for rural infrastructure grants.
There's also funding that we can look at in the stimulus for
community health clinics and I'm not certain how much of that is
loan and how much of that is grant, but we can take a look at that
from the stimulus standpoint. From the annual earmarks'
standpoint, those deadlines are now passed. We could ask for
special grace. We might be able to reprogram money that was
submitted for the hospital if it comes in and the County decided
that was a higher priority or something like that, but that
project for the community health clinic was not submitted as an
earmark. I'm just being 100 percent honest. I'd like to say two
other things that are not addressed on that page, which is sort of
a running tally of the things that I have been involved in the
discussions in. In addition to those funding priorities, two
things that are very important right now in the coming year are,
as the Chairman mentioned, getting the Broad River water line
authorized by the Corps of Engineers as a Corps project. The
first step in that process is not an appropriations request, but
rather either having it authorized in a Water Resources
Development Act, which we may or may not have a new one written
this year. I would say the odds are that we won't. Or having
either the Senate or the House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure is what it's called in the House, it's energy ...
EPW in the Senate, have them pass a resolution that approves that
project as a Corps project. That's an issue that we need to take
up with the congressman's office and ask them for their help in
taking that process forward because if we can get this authorized
as a Corps project, it will allow us to compete for significant
funds to build that water line. Some of those funds have to be

1 repaid, but there are provisions with congressional support to
2 have the repayment forgiven. So that's one issue that's not an
3 appropriations issue, but we need to discuss with the
congressional office. A second issue that is coming up this year
is reauthorization to the five year Transportation Act and that
means that Council needs to prioritize transportation projects
within the County and have a list prioritized to take to
Congressman Spratt's office and Senator Graham's office and
Senator DeMint's office, so that we can work to get transportation
projects authorized in the five year transportation bill that is
set to be debated and passed this year. If you can get those
projects authorized in the bill, you have a substantially greater
chance of getting them funded over the five years of the
Transportation Act, large amounts of money, tens of millions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you something else, as far as these
community healthcare facilities, we were talking the other day and
I was reading something the other day about bonds that were going
to be sold to pay for some that the County can have an endorsed
bond and the government was going to pay the debt retirement on it
or something by selling the bonds, and we would be the recipient.
Do you understand that or is that something that's just was put
out there for big projects that big states need to have funded
some how?

MR. MICHEL: What we need to do is to discuss what bonding
authority the County has and that the County might want to use to
take advantage of some of the special bonding provisions in the
stimulus act of which there are many. Some of those have the
federal government essentially picking up the coupon on the bond,
picking up the interest payment on the bond, for a period of
years. Ultimately, if I understand it correctly, the County will
have to have the ability to repay the principal on the bond.
Maybe no fewer than six different bond programs in the stimulus
that we can look into for those purposes. There is a lot of loan
and bonding authority provisions in the stimulus that make funding
projects through those avenues very available. But, again, that's
not a pure grant. It's something where the County would have to
say "Okay, we're willing to go out and to borrow this money
through this federal program and then we'll have to pay it back
over time." If there is a county that has revenues over time that
they look forward to and the economy in the county in the near

1 term is recessed or depressed, it might make sense to take a look
2 at one of those for the purpose of going forward with some
3 projects that are shovel ready. So let me recap what I was saying
earlier. There's really three things to think in terms of right
now. One, earmarks, annual process, been going on for 35 or 50
years, will go on in the future every year; two, stimulus
projects; three, legislative priorities, Broad River Corps of
Engineers authorization, Transportation Act that don't have
anything to do with getting funds probably in the next twelve
months, but have a lot to do with getting a lot of funds over the
next four or five years. Those are the three different sort of
areas of priority that we need to be working on. Up to now, we
have mostly worked on looking at the stimulus bill, which did
change some from the time that we had our work session. We
completed the paperwork and submitted it to the congressional
offices for the FY10, starts October 1st, earmarks; and we have
just started looking into the Corps project, researching the Corps
project and the transportation projects. I want to make one other
point and then I'll be quiet and take questions. There are a lot
of people because of the way the media has presented this who
think in terms of the stimulus as being a big pot of money to fund
shovel ready projects. It is sort of. The projects need to be
shovel ready, but they have to fit within the categories of
programs that were funded, as we've discussed. If there is a
program like the Rural Community Infrastructure Program that has
\$63 million in it nationwide for grants, the likelihood of getting
funded in that program is much lower than the likelihood of
getting funded for a rural broadband deployment project which has
a combined amount of \$7 billion nationwide available for grants.
So the list that's there is a compilation of everything that's
been discussed. In terms of going forward, it's a matter of
taking those projects, potential projects, and lining them up with
the accounts and the amount and looking at the amount of money
that are in the accounts, and then waiting for the solicitations
for those programs to come out, and then going forward with the
steps to put an application in for each of those programs. But
just because a project is shovel ready, doesn't mean that there's
an account in the stimulus bill that's going to fund it. There
are probably no fewer than twelve or 15 accounts, maybe 20, that
are available for state and local applications of funds. Maybe 30

1 if you talk about the ones that we have to apply to a state office
2 for. So what we really need to do is to continue to look at the
3 accounts that are funded in the stimulus, look at the potential
projects we have, match those up and then prioritize them.

MR. FERGUSON: I have a second question, Mr. Brown?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Mr. Ferguson.

MR. FERGUSON: We were approached last year from Fairfield County Disabilities and Special Needs Board for approximately \$250,000, \$275,000 and the State was going to put up the rest to build this disability and special needs building where the County give them the old jail property. My question is if we went to Washington and asked for that as an earmark at its original cost that was asked of us, would we not stand a much better chance of getting that for \$250,000 earmark than going up there and asking for over \$2 million to do that same project and the State has okayed to spend about 85 percent of that money? I think we might be kicking ourselves in the heel here. And that's just in the form of a question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, let me say something right here. These things that we got tonight from Dennis Corporation, like I said, this is the first time I've seen them, apparently, people, different department heads, different agencies in the County who knew Mr. Dennis was collecting different projects, apparently submitted different things to him and all he did was bound it and put it like this. We haven't even talked about special needs. This past week, I was talking to somebody, Laura Collins and them, they got some grant writers down there that are probably as good as grant writers as any anywhere around. And we don't know what department this comes out of, I mean, I know it's money in the stimulus, correct me if I'm wrong. In the stimulus I think there is quite a bit of money for disabilities and special needs from one department, is there not, Mr. Michel?

MR. MICHEL: I'll have to go back. You're talking about healthcare?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Healthcare. This is Department ... Fairfield County Disabilities and Special Needs are people who are disabled who they house and they work and they keep them in the ... try to keep them in the community, try to keep them as members of the community and they take care of them and they do a wonderful job.

1 They got one building built and trying to build a building beside
2 it. We gave them the land where the jail was, the old jail. And
3 this was going to be for a workshop, was it not, Mary Lynn?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Instead of having some of these residents going out to different places doing work, they could all be right there. It would all be in one campus and it would be very good.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Eighth Street.

MS. KINLEY: They were having so many break-ins and the rent was fairly high, so it would consolidate all of them to one site.

MR. FERGUSON: It would also, Mr. Chairman, provide them a space to work on these contracts they go out and get.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's what I was talking about.

MR. FERGUSON: These industrial contracts, gives them a place to do that industrial contract work all under one supervision up there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So, kind of the word that got out in different community was Fairfield County's here to help everybody. Now, special needs has a project and if Mr. Michel sees something in the budget as he's going through it that he might be able to call them up and say you all need to go after this; or he might call Mr. Hinely up. We've got somebody who can keep us informed of what's going on in Washington, which we've never had before, and if all of a sudden there is something available, and if there's something sitting on the shelf or is already in the hands of somebody or been sent to the right department in Washington or whatever is something that Laura Collins or people in her office might be able to write a grant for and get the money. Same way with the school system. That's not going to go through us. That's going to go through the Department of Education. We're helping. If Mr. Rex can get the money, he's already said he would be in favor of getting a new career center in Fairfield County. But that's not going to be one of our requests of Congressman Spratt.

That's a different avenue. Mr. Kennedy out there, he's going to have a different pot of money that he might write a grant for, but these things were things already on the drawing board that were shovel ready if it did meet the stimulus criteria, that's apparently why he did these.

MR. FERGUSON: But my question, Mr. Brown, is are we more likely to go and ask for earmarks for \$250,000 and the State's what they've already committed to, according to the paperwork we were

1 brought before our budget last year, if we could submit \$250,000
2 to \$275,000 for a project, they could go ahead and build that
3 project. My question is are we more likely to go up there on an
earmark and ask for \$275,000, that small amount of money, are we
more likely to get that building built in Fairfield County for our
special needs and disabilities, or are we more likely to get from
the stimulus package \$2 million and my question is which way is
the better way for us to go at it and which way would the
professionalism we have in front of us. What's you two guys'
thoughts about which one would be the better way for us to go? I
don't want to not go one way and go the other way and then us get
slapped in the face and we don't get it and we're back at special
needs again the year after that and we've already lost one year of
earmark money. So that's my question, are we going about this in
the ... especially for that one particular project since it wasn't
that big a money project to start with, are we going at it the
right way is my question?

MR. MICHEL: Did you say there's an 85 percent match that the
State is putting up?

MR. FERGUSON: Yes.

MR. MICHEL: And how long until that expires?

MR. FERGUSON: I think it grows over time. Some of them ... some
counties got more than that. Me and Mr. Hinely argued with the
State after the budget came out, which we're still talking about,
so you know who won, but anyway, that was one of the things they
were ready to do ... the Board of Disabilities was ready to do
when our budget went through last year.

MR. MICHEL: So what you're looking for would be non-state
matching funds to complete the project?

MR. FERGUSON: And at a much reduced rate, but I mean, you may
know that we stand a better chance of getting \$2 million from
another pot. That's question I'm asking. I don't want us to
stumble at this and not ask the right questions.

MR. MICHEL: There is a limit on the amount of earmark projects
that you can request that is driven by the number, not the amount,
the number of earmark projects you can request, that is driven by
the practical ability of the congressional offices to help
Fairfield County. The congressional offices can help Fairfield
County with one or two projects a year. Given the number of
projects that are available and the number of counties that the

1 Congressman serves and the number of counties that the Senator
2 serves, they can't get eight or ten projects every year. So it
3 behooves you as a requesting county to go there with a tight list
of requests.

3 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** And that's why from day one we said three and maybe
four earmarks.

MR. MICHEL: You also have to factor into that the accounts, there
are twelve appropriations bills each year, there are nine of them
that are earmarked, seven of them are significantly earmarked, the
other two just barely. You want to go with four projects that are
all in the Transportation HUD bill because that leaves the offices
with little chance to help you other than picking one of your four
and submitting it to the Transportation HUD bill because they have
to submit projects for each of those nine bills. So you want to
try to space it out. You want to have something in the
Transportation HUD bill, something in the Labor HHS bill,
something in the Interior bills, and that's what we've done. All
four of our requests are in four different bills. On the stimulus
funding, there's no limit whatsoever and there's no downside to
submitting 25 different projects. You wouldn't submit 25 different
projects to the same program, but you could submit 25 different
projects to 25 different programs and there's no downside to that
at all because each of those are discreet programs that are
funding nationwide. So the answer to your question is if there is
a program in the stimulus that has significant funding in it and
we can make that application to that program and get that funding,
that's no better or worse than an appropriations request. It's
actually more likely if there's a program that we can get that
funding out of and we'll just have to take a look at that and see.

It sounds to me like it's as much of a Department of Labor job
training program as it is a Department of Health and Human
Services disabilities program. That's just what it sounds like to
me. So we would want to look at HHS and we'd want to look at
Labor, both of those types of programs in the stimulus. But the
request that we've made for the hospital renovation would come out
of the same bill, Labor HHS and Labor Education HHS, that this
project would come out of. So if we didn't submit it as an
earmark request this year and we try to get funding for it in the
stimulus, and we don't get funding for it in the stimulus, it may
be one that we would want to submit for an earmark request next

1 year. But it sounds compelling because of what it does, because
2 it's County sponsored, and because there's an 85 percent match
3 with the State.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we do need to look and make sure that money's still sound because I think they fired this whole board (State Board of Disabilities) the other day because of accounting. Wasn't it that board? So I think we need to make sure that money is sound, especially with the State of South Carolina cutting more and more out of the budget everyday trying to raise money. So I think we need to make sure that 85 percent is still there the way it sounds to me.

MR. MARCHARIA: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: With all due respect, last year when we went, the issue was infrastructure, it was about water systems, healthcare, substandard housing, airport and local library. I'm willing to concede to the fact that ... are we talking about three, four, five things that we're going to take, what is the priority of those things that's going to move Fairfield ahead? Will the water system do that? And if you put this in, do that create jobs for the people of Fairfield County or are you talking about five, six years down the road? The Corps of Engineers still have to do a study to get the water pipe or whatever it is from Broad River, what time spans are we talking about? So we are we going to go there, that's an earmark we're going to ask for, but it's not going to happen for another five years, is that the most pressing priority that we need right now for Fairfield?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right. Having the Town of Winnsboro to have the ability to produce enough water for industry and people of Fairfield County, that's number one. Now, running a water line from the reservoir to the Town of Winnsboro's plant, that won't be a real big construction job. I mean, it'll be some money. But without it, if we get an industry that uses not very much water at all, then the Town of Winnsboro is going to be maxed out as far as their ability to supply water. And, therefore, that would tie our hands for any more industrial growth. Industrial growth is what we've got to go after. We've got to get the jobs in here and we've got to get some plants in here to hire people. And if any of them say uses a half a million gallons of water, then just about all of the capacity that the Town of Winnsboro has will be

1 gone because they aren't going to give us all of it. And, now the
2 water line from here to Broad River, we know that's something
3 we've got to start working on now and it might take five years to
get it completely funded. Having this water line and if we can
halfway get out the drought situation we're in. But the main
thing is the water line from the reservoir to the town plant is
not sized big enough. If they suck the water out, can they
produce much more than 3.8 million gallons a day? That's the
maximum. And that's where making the size of the line bigger will
allow them to have more production, and we need that production.
So that's why it's been kind of number one and, plus, the Town of
Winnsboro supplies all the rural water companies in the County, so
if they don't have enough water, then that restricts mid county;
that restricts Jenkinsville; that restricts Ridgeway; that
restricts every water company in the County other than Mitford
because Mitford gets their water from Chester County Water. So
it's definitely a very distinct need for the Town of Winnsboro to
get this water line. Now, when we started and when we hired Mr.
Michel and the Town of Winnsboro and us hired him together, so to
speak, we thought it would be a better project if it was a joint
request as being the Town of Winnsboro's number one priority and
our number one priority. But it serves everybody in the County.
Sure, it serves the Town of Winnsboro--there's 4,000 in the Town
of Winnsboro ... 5,000 people in the Town of Winnsboro, but
there's 25,000 people in the County. So it's also serving 20,000
people, or at least another 10,000 through rural water. But it's
serving us all for economic development. And without it, our
economic development arm will be cut off. I mean, sooner or later
we won't be able to attract industry and we can't get to that
situation.

MR. MARCHARIA: I do understand that and the necessity of that.
When we say economic development, this county is decreasing in
population. It's not increasing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's right.

MR. MARCHARIA: And the needs of the County, in fact, out of the
impact statement from NRC, the National Regulatory Commission,
even saying that the 4,000 to 7,000 people that's going to come
work here at the plant won't even live in this county. So when we
talk about the need for industry, I remember we got \$10 million to
do the Peach Road extension or \$9 or \$10 million, something like

1 that, and we've lost jobs since then. So we keep saying industry,
2 we need to do this, and everything is the population's leaving,
3 industry's leaving, I don't know what kind of new industry is
going to come in. I understand the need for the water, so we need
to go ahead and make that decision and need to move on. If that's
a priority and necessity for growth down the road, we need to do
that and move on to the next issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's why it's number one on the list.

MR. MARCHARIA: All right. Number one.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. And let me say this, Mr. Marcharia, the
next item on the list is additional infrastructure on Peach Road
and that's for economic development. Now, we've lost people in
this County, jobs. But if you look at the industry at the Peach
Road interchange, those industries down there are still doing
well. One has changed hands two or three times, but it's still
working people, and an off-chute or off-sprout of that actually
got 15 or 20 people working in the old Charm plant in Ridgeway. We
got a new industry looking--we got Prime South opening up down
there, and maybe some other things. So, that area is still
thriving. Was that because we got the interchange put down there,
nobody knows. But apparently it helped. And now we're going to
move forward to the next level of economic development and growth
down there with this other thing we're working on. So, we're
talking about two different things. One is coming from EDA's
money or whatever section of the budget that is, the other's
coming from water, so that's two different things we're going
after. But both of those are the top two earmarks. And then the
other two are the lowest. So, yeah, as far as economic
development, if we don't do it, then our future is going to be dim
as far as growth.

MR. MARCHARIA: The last thing I don't want to appear to be
argumentative or anything, but I'm looking at that list and I need
to know, we all met as counties and we had a priority list and
here it is. Now, when I look at that, there's things on that list
that wasn't even part of our conversation. How did that happen?
And who put it there? And how do that help the situation in terms
of prioritizing for the needs of the County?

MR. MICHEL: Are you looking at my list?

MR. MARCHARIA: If you submitted this, yes.

1 **MR. MICHEL:** The list that I have of the potential projects was
2 compiled after we went through, three Monday nights ago or so, the
3 stimulus bill as it was at that time, it had not passed. We went
through the House version, which had passed, program by program
looking at the accounts that had money in them and sort of
brainstorming on whether there would be anything in the County
that might be able to be funded under that. So none of those are
anything that we've gone forward with, but they are all potentials
for projects that would fit under accounts in the stimulus bill
that are funded.

MR. MARCHARIA: I understand that. I see everything right here,
and the fourth thing is for Town of Winnsboro. I don't see
anything in the rural area, particularly in my community, and I'm
going to raise this concern. We're building two more reactors,
three potentially dangerous reactors in our community, and the
Homeland Security has said that the terrorists have threatened to
bomb these places if they got an opportunity to do it. We can
have an accident and from the healthcare, we talk about the health
clinic. On number four here, you've got a community health clinic
renovation and equipment--nothing about building a health center
with the danger that we live in under there and you couldn't find
nothing in the stimulus package to look at the rural area for our
safety? We're living in a very precarious situation in that area.
I don't even see a water project that's ample for that community.
We're going to have 4,000 to 7,000 people working over there, more
than an industrial park we're talking about, what kind of
development do we have for them to come through there? I mean,
these are things I don't think we really thought out and talked
about here. We're talking about human beings whose life and
welfare is in potential danger here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Marcharia, if you go down through the stimulus
bill, right down below where you're talking about, the rural
broadband service, which is the Wi-Fi that we've been working on.

MR. MARCHARIA: Smart move.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And that was one of the top things we talked about
and that's to help rural Fairfield County. Community health
clinic, renovation and equipment, that's on the western side of
the County.

MR. MARCHARIA: What are you going to renovate?

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** Well, in that case out there, we probably need to
build something new and we'll work on that.

2 **MR. MARCHARIA:** Why don't we say that?

3 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** Well, because the night that we were working on
this, the pot of money was called community health clinic
renovation and equipment fund. And then as far as the rest of the
things, medical records, that's for the hospital; infrastructure
on 200, workforce training, we talked about a lot of different
things, airport renovation, energy efficiency planning, transit
upgrades, that's because those were monies that were identified in
the stimulus plan that we might be a little bit easier to get to
benefit the County. Some of these things, I mean, when you go
back up to the earmarks, we're still up at the top of the list on
earmarks now. Fairfield Memorial Daycare, that was just one that
appeared to be a little bit easier to get than some of the other
things. So, yeah, some of these things we are doing a lot of
dreaming, and some of them might be five years out, but if we
don't plan for the future, I mean, you have to plan five years
out, ten years out, if you want this county to keep going and
being a thriving community 20 years from now.

MR. MARCHARIA: We have an adult daycare center in this county.
Now, if you want an adult daycare center or some kind of center
for sending people that's going to come here, we're going to be
doing all the job training, maybe thousands of people are going to
come to be training, so what kind of center do we have for daycare
for mothers who's going to need to be working and transportation
rather than adult daycare? What's thought out to help them
working mothers and people in the County might have need daycare
centers for their children while they're training and get
educated?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, we can't do everything.

MR. MARCHARIA: Prioritize it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And, in this case, you're going to have to depend
on private industry to get involved to do some things. Every
adult daycare in this County you got right now is privately owned
as far as I know. And that's what makes this country move forward
is when you have private businesses coming in here providing
services for a profit. That's how people can get jobs. And if
there is a need somewhere, we'll try to identify it. After we
don't let good old capitalism take care of it, we can let the

1 government try to take care of it. But if you keep on going down
2 through this rural stimulus bill thing, the other thing down there
3 is industry efficiency planning and retrofits for county
buildings, industry efficiency retrofits low income housing, most
of these things will be coming through the COG and CDBG
(inaudible), so about that. They've got weatherization programs
coming down through the CDBG that's going to be forthcoming.
There's a lot of things in here that western Fairfield is going to
benefit from. Not only western Fairfield, but all of Fairfield.

MR. MARCHARIA: I'm going to let somebody else talk, Mr. Chairman,
but when I see Fairfield Memorial Hospital Adult Day Care Center
and Winnsboro Market Hall and Town Clock is more important than
the danger that the community I live in is facing and we don't
have down that we probably need a new fire station to be able to
protect people or something in that community, then that to me is
not a priority. I just see having a fire station and fire trucks
is more imperative than something about a town clock. I mean,
that's just the way I see it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, let me say this. The top three items, and
we're in this jointly because you all wanted us to be 50/50 with
the Town of Winnsboro, top three things for the Town of Winnsboro,
when this started, was the water line from the reservoir to the
plant; the water line from the reservoir to Broad River, that's
number one. I mean, number one was the plant; number two was
Broad River; their number three was the Town Clock. Our number
three was the Peach Road infrastructure. So, now, we've eliminated
the top one because we're going down to congressional legislative
projects for the one going out to Broad River. So we took it off
the top. Moved ours up to Peach Road is number two. And then the
Fairfield Memorial Hospital Daycare and so we put that one in as a
third was and that was done by Mr. Michel because of the
conversation we had at the last meeting back in the back. Just
thought it would be an easy thing for us to get. And then the
Winnsboro Market Hall and the Town Clock, that's the Town's number
three item. So that's where we got these top four items up there.
Mr. Ferguson, you got anything else?

MR. FERGUSON: Well, I'm glad you defined it like that, Mr. Brown.
My thing is if that number one item is going to going to benefit
the whole County, but it's also going to benefit the Town of
Winnsboro monetarily. What I was sitting here thinking was is

1 there a number four that would be more logical that would improve
2 the whole County rather than talking about the Winnsboro Market
3 Hall and Town Clock? Is there something that would beset the
County better than having that as number four on our project going
to Washington? And I kind of what Mr. Marcharia's saying is maybe
we could replace that one with one that would be more advantageous
for the whole County rather than the looks of the ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, we had talked about recreation and community
healthcare. Wasn't it one that was a fund we were talking about--
Rural community healthcare facilities?

MR. MICHEL: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And then one of our priorities was recreation,
which right now as far as earmarks, I am not that concerned about
recreation being a top priority. We can fund recreation. It
might not be at the height that Kershaw County does or some other
county, but we can fund education on our own. Especially if we
have other funds coming into the County offsetting some expenses
that we are going to be having. If there is something else that
we might be able to come up with that would do the whole county as
far as rural.

MR. MICHEL: The only other comment that I would make is that it's
a little more difficult to ask for earmark funding for
recreational facilities because you run the risk of the Jim
DeMints and the Jim Clyburns holding that up and saying look at
what we're funding with this. It's very difficult for those
people to hold up a water system or an adult daycare center or a
rural community health center and to criticize that as bad public
spending.

MR. FERGUSON: Kyle, one of the things that you said a while ago
kind of struck a note. I was for putting special needs and
disabilities in fourth place, but if we're going to be competing
with the same pot of money that the hospital's going to be
competing with, and if I understood what you said correctly, would
not be a legitimate thing to do because it probably would beset
the other project somewhat.

MR. MICHEL: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Unless he thinks it can be done through the labor
training.

1 MR. MICHEL: If it can be done ... there's ...

(Tape flipped.)

2 MR. MICHEL: ... interest on the bond for a number of years,
3 that's much easier to do. And then, of course, there's Department
of Labor competitive programs that we haven't even talked about
yet. We haven't even talked about whether the County is going to
make an application to a competitive program that may be at the
Department of Labor or at the Department of Health and Human
Services for these separate and apart from earmarks and stimulus.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I'm willing to make a motion on item
number four, with some contingencies. I make a motion that we
move special needs and disability building to project number four
providing that Mr. Michel looks into it and the funding can come
from another source other than healthcare. If it can, I'm going
to make that motion and also with a second part of that motion,
that we check and make sure that the existing money that we were
told was in place ... this budget year is still there. Now, that
might be kind of confusing, but that's my motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me ask you not to make that yet. Let's let
other five members of Council go ask questions.

MR. FERGUSON: All right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: ... because another array of information might come
out that we hadn't thought about and if it does, it does; if it
doesn't, we can go back to your motion, if you don't mind. Mr.
Perry?

MR. PERRY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know you're looking out for south Winnsboro. I
mean south Ridgeway down there.

MR. PERRY: Yeah, I do have a question for you. Maybe, I know we
talked about this and I don't know if I heard a definitive answer
or not, but considering the new healthcare clinic in western
Fairfield was a priority for the last three years, what did we
decide to do with that as far as an earmark?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We hadn't yet. And there again, I have talked to
Mr. Kamau. We know we've got a deadline that we've got to move
the building that we've got out there. I would rather see brick
and mortar go up for a new health facility out there, that would
be my rather. I actually called Annie McDaniel the other day to
ask her through Palmetto to see if anybody had plans already on
the drawing board somewhere in the State, maybe not something as

1 costly as the John Spratt Clinic in Ridgeway with the high
2 ceilings ... I mean high roof and everything that just makes a
3 building cost a whole lot more, but just a very good little
healthcare facility. Hadn't heard back from them. I talked to
her probably two weeks ago. I would love to see a facility out
there. I think the one that's out there now is being very
successfully run. I think the people on the western side of the
County is using it and we use it more if ... from what Ms.
McDaniel told me they were having one or two doctors coming up a
little bit more helping Ms. Douglass. So if all of that were
true, I would love to see a brick and mortar building out there.
And personally, that could ... since it's supposed to have been
\$600,000 in the budget for the past three years, to be honest with
you, I'd rather see that kind of further up the list since it's
supposed to have been there to start with. But go ahead, keep
talking.

MR. PERRY: I know the rest of the Council members are going to
get their opportunity to speak, but I definitely think if that was
a priority in the past, it should still be a priority right now
because I don't think anything has changed from the past. I
think, if anything, the folks over in western Fairfield probably
would need that facility even more going forward than what they
needed in the past, especially with so many more people looking at
coming online in that part of the County. I definitely think that
needs to be a priority.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I agree and I think the reason it hadn't been
talked about more, every time it was brought up, it said, well,
it's supposed to be there, this \$600,000 earmark supposed to be
there. But I had the feeling that it wasn't. If you don't get it
within a year or two, you might not get it in the third year, more
than likely it's disappeared.

MR. PERRY: I'll probably agree with you on that, Mr. Chair.
We're going to be checking ... are we going to check to find out
what that status is? It's probably gone, but are we going to
check and see.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We can check on that.

MR. MICHEL: Let me ask this again, was there an earmark that was
awarded and not drawn down? Or was it just requested?

MS. KINLEY: Filed for. The application was made.

1 **MR. MICHEL:** For an earmark or for the program? Did you take it
to the Congress or did you send it to HHS?

2 **MS. KINLEY:** Congressman Spratt accepted it from Mr. Wallace
Brown, who was the director of the Palmetto Clinic, and he was
3 there with us in the office the day he gave him the application
for that.

MR. MICHEL: Got you.

MS. KINLEY: And Congressman Spratt said, because of the war,
there were probably going to be a lot of holds on the earmarks,
but nobody ever told us we had to reapply every year.

MR. MICHEL: Right. No.

MR. MICHEL: So he had that as one of his submissions that year
and it didn't get funded?

MS. KINLEY: Right.

MR. MICHEL: If it did get funded, that was a different story
because it usually holds open for at least five years, okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. So I think, that's good, Mr. Perry. Go
ahead.

MR. PERRY: Okay. And the last thing, Mr. Chairman, as far as on
my list for number four and I think Mr. Marcharia talked about
this a little bit earlier and you mentioned this, as far as an
earmark, I mean I know that we've got some disabilities and
special needs, but I would also like before we leave to talk about
community and recreation. I know that you said that we could fund
that through the County and I hope that is the case when we start
doing our budget sessions, but as far as an earmark to have funds,
the way I look at it, when you look into the outlying counties. I
mean the towns, Blair, Jenkinsville, Ridgeway, Longtown, there is
outdoor recreation, and I don't think it's a priority simply
because when you look at the make-up of the County, you've got a
couple different inside recreation community centers here in the
Town of Ridgeway and I have not seen those facilities, nor do I
see where it has been a priority because I could think over the
last 20-plus years that we could have done something in those
outlying counties, and I'm bringing that back to the list that we
did at our retreat. Number one on our list was recreation and
community centers within the County in those areas. So I would
like to see some type of plan going forward. I understand the
stimulus part. These have to be shovel ready projects. I can
understand us putting together these proposals and asking for as

1 much money as we can possibly get, but going forward for the good
2 of the County, I do think it should be a priority that we look for
3 money to fund community centers and recreation in the outlying
parts of the County. And that's what I want to say and that's all
I have to say, Mr. Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Michel, let me ask this. This money, this
bonded money, this bonded money that we can get and the stimulus
pays the interest and we pay the principal, is that something ...

MR. MICHEL: I think.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that something that we might look at for long-
term recreation things or isn't most of those bonds a 33 year
payback or whatever?

MR. MICHEL: Yeah, they're long-term bonds. I'm fairly certain.
I'm not a bond lawyer. I know the County works with at least one
if not two or three different bond lawyers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We've worked with two or three, so let us ask that
question. If that is something that we might want to consider
between now and June between now and May.

MR. MICHEL: And I have a memorandum that I will forward tomorrow
on the local government tax provisions in the stimulus package.
And we could take a look at that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Because if got the bonding capability, which we do
have some bonding capability out there, and this is something that
we could bond, do recreation and all at one time throughout the
County, according to this plan we got this fellow working on right
now, or whatever, if we just split it up in four corners and say,
all right, we're going to do this. We might want to consider
bonding.

MR. PERRY: Just one last question, this is going to be off
subject. I notice these spiral binders that we have here tonight
are very nice, but I also know that these things are pretty
costly, as well. When they did these spiral binders, was this
part of a consultation through the Dennis Corporation or who's
paying for this, I guess I need ... I'm asking?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Dennis Corporation said that night they would
put these things together.

MR. PERRY: For free?

MR. CHAIRMAN: For free is what they told us that night. That's
what they alluded to.

MR. PERRY: See, we were not at that meeting, so I don't know.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: No, you were.

MR. PERRY: Not with the Dennis Corporation.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. PERRY: None of us were at that meeting, that's why I'm ...

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, Mr. Hinely was there with me and they pretty much alluded...

MR. HINLEY: Yeah, the only expectation is they get the business. So that's pretty common.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They would hope to get the business.

MR. PERRY: They would hope, okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That was pretty much their way of doing it.

MR. PERRY: That's it now. I'm finished, Mr. Chair.

MR. PERRY: Finished.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Mary Lynn?

MS. KINLEY: All right, sir. First of all, I wanted to ask or just maybe to clarify the stimulus bill, the third group there. Mr. Marcharia, you weren't at that meeting, but from what I'm remembering, Council, Mr. Michel went down the list telling us what was available and we shot out projects to him that were a possibility for that. They were not priorities. They were just subject matter. You read through that big thick booklet there with us and we went through two or three hours to ... and you told us what was there and we shouted out what we thought were projects that would be under that. That's where this third listing came from. It was not any way prioritized. It was just what was there in the stimulus package. Am I correct, Mr. Michel?

MR. MICHEL: That's correct.

MS. KINLEY: Good. So I just wanted to clarify that and make sure I understood that, too. Up under the first group we're talking recreation. Mr. Michel, my question would be to you is there a possibility for recreation in those top four or do you think we need to keep that under the guidelines of our budgeting for the County?

MR. MICHEL: I would recommend not asking for earmarks for recreation projects because the offices are hesitant to make those requests.

MS. KINLEY: Okay.

MR. MICHEL: They all now, starting this year, put all earmark requests on the internet. If they receive it, they will put it on the internet unless it's deemed not to be a compliant request, and it just makes you subject to ridicule from the anti-earmark crowd.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Earmark, in my opinion, Mary Lynn, are much more
important.

2 MS. KINLEY: Absolutely.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: Recreation is important, but I'm just saying that
getting a water line that costs \$20 million is more important.

MS. KINLEY: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Or getting a healthcare facility for \$1 million is
more important.

MS. KINLEY: Right. And I agree with that, but I just wanted to
get Mr. Michel's opinion on that, too, to be sure of. And
personally I feel like right now there are a lot of topics with
the economy like it is for us, and this may not be popular with a
with the Council, but I feel like that is not a priority in
today's economy like some of these other needs that we have here.
But the County I do think should kind of fund the recreation,
which is what we've done and kind of voted on a plan and have a
plan coming. Mr. Chairman, my next one is number six under
potential stimulus bill funding the library, didn't we find out
from Mr. Michel that only renovations were possible there, so that
really won't do us any good, will it? Because what we are in right
now, we don't have enough room to really do any renovations?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's right. It's for renovations to existing ...

MS. KINLEY: (inaudible) it has an explanation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh.

MR. MICHEL: We did this list when the House bill was finished and
the full bill wasn't finished.

MS. KINLEY: You did this list for what?

MR. MICHEL: I'm sorry, we did this list when the House bill was
finished and the full bill wasn't finished. There is some money
in the stimulus for funding computers and broadband at libraries
if they so apply for it. It's competitive. There's \$200 million
there, but Mr. Hinely forwarded me an e-mail from someone in the
County that referenced those possibilities and so I just put it on
the list, just again. And maybe this bottom part of this list
should sort of be current funding possibilities as opposed to
priorities.

MS. KINLEY: So there is a chance out there?

MR. MICHEL: There is a chance to get ...

MS. KINLEY: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Computers.

1 MR. MICHEL: Technology and internet connectivity as part of that
large broadband grant.

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: But I think that problem is they got the equipment
already. They don't have anywhere to put all of it.

3 MS. KINLEY: No where to put it, the computers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They got the computers and stuff.

MS. KINLEY: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But anyhow, as far as the library, it's for
renovation. It's not for addition.

MS. KINLEY: But he's saying now there is a possibility for some
building for the library?

MR. MICHEL: No, it's technology and internet connectivity.

MS. KINLEY: All right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And we already got that.

MS. KINLEY: So that one needs just to be taken off.

MR. MICHEL: That's the primary fund. Again, you could go to the
rural community facilities fund, that \$63 million nationwide, and
make an argument for a rural library. I think if we're going to
go to that fund from what I hear tonight, a library may have
trouble making the top priority. Yes, technically, there is a way
to get building funds for the library from the stimulus, but a
very small pot of money that's available for a very broad range of
these rural community facilities.

MS. KINLEY: Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And to be completely honest, now that we do have
this package, I know you all took something up there last year, a
set of plans or something, but since he got a set of plans last
year, and since we got this that we can take up there this year,
just say if any of your people or if any of this changes, don't
forget about us. But now, I think his number one priority for
brick and mortar. I've told a couple of you this, I think. His
number one priority for his district, brick and mortar, is the
Lancaster Courthouse because they don't have one. It was burned
down and they have no courthouse. Some arsonist burned it down
and then came back and burned the administration building down or
the other building right beside it down. I mean, everything they
had. So his number one priority is Lancaster County as far as
brick and mortar, I'm just telling you that.

MS. KINLEY: And last year, Senator Graham came through Fairfield
County and made it very plain that his top priority for Fairfield

1 County last year would be library and we've gotten no results out
2 of that either. That was one thing that he said.

3 **MR. MICHEL:** Let me just interrupt. There is an account in the
Labor, HHS, and Education bill that is for ... it's the Department
of Education and it's for museums and libraries and there are very
relative to other accounts, there are very few of them funded
every year and they're rarely funded at more than \$150,000. The
average mark in those accounts is probably in the \$50,000 range.
So it is something you can ask for. It's in a bill has a whole
lot of different accounts in it, so if you sacrifice asking for
anything else from the Labor, HHS, or Education if you ask for
libraries, then you're not going to get a whole lot. You can't
build a whole lot of something with \$50,000. But that's just one
of those things. There are certain things in earmarked accounts
that are very available; there are other things that you just ...
like if you want to build a recreation facility, it's just very
constrained as to how you can get federal money for that in this
day and age.

MS. KINLEY: All right, sir. And maybe the last question here,
Mr. Marcharia mentioned fire departments while ago, is there
nothing in any of this that you feel like that money for fire
department out there could be put in?

MR. MICHEL: There actually is \$210 million in the stimulus bill
for construction, modification or upgrading of fire stations. No
grant may exceed \$15 million. If they're giving out \$15 million
grants, of \$210 million nationwide, that's not a lot, but more
than likely they'll be smaller. More than likely in a grant like
that, you're going to have a more compelling application if you've
got something like a significant match as opposed to asking them
for all the money. The federal government likes to hear that
you're already leaning into it and you just need their money to
put you over the top.

MS. KINLEY: Okay. So you wouldn't recommend going with the fire
department?

MR. MICHEL: Well, it depends on how big of a project we have and
how ready it is and how much money we already have secured for it.
If all we need is \$750,000 to complete a \$3 million fire house, I
think maybe we ought to take a look at something like that. If
plans are there, land is secured, drawings are done, just ready to
go to bid, that kind of thing. If we're just kind of getting

1 started on it because we think we need something in a part of the
2 County that's not really fleshed out yet and it hasn't been
3 developed, don't have plans, not really sure where the land's
going to be, that kind of thing, and we don't have any other money
identified to match the federal money.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Plus that's in the Town of Jenkinsville.

MS. KINLEY: I feel like that's really an important thing with
that fire department out there also and then all the law
enforcement equipment, most of that is going to be, Mr. Chairman,
with the additional officers for western Fairfield. Is that
equipment more or less for the whole County?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think that's just miscellaneous equipment that
they want to go after and apply for.

MS. KINLEY: And is that where the 15 deputies request which ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: When he sent up the wish list and 15 deputies, I
told him, I said, "put your wish list together." I talked to him
right before I came here tonight, he would like to get three or
four deputies. He is meeting with the NRC next week, to see if he
can handle it and he's going to say yes, he can. But he would
like to have three or four more deputies just to give him another
shift or whatever you want to call it or another four people to
work the western side when the influx starts coming in. **MR.**

MICHEL: I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt. I'm fairly
certain that in the final bill, the cops program, they eliminated
the 25 percent match, so it's free officers for three years as
long as you agree to keep that officer on for a fourth year, I
believe is the deal. It is one of the only solicitations that has
already gone out. I think it went out last week, so if we're
interested in taking advantage of that program, the cops program,
I think there's \$1 billion in it nationwide, we would need to look
into that quickly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We need to start writing that tomorrow if it's free
for three years.

MR. MICHEL: The only other program at Department of Justice that
was funded is the Byrne Grant program, which is all formula. I
would think that Fairfield County gets money from the State every
year through the Byrne Grant program for equipment and if that is
the case, then we need to be looking to the State to find out how
much money we're going to get and be ready to prioritize the
equipment we're going to spend it on. It's like a bonus amount of
money from Byrne Grant for local law enforcement equipment.

1 **MS. KINLEY:** Okay. All right. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

2 **MR. MARCHARIA:** Can I respond to something, Ms. Kinley said?

3 **MS. KINLEY:** Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: Ms. Kinley while asking for all of this, I hope that we'd be able to approach the VC Summer Plant or SCE&G and see if we can get them to be good corporate sponsors and good corporate neighbors to us and put some of this money into this. We need to talk to them about that. We had the thing we went after all the industries one time and trying to developing a relationship with people and I think that we need to sit down with them. I'm pretty sure they'll be willing to give something. And I just want to keep that in mind. That way we'll have some kind of matching money, be able to show the government that they're responsible. I think Wal-Mart done gave more to the community than they have. I'm not talking about taxes. The other thing I wanted to comment, when law enforcement equipment and officers. Now, through their drug money, they get \$10 million to \$100 million a year, I believe, in drug busts and stuff like that. It don't come to the community. What do they do with that \$10 million?

MS. KINLEY: Mr. Hinely answered that one day for us because I asked the same thing, like what happens to the profits or the money they collect, and I think it's kind of divided pot.

MR. HINELY: They get some of it, but they don't get a whole lot.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's called State of South Carolina is what it's called.

MS. KINLEY: Yeah, the State gets their big part of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's the name of it.

MR. MARCHARIA: Well, it's lots of money.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They've never gotten that much money in Fairfield County.

MR. MARCHARIA: No, the State, the State averages \$10 million to \$100 million. I've read this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But I think everybody who participates in a ... say a drug bust, like if the feds are there, if Richland County's helping us, if Kershaw County's helping us, Fairfield is doing it, they all get to split it amongst themselves because when Fairfield is helping Kershaw, then they might get some for helping Kershaw. It's a community thing as far as what I've been told. And most times the big drug dealers got the houses in the children's names

1 or the wives' names or the cousins' names, so if we wanted to come
2 in and take the house, the house is not takeable. Most times what
3 they pretty much end up with is some automobiles and cash that
they find. Most of the time, if they are big enough to have
plenty of ill-gotten gain houses and automobiles, most of the
times they are pretty much protected. That's pretty much my
understanding.

MS. KINLEY: Because I thought like you did, I thought surely
some of that could go back into the community.

MR. MARCHARIA: It can. The community need to demand that that
money need to either go into 501C3 organizations, at one time that
used to be the law, and we're talking about millions of dollars.
They spend it for vests and other stuff they might need. But they
also spend it to have their conventions in Hawaii. Go on the
internet and check out what they do with some of the drug money.

MS. KINLEY: But do we need to request a report on that?

MR. MARCHARIA: They live it up.

MR. MARCHARIA: Do what now?

MS. KINLEY: Maybe we need to request a report from the State
exactly what happens with ...

MR. MARCHARIA: Check it out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Anything else, Ms. Kinley?

MS. KINLEY: That's it. Thank you, sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Trapp?

MR. TRAPP: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. The only ... for number four,
like Mr. Perry and Mr. Marcharia, I'd like to see the community
health center, permanent one put in western Fairfield. And also
I'm looking forward to the budget times so we can start working on
the recreation plan, hopefully the community center, and one other
thing pertaining to this other book, the Fairfield County 2009
priority projects list, Strothers Road, now, I think we paved that
road for four or five miles and we didn't even put a bridge in
because it cost \$10,000. That's unbelievable.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You've also got Possum Branch that has two little
culverts that need to be put in.

MR. TRAPP: What did we spend on that road? About \$300,000 for
pavement?

MR. CHAIRMAN: More than that.

MR. TRAPP: And couldn't find ...

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** But you go down through there, you go down Possum
2 Branch, going about 50 miles an hour, I know you're not supposed
3 to be going 50, well, all of a sudden you hit a little bridge and
it has three two by sixes sitting there going this way, and you
hit it and you think you're coming out of that and then it's
another one right past it. You hit one and then you hit the
second one. But they just need that's what I was talking to Mr.
McGraw about that.

MR. MARCHARIA: Yes, sir. Don't get me started.

MR. TRAPP: Mr. Hinely, did they give a reason why they didn't
fund the \$10,000?

MR. HINELY: It's CTC. They do that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's the CTC, all they were doing was paving it.
They weren't fixing any bridges. Anyhow, that's a good list.

MS. ROBINSON: I was just going to say on number four, there is
tourism dollars that come because of the Town Clock because it is
the oldest continuous running clock in the United States and it
does bring tourism dollars. That is one thing that has going for
it. But I do agree that we do need the health center clinic in
western Fairfield. I know I fought so hard to get the EMS station
over in Mitford and when ever we had the report the other night,
it's one of the highest call centers now in the County. And the
citizens in that area are most appreciative of it. And because
the clinic is doing so well, I would hate to see us not having it
over in that area and especially since that area is going to grow.

And we now have less than ten months to have something in place
before that's pulled out from under our feet. So it's something
that really needs to be moved on very quickly so whatever we can
do to get that one going, because the lease is running out, Mr.
Marcharia, is what I'm talking about. By the end of the year is
what I'm talking about as far as less than ten months. That's
what that has to do. As far as the recreation plan, recreation,
we keep talking about it and I know from past, you all have had a
study that was done and Mr. Smith, when he was involved with the
recreation, had a plan that he had worked on. I don't know what
happened to that and I know that you all have a plan going on now,
I think through the COG. This is a question I want answered. How
can you all plan recreation and put money into it when you don't
know what you truly have and where you want to go? So I think
we've got to get that plan on a fast track so that you can truly

1 know where you're going. All of you talk about I have this, I
2 have that, do you realize there is not one recreation facility of
3 any kind in District Two? None. No mini park, nothing. Oh,
yeah, I have a State park, but everybody has to pay to go in the
State park to use it now. Excuse me. But that's not a County
facility. So we need to get this plan on a fast track and don't
just continue to throw money because we want to do something.
Let's get this plan out and get a schedule of what we truly want
to spend our dollars on in recreation. That's what I have to say,
sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, ma'am. And get us a report from the COG
on that, Mr. Hinely, please. Mr. Marcharia, I know you've already
gone your turn, but I'll give you another shot.

MR. MARCHARIA: Well, yeah. I'm looking at number eight, school
system renovation and equipment. I thought that we were going to
fight for a career center where we can start training the young
people, moving them from there to VC Summer. We've been in need
of a career center as long as I've been in Fairfield County.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You got it right here.

MS. ROBINSON: It's in this stack.

MR. MARCHARIA: Excuse me, okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's in there. And we've already ... I talked to
Dr. Rex and he's willing to support it. When I talked to him was
when the Governor was not going to accept any of the money and at
that time, Mr. Clyburn hadn't put the Governor in a box and he
didn't know what he was going to get. And funding for buildings
was cut dramatically by the Republicans in the education bill.

MR. MARCHARIA: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How much money's left, Mr. Michel, in the building
program for education? Very little, isn't it?

MR. MICHEL: I think it was less than \$200 million. I don't know
the answer to that. That money goes by formula to the State
Department of Education. The State Department of Education will
then work with school districts to distribute that money, so it's
a school district issue in my mind, more than it is a county
issue.

MR. MARCHARIA: Right.

MR. MICHEL: Though I know you guys work with them hand in glove.
So I would have to look in to see how much that is. But, yes,
school construction funds were greatly reduced.

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Obama had something like \$20 billion in there
and he cut it down to \$200 million.

2 **MR. MICHEL:** Right.

3 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Republicans did. Mr. Obama had the young girl
from Dillon County sit with Mrs. Obama the other night and
introduced her. We a career center. The Corridor of Shame needs
a lot of things. And really, if the money needs to be left in the
stimulus package, it definitely ... that is where money needed to
be left for building some schools and it was taken out. So I got
a problem with that.

MR. MICHEL: Can I make one other comment on that. I want to make
sure the Council knows that working with Mr. Hinely, we did take a
look at the definition of ... I keep calling it distressed county
and that's not the right terminology. But we took the definition
of high poverty county that was in the stimulus bill, which is
ambiguous, because it says 20 percent or more poverty in the
county over the last three years. Congressman Clyburn's office
had been calculating that as at or above 20 percent in each of the
last three censuses. I asked Congressman Clyburn himself at a
meeting I was at with him ten days ago if he would be open to
asking the USDA to define that as an average of 20 percent over
the last three years. We did that because we discovered working
with Tiffany Harrison that Fairfield County would qualify for that
designation if we averaged over the last 20 years because there
was one census that we were at 19.6. He's open to doing that.
I've been back in touch with his office. That's another thing
that we need to discuss with Spratt's office when we're there.
For the purposes of this stimulus bill, that would only affect
USDA programs and there are not USDA programs where that opens up
significant amounts of money to us. However, in this
administration going forward, they're probably going to use that
designation, especially Congressman Clyburn, as many times as he
can because it reserves funding for his counties, and if we can at
the outset get that to be the average as opposed to in each
census, that will help us over time qualify for program funds.
There are four other counties that would qualify if we do it our
way as opposed to the other way and one of them is Sumter, which
is his home county, so I think that going to help us. We can get
Congressman Spratt to do that bidding for us if Congressman
Clyburn doesn't do it, but says "I don't mind if he does it." I

1 wanted to make sure that we weren't going to offend the author of
2 the provision and he told me personally that he would not. So now
3 we just have to carry forward with getting that done.

MS. ROBINSON: When Mr. Hinely and I were at the annual meeting, mid Winter meeting, last Wednesday, Mr. Hinely spoke with Mr. Tresvant out of his office, Clyburn's office, about the same thing and he felt that Mr. Clyburn would do that, because they read the names of all the counties that fell under the 20 percent and, of course, Fairfield was not in it. But he asked him and he thought that Mr. Clyburn would be agreeable to doing that. And he also announced that they had already given Richland \$1.5 million the night before for their airport.

MR. MICHEL: That's FY09 earmarks, that's not stimulus.

MS. ROBINSON: Oh, was it? Is that what it was?

MR. MICHEL: There's a lot of confusion about that today.

MS. ROBINSON: We felt that it was stimulus money, that's the way we felt that it was the way he was talking. But at the same time, we just felt that Mr. Tresvant was another good tool to be talking to through Mr. Clyburn's office.

MR. MICHEL: Yes.

MS. ROBINSON: That he would work with us.

MR. MICHEL: Yes, he is. He's been there a long time. He's very knowledgeable. He handles all the appropriation projects in the district. He is the district point person for appropriations projects in the Clyburn office.

MS. ROBINSON: And another point he made on a lot of things was once they start, you had 120 days to be 50 percent completed. That was in a handout of some of the things he gave us.

MR. MICHEL: That's an obligation. There are some programs, especially in the Department of Transportation, where the money has to be obligated by the recipient within 50 days or it gets reprogrammed. Obligating the money is different than completing the project.

MS. ROBINSON: Okay.

MR. MICHEL: Not all of these programs are that. The transit funds are that. This is another thing that we need to look at, I'm not exactly sure how our transit system here in the County gets funded, but there are significant transit formula grants that should, whether it comes through the COG or it comes through the State DOT, that money should make its way to our transit system

1 the same way that that Byrne Grant money makes its way to our law
enforcement.

2 **MR. MARCHARIA:** Yeah, one of the things we had on one of our
earmarks at one time, but it's a private kind of thing to have
3 with low to moderate income housing to upgrade our housing stock
to be able to encourage developers to come even if it's for folks
who are coming here, the 1,000 people to work or for residents
here, that's going to provide jobs, that's not minimum wage, but
living wage jobs, to live in a decent place and we need to do that
with our housing stock. But I want to go back to the water thing.
We had voted once to help these water companies, I think we passed
a referendum. And throughout this whole county, we need to upgrade
the water system where people can have fire hydrants. I think
some areas the SOI went down because the insurance, I forgot what
area that was. We need to continue to focus on that and all areas
of this County to protect our peoples' property and homes and
lives and also to try to provide this type of service, so I don't
know where that's coming from. And I'll close by saying, Ms.
Robinson, you e-mailed us something about the meeting you had the
other day within that meeting for the Special Disabilities Board
needs, there was money. There was tons of money in there.

MS. ROBINSON: That came from Mr. Hinely.

MR. MARCHARIA: Okay. I thought it came from you and there's
definitely tons of money and I thought that might have been the
stimulus package, I'm not sure, but they definitely focused on
that and having money that that was one of their priorities to put
some money in special needs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hinely, you're the only person I hadn't asked
to ...

MR. HINELY: Well, I've been waiting. Not so patiently.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, you can't ask for a raise, Mr. Hinely, just
forget that one.

MR. HINELY: Oh, no, no, I'm stimulated enough just being here. I
always figure if you can kind of break things down into something
you can get your arms around, that makes it a lot easier. I think
everybody's kind of said a little something here, but let me maybe
kind of put a little focus on this thing. I think Mr. Michel's
done a good job of showing that there are actually three separate
things here. The stimulus thing kind of came out of right field,
left field, center field, I don't really care, and it kind of got

1 everybody off the track. And what I'd like to do is kind of get
2 back on the track a little bit and normally we have what we call
3 our congressional requests, which euphemistically are called
earmarks, but it's not an earmark when it's coming to you. It's
pork when it's going to Louisiana. It's citizens--constituent
services when it's coming to Fairfield County. And typically I
think what we've tried to do is whatever our congressional request
is, whatever you all decide that, not me, and not Mr. Michel, we
try to stay typically to about three or four and not multi-
millions of dollars because that's nice, but you aren't going to
get it. And then what we generally do, too, is typically
Congressman Spratt is the one that we really kind of sit down
with. We kind of go with the other ones; but we talk to the staff
with those. We really talk to Mr. Spratt. And what we have in
our package typically is about three things and then we'll have
another kind of community interest like the library. We'll say,
okay, listen, we do everything else, the library needs a new
building, how about doing that, but our focus is the three
whatever we just told you and then generally what we'll do is
we'll give him an update on the airport. And a lot of that
airport is formula money. It's FAA. You buy an airplane ticket,
you get a certain amount of tax a week. We get a certain amount
of that money and I think just kind of historically as kind of a
courtesy, I mean, no disrespect to Mr. Spratt, but not saying he
can't change it, because he can certainly change it one way or the
other, but, we kind of as a courtesy like to say to him, "We
appreciate what you're doing and I know even though this is
informative, we want you to know what we're doing." And he's been
very good to do that. So what I'm saying is if we can get to kind
of back to that same thing and kind of like Ms. Robinson said the
other day when we were down at this meeting and they mentioned
that ... that the airport in Columbia had gotten this money, it
was mentioned in the tone that it was stimulus money. It was not
mentioned in the tone that it was earmark.

MR. MICHEL: I could be wrong about that.

MR. HINELY: You're probably right. But I mean it was mentioned as
if it was stimulus money and I think that was even before the
stimulus was signed and I'm thinking Ms. Robinson and I were
sitting there kind of elbowing each other, what's going on here,

1 and I came back and it was kind of also said that Mr. Clyburn had
2 gotten that for them, so that was kind of like, okay. So I came
3 back and took it upon myself to e-mail
WK Dickson. They're getting theirs, where's ours. And they said,
"Well, okay." I said "How about getting on that and let me know
something quickly, because if there is some stimulus money and if
..." because we've got all kind of ... for the airport more so
than anything, we've got more shovel ready stuff than ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's right.

MR. HINELY: ... than you can shake a stick at. I mean, we got 20
years worth of shovel ready on that. So I said, "I took it upon
myself and I figured you all would say okay," to just say look,
jump on that and see what you can do and if there's some stimulus
money there for that, let's get focused on that. So what I'm
saying is we kind of got three separate things here. We got that
and then kind of thanks to Mr. Michel, too, he said "you kind of
got some legislative projects that really aren't fish or fowl.
You've got to do a lot of legwork in front of those to get them
done," and that's these two here that sound like a good thing, so
we'll do that and just to let you know, we've just been rushing
around like a chicken with a head cut off trying to figure out
what's going on and it's difficult to kind of get everybody
together and so sometimes, maybe Chairman Brown will have to make
some assumptions and I'll have to make some, but when we bring it
back, the problem with it being on a piece of paper is everybody
thinks that that's the final thing. No, you all are going to
decide that tonight. Whatever you all decide, that's what I'm
going to say, yes, sir, or no, sir. And so Mr. Michel told me,
said now, the thing for the Broad water line looks like it's going
to be a congressional legislative thing, so that takes that off of
our top four or five under this FY10. I said, "Well, I do know
that the hospital has been trying this adult daycare and that's
not a lot of money. I mean a couple hundred grand's a lot of
money to me, but in the scope of things, it's not a lot of money,
so if you just put that on there maybe Monday night, then you all
can decide if you want to keep it on there or not. I think the
key is don't ask for too many projects and don't ask for too many
big ticket items. Mr. Michel said, "Well, could we put maybe," I
think you said maybe the library or something like that Is that

1 what you said? And we both kind of agreed that's a good project,
2 but 5 million bucks is just ... there's no need in doing that.
3 You're just wasting your coupons when you and I don't want that
taken out of context that I don't support the library, because I'm
fixing to say something that's going to probably aggravate them a
little bit, but I'd like to keep it in context if I may. And a
couple of things, with all due respect, and I kind of disagree,
I'm never half sure what all due respect means. I think it just
means I respect what you say, but I'm fixing to disagree with you.

Mr. Michel said a minute ago, there's no downside to putting in
25 projects and I respect Mr. Michel. The downside is there's a
lot of work that goes into putting those things together. You
might have \$25 million, but \$25 million in the whole U.S., that is
not a whole lot of money. So, so let's kind of triage this, as
you hospital people will say, and let's figure out what we've got
the greatest opportunity of getting and whatever the most money is
there and then the things that are kind of on our watch, and,
again, no disrespect to anybody, but I go down here. The library
kind of got on there because Ms. McMaster saw in the paper that we
were having this library meeting, she forwarded the thing to me
and I just forwarded it on to Mr. Michel. Once it gets on
writing, it's kind of hard to take it off, but, I'm not trying to
disrespect them, but I don't know that that is the County's focus.

You all have other things that are in your area of
responsibility, same thing with the school system ... kind of like
Ms. Kinley said a minute ago, we're meeting with Mr. Michel and
he's coming up with a bunch of things, we're saying, "yeah, that's
good, put that on the list; that's good, put that on the list;
that's good, put it on the list," and I think that's initial ...
that's a good place to start. What I'm saying, let's kind of pair
this list down to the things, that maybe whatever criteria you all
want to use and, not offend these people, but say, they have their
own lobbying people, too. And the Sheriff, I do know, that what
they're asking for is this building and all that kind of stuff
and, yeah, you might get some cops on a three year no pay, but
then at some point you got to pay. We can match ourselves to
death on some of these things. So we need to be real judicious in
how we're doing that money, so I'm saying some of this stimulus
stuff, some of it you're going to get; some of it maybe has

1 already been promised to somebody in Wyoming and we don't know
2 about it. I'm saying let's kind of focus on that. Pick out just
3 a few of those if you would and then ... because we'll fill out
the grants and some of the stuff like housing and all that, we get
that through the CDBG anyway. I know that's a priority for you,
and so there's been more money appropriated to the CDBG, so we'll
be working on that trying to move along on that. And just a
couple of other quick comments here and then I will be quiet. Mr.
Marcharia mentioned a few minutes ago this thing about the fire
hydrants. We sent out a letter here a month or so ago and asked
Mr. Lucas to kind of head that up, sent out a letter to all these
water departments saying, that this is about the second or third
year that the County's accepted these applications for grants, and
we'll be getting those back from the water companies hopefully
soon and we'll put ... put that ... incorporate it into the
budget. Say, okay, here's the ones that applied and here's ...
for the upgrade on the water lines for the fire hydrants. And the
recreation study, which continues to come up, let me tell you ...
let me give you a status report on that. And I think that's a
good thing and I think one thing that Ms. Robinson mentioned a
minute ago, and it's something that I've been saying, I know the
study has taken longer than we think it should, but again, no
disrespect to the Recreation Commission, we didn't even have a map
showing where these places were and one of the things that ... the
first thing we did, we had to hire COGs or somebody, to actually
just go out and do an inventory of all of the parks. You don't
know where you're going if you don't know where you've been. So
we've actually got an inventory and we find out that ... I think
the first year of our ... any kind of infusion of cash into the
recreation under whatever magic crown we want to be frankly is
going to be taking out a lot of stuff that's unsafe and putting in
a lot of stuff that is safe. And I'll have all that ready for you
in the budget. I meet periodically with Ms. Schaefer and we're
very close to having a finalized document on that and I know you
all will be happy and I'll be happier, so that ... and then we can
move forward. But we ... you inherited a real mess with that
stuff and the County I think is doing the right thing in turning
around and getting that squared away. So, but that'll be in the
budget; the water lines will be in the budget, and I'm saying if

1 we could whatever you all want to focus on these things, but on
2 the stimulus money, if you try to keep it to just a few things
3 because we know some of these other things in the back of your
mind, yeah, if something comes along for library funding, we'll
jump on that. If something comes along for these other things,
like housing, we'll do that. But if we're going to try to get the
stimulus money, I think we ... especially if it's an application,
because one thing that Mr. Michel was saying and I don't disagree
with him on that, he's the kind of guy that finds the pot and he's
not the guy that writes the grant. Well, somebody's got to do
that. And that is a lot of work, lot of work. And Ms. Mickens is
A number one at doing that, but she can't do 25. She can do three
or four. So, thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Take a break.

MS. KINLEY: Before we go any further to decide on those, would it
be okay to ask Mr. Michel to go down this list of stimulus billing
and so to give us a one, two or three. A one's a good
possibility, a two is medium, and a three is not much at all?

MS. KINLEY: You haven't had your turn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I haven't had my time yet.

MS. KINLEY: I apologize. Thank you, sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to thank Mr. Michel and Mr. Hinely and
everybody else who's been involved in this thing. I mean I know
this is the first time we all have seen everything we've got
laying in front of us tonight. I hadn't talked to the Dennis
Group. Mr. Michel and I talk pretty regularly; me and Mr. Hinely
talks pretty regularly. So this is a culmination of everything
that we could get done by tonight, I'll put it that way. And it's
a lot of work just in this because, number one, Mr. Michel has
been dealing with a moving target. It's been weekly we don't know
what we're supposed to be going after and what we shouldn't be
going after as far as what's still left in the budget as far as
that hasn't been gutting out that we figured we could get funded.
Now, I know we're talking about stimulus right this second, we're
going to Washington Monday, I mean next week. And our number one
thing is the congressional request which is up there at the top.
And the second thing is the congressional legislative projects as
the stimulus, now correct me if I'm wrong, and you can make your
suggestion and you tell me I'm dead wrong, I do not want to walk

1 in Mr. Spratt's office and ask him for four congressional requests
2 and then two additional legislative project requests, and then
3 say, "Oh, yeah, and here's 25 stimulus things we want to work on."
When do we need to approach the stimulus? What do we need to do
about the stimulus, Kyle?

MR. MICHEL: At the risk of having to retract this for one or two
things in the next couple of weeks we do not need to conclude on
stimulus projects tonight.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. MICHEL: We need to talk about what we're going to talk about
in Washington and we've got plenty on our plate between
appropriations requests and then asking them to guide us through
to work with us on Corps of Engineers approval. And then telling
letting them know that we're going to come back with projects for
the Transportation Reauthorization Bill and then asking them if
they can weigh in on rural ... the USDA on the interpretation of
the designation. It's a full plate. We will then let them know
that we will be back in touch with them to make sure they're
apprised of all the stimulus projects that we request and we will
ask them how they foresee working with constituents like us on
those things. That's a full plate for those meetings. We have
not gone through the stimulus bill as a group since it's been
passed to take a look at what changed and what didn't change. I
think that the steps that Mr. Hinely is taking right now on the
rural broadband and the steps that Mr. Lindsey's taking on looking
at electronic medical records are very intelligent steps to be
taking now for items that we know have large funding amounts next
to them. But I don't think we need to conclude on stimulus
projects tonight at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think we do. I mean, I agree
wholeheartedly. I mean I don't want to walk in John Spratt's
office and ask him for the moon because that just is not the way
you do business--not the way I do business.

MR. MICHEL: One more thing. The House subcommittees, which go
first on the budget, just like they do in the Senate. The House
subcommittees moved their deadline to April 3rd. I say moved
because it's usually closer to the middle of March. They moved
their deadline to April 3rd, so what that means is that Congressman
Spratt's office and all the other congressional offices have to
submit their earmark requests to the subcommittees on April 3rd.

1 So we're coming at a timely moment. It also means they're not
2 really thinking about how they're going to work with stimulus
3 projects until they get that done, because they have to deal with
sorting through all of the requests they have vetting them, making
sure that they are requests that are not going to cause some kind
of embarrassment or problem and then submitting them on April 3rd.
They're not going to really be thinking about supporting stimulus
projects unless they have to in Congressman Spratt's office before
April 3rd. That date is closer to May 15th probably in the Senate.
It may be May 1st. It's probably May 15th in the Senate ... for the
Senate offices that we go to. The only reason that they're going
to deal with a stimulus issue in the congressional offices before
they get that FY10 earmark request project done is if there is an
issue that comes up because the Executive Branch is hurrying the
program out. Like the COPS program. They put the solicitation
out last week. They are already trying to move paper on that
program and so if they have to deal with it, they will. I've
heard that the Department of Energy solicitations are going to
come out some time later this week. So I'm not saying that it's
not going to move quickly, but I don't think we have to conclude
tonight on our projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now, with that said, Fairfield County a
number of years ago passed a policy that if any of our eight
different agencies or whatever apply for grants, they need to just
let us know. And I think we need to send that back out. In my
opinion, just about every agency has an agency and has a mechanism
and a lobbyist or association--like substance abuse and special
needs. Council on Aging has their own. They are looking through
their different associations. They should be being kind of
halfway instructive saying "You all, this money's out there. You
ought to go after it." I hope that's right. And I think it
probably is right. And if it is right and say there is a little
pocket of money over here that Council on Aging could go after,
and somebody in their office writes and applies for it, that suits
me fine. I hope it suits Council fine, as long as they tell us
they're doing it, and as long as there's not a match to it that we
will have to be involved in. In some cases, it might be a match
we might want to be involved in to a degree. We just don't know.
We just kind of need to know what people are doing because there
are people in this County who has people who are very capable of

1 doing grant writing work and Ms. Mickens is going to be taxed and
2 we might even need to get somebody else to help do some things as
3 far as writing some of these grants because some of this stuff
might be very long and tedious and I don't want to lose anything,
I just don't want to lose nothing if I can keep from. I mean, I'd
rather us get it than somebody in Billings, Montana. I mean
that's just the way it is, you all. I mean, I am not lost nothing
in Billings. So, I can't say that about Las Vegas where I was
last week, but I can say that about Billings. I want to go after
what we can, but I firmly agree with Mr. Michel that this coming
week when we go to Washington, those top six things up there,
which I think we need to put the recreation community center for
the western side of the county in there.

MR. MARCHARIA: Yes, sir, recreation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The health clinic.

MR. MARCHARIA: Yeah, not to cut you off, Mr. Chairman, but
SCE&G, when they entered into that lease agreement with us, one
thing was recreation and a medical clinic.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. If we can do them jointly in one building,
that'll be wonderful. But what I am saying is we need to come up
with something and that's why I called Ms. McDaniel the other day
about trying to get me a set of plans so it would be something
like a ... we could put it together with something like this.

MR. MARCHARIA: I can get that for you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, find something for us because it might be a
shovel ready project, you see what I'm saying? And even if
they've got an outline, I mean if another area has one and we can
get permission from the architect to use it and put it together in
something bindable. Let's move forward with that.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Brown, let me stop you right there. The
hospital has already gone through that. They have a set of plans.
that they've looked at another healthcare facility and I think Mr.
Lindsey and those have looked into that, so no need in us
reinventing the wheel on that one.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, if we got something, then that's fine.
I mean, is that what you've been working on? You've been working
on a different project, hadn't you?

MR. LINDSEY: No, I've been working on that project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That project for the western side of the County?

MR. LINDSEY: No, not the western side of the County.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, we need to look at it. I mean, if it's a kind of very functional and well built building that will serve the people in western Fairfield or any section in Fairfield County for a long time to come, that's ... I mean, I want something nice.

MR. MARCHARIA: Mr. Chair, I've already asked architects to draw up something to present to the Council since no one has presented if there's a plan, I haven't seen it since it's over there and I met with the community, I'm going to voice their aspiration what the community asked for and I've already met with architects and I'll have that plan for you probably within the next week.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before Washington?

MR. MARCHARIA: I don't know by the time we go ... we leave this Friday to go to D.C. I don't know if I can have it. I'll certainly try. But if not, I'll certainly have it by the 14th.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, what I would like to see come out of this meeting tonight is for that to be put in the top four or top five or whatever we want to say. Top four ...

(Tape flipped)

MR. CHAIRMAN: ... if Ms. McDaniel has started working on that.

MS. ROBINSON: The building plan?

MR. LINDSEY: No, I don't have it. I'm working with the hospital right now.

MR. MARCHARIA: I have plans.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, let's see if we can get plans. Well, anyhow, Mr. Ferguson, I know you wanted to make a motion a little while ago. I heard Mr. Perry wanting to make a suggestion. I think Mr. Trapp, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Marcharia, I would like to see the Western Fairfield Medical Center put at the top four or five items right there since we thought it was already something for the past two years or something that already might be forthcoming.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I don't have a problem with it. The only thing I will say is following up on what Mr. Michel told us a while ago, the Fairfield Memorial Hospital daycare center and the clinic will both come out of the same earmark of money. You might have had an opportunity of finagling around with the pot of money on the disabilities because of the work inside of it, but, Kyle, am I not right, we would have two projects coming out of the same pot of money, which, Mr. Michel, what would the likelihood of that be?

MR. MICHEL: Low.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Now, let me ask you this, Mr. Michel,
2 I know all of Fairfield County is rural, but is the western side
of the County more rural than the Town of Winnsboro?

3 MR. MICHEL: I don't think that's going to make a difference.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. MICHEL: What is the amount of money for the western County
healthcare clinic?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's why we were trying to get a set of plans two
weeks ago.

MR. MICHEL: Are we talking six figures or seven figures?

MR. FERGUSON: Probably a million dollars.

MS. KINLEY: \$600,000 and that was three years ago.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So under \$1 million.

MR. FERGUSON: Probably \$1 million.

MR. MARCHARIA: Grossly inadequate. We're talking about building
... wait a minute here, we're talking about we're living under
some dangerous ... we almost built a dog shelter that's worth that
... half that much. I'm saying this is a precarious situation for
that community and it's imperative. We are not talking about
building a matchbox. I mean, you're putting something up there
where you have thousands of people working, so it needs to be
adequate given to the potential that exists in that community. I
mean, I don't understand this type of thinking here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The best thing I can know is get us a set of plans,
Mr. Marcharia, and see what ... we all guessing right now. We had
a \$600,000 figure been on the books for three years and that's
what we've been talking about.

MR. FERGUSON: \$1 million building, commercial building, brick in
that area would build you 7,000 square feet, which is a right
healthy size health center. Would be bigger than the one in
Ridgeway, than the Primary Healthcare Center in Ridgeway.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Especially if you didn't go to the extreme with the
design.

MR. MARCHARIA: I don't understand that. I'll ask the architect
that and weigh that in and what would be adequate and when I say
adequate, I also wanted to talk to the VC Summer folks and see
what they say. In fact, I'm meeting with NRC next week. They're
coming down to meet with me, so I'm asking them to chip in, but at
the same time, how would you, as medical folks, define adequate?

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** Let me say this, what we were trying to do is sit
2 here tonight and take this to Washington as one of the earmarks.
3 If we put \$1 million in there for earmark for medical facility, I
think that would be a very nice earmark medical facility that
could serve the people of western Fairfield or eastern Fairfield
or wherever.

MR. MARCHARIA: Good start.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And if this is something that we can do tonight.
Now, I know we want to talk to V.C. Summer and we want to do this
and we want to do that and we want the Taj Mahal out there, but I
want to get, if we can, \$1 million for earmark to get something
out there that will serve the people better than what we got. And
that's just the way I look at it.

MS. ROBINSON: It's running out. December 31st.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We need to move forward on that quick and yeah, I
would love to see a combination one-stop shop medical facility,
recreation facility, and town hall or community hall all in one
building, but tonight is tonight and we need to do this tonight.

MR. MARCHARIA: I agree.

MR. FERGUSON: Well, one thing for sure, what's out there is going
to have to be moved to another location before any of this comes
about. There's no way in the world you're going to get this money
back and get a building put up and established by the last day of
this year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wherever we find a piece of land to put the new
building on, we can move the existing one down there to serve the
public while we are building a new one if we get the money.

MR. MARCHARIA: We have the land.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm just saying let's put \$1 million up tonight.
Let's vote to do the million dollars for western Fairfield as a
rural community healthcare facility.

MR. MARCHARIA: Okay.

MR. FERGUSON: Now, Mr. Chairman, my only other question would be
if we're going to put the western Fairfield in, do we need to drop
the number three down and put it in stimulus money if what Mr.
Michel said is true about getting money out of the same pot?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Michel, what's your recommendation on that?

MR. MICHEL: Can I be 100 percent honest?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah.

1 **MR. MICHEL:** The deadlines for the submission of the earmarks for
2 FY10 passed last week. These have been made to Graham's office
3 and to Congressman Spratt's office. So we would have to go and
ask for special grace to take one out and put one in as it were.
The other question that's going to arise is whether there is not
funding for community health clinics available. I'd have to
figure out how this one works, but I think that community health
clinics do generate some amount of revenue from Medicaid
reimbursements and from indigent ... other pots of money that the
people who go in there generate revenue into the center in some
way, shape, or form. So that the question is how much of a note
can that center pay as opposed to going out and just giving them
100 percent of a facility with a pure 100 percent grant. That's
less likely to be embraced than, like I said earlier, coming in
and saying, "We have put this project together and it's going to
be partially funded with a loan that will be paid back from
revenues from the facility and we've got \$650,000 amount that's
been pledged in a combination of those types of proceeds and maybe
County funds and State matching fund, but we need \$350,000 from
the federal government. That's a much more likely supported
project than coming in and saying, "We'd like you just to give us
a building for \$1 million."

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let's do this.

MR. MARCHARIA: Wait a minute. With all due respect, as Mr.
Hinely says, let me understand this. We are contracting out to
get expertise to go get money for us. In just two months, this
person will make more money than I make in a whole year; rip and
run, tear up my car, community meetings, this and that and I can't
get a good answer about what I'm asking for here? In two months
with the taxpayers' money that we be paying out for all this
research and getting this stuff together, will make more than I
make in a year plus. And what I'm hearing I'm not hearing good
stuff here about my community or it be cut down and trimmed and
well, we shouldn't do that. It sounds like Graham and them to me.

MR. MICHEL: I think there's a way to maximize the chances that we
get federal funding for that center.

MR. MICHEL: That would entail going down a different path than
just asking for 100 percent of the money from an earmark. I'm not
pessimistic on getting that center funded. I'm not comfortable

1 that the chances are the highest chances just by asking them for
2 all the money.

3 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** All right. Let me say this, please, the three of
you all. Mr. Perry used to be Chairman and Mr. Ferguson is
chairman and Mr. Perry back chairman and Ms. Kinley you work out
there. I have never been able to get my hands completely around
Palmetto Healthcare, Eau Claire Healthcare, Western Fairfield
Healthcare with association with the hospital, I've never quite
been able to do all that. I've never sat down at length and sat
down and talked about all this. But they do make money. Eau
Claire Community Healthcare makes money. And they do help pay for
the John Spratt building some how I reckon, is that a good
assumption?

MR. FERGUSON: The assumption the way the plan is, Mr. Brown, is
Eau Claire was paid for by federal money--was bought and paid for
by federal money. John Spratt got it for them and Eau Claire
operates it. They get Medicare and Medicaid, just like the
hospital does, but it's at a lower rate than the hospital does.
Mary Lynn just brought something to my attention and she's
absolutely right, when we went to Washington to talk about that
facility up there, the facility was actually asked for by Wallace
Brown. It was actually asked for by Palmetto, not by the County,
and that's who the things are written to because we have no say so
whatsoever in the Eau Claire building in Ridgeway.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's a private entity from us. Let me make
sure. I mean, the one out there has some involvement from
Fairfield.

MS. KINLEY: We don't do anything with Eau Claire.

MR. FERGUSON: The one from Western Fairfield belongs to the
hospital; the building belongs to the hospital. The County went
out there and put the septic tank in and did the grading and the
rocks down and that kind of stuff.

MS. KINLEY: Palmetto operates it. Federally funded.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Palmetto operates it, which is the same group that
operates the one out here at the old A&P and the County nor the
hospital, I mean it's one in the same, the hospital doesn't see
any revenue from that. They just help send people in to the
hospital and get them advanced care, etcetera.

MS. KINLEY: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. So, there is a separation.

1 MS. KINLEY: And I think Congressman Spratt
2 suggested that we let Wallace Brown apply for that grant and that
3 it would be easier for a federally funded clinic to receive that
money instead of the County.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then we need to get with Palmetto and I think the
person I was talking to, I heard a rumor, so anyhow, so I don't
know who we need to talk to. And Wallace Brown, I used to know
Wallace, and he's no longer there

MS. KINLEY: Dr. Ellisor is I think the doctor, the head doctor of
that and then there Helen Bryson that came to Council when we did
our budget, you remember, Mr. Brown, last year? Do you remember
her?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, we need a conversation with Ms. Bryson
tomorrow.

MR. FERGUSON: I think probably Mr. Lindsey has done some
background on both of those issues between the County and the
hospital and Palmetto and that kind of stuff, so you may want to
address that question to him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let me ... let me ask this just to kind of cut to
the chase, Mr. Michel, for these community healthcare not for
profit or for profit or whatever organizations like Eau Claire and
Palmetto, is there money in any of these packages for those folks?

MR. MICHEL: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then that's who we need to have applying for the
healthcare facility on the western side of the County, just like
it was applied for three years ago by Mr. Wallace Brown. So we
need to do that. We need to go up to Mrs. Bryson and if somebody
can get me Mrs. Bryson's phone number. Is she a doctor or Mrs.?
You get me her number, I'll be glad to talk to her tomorrow.

MS. KINLEY: Mr. Brown, that's how they can serve on a sliding
scale, because they are federally funded clinics. They don't
charge maybe \$10 for an office visit where if you go to a local
family practitioner, you're going to pay \$60 a visit. But that's
what Eau Claire does, but it's through a grant in Richland County,
not Fairfield.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will talk to Ms. Bryson tomorrow. Because that's
the way it needs to be done because we are not in the healthcare
running business.

1 **MR. MICHEL:** Do I understand that Palmetto Health will agree to
2 operate and supply the doctors and run the clinic if there is a
3 facility there?

MS. KINLEY: It's not Palmetto Health. It is Palmetto Clinics.
They are not connected with Richland Palmetto Health, okay.
They're out of Columbia office, too, but they have one branch and
then western Fairfield was added, so now they have two branches
here in Fairfield County.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's what they're doing now.

MR. MICHEL: And they run other federally funded clinics in the
State in other places?

MS. KINLEY: Yes.

MR. MICHEL: Okay. There was a big push on funding those in the
Bush administration.

MS. KINLEY: That was his way to take care of rural health.

MR. MICHEL: Right. And I can't remember, but I think I heard
that there's likely to be a continued emphasis on that in some way
in the Obama administration and perhaps even money in the health
bill that they're kicking around and acting like they're going to
do by the end of the year, but I'm not as confident of that as
they are. I will say that there is a 50-50 chance that there's a
second stimulus bill later this year and so it's not a bad idea to
start getting in line for money now. It will not be \$787 billion
I don't think, but just in case there's more money in that same
account in which there's I think \$500 million in it this year ...
I mean in this stimulus bill, we do need to talk and I'm happy to
be part of those discussions with that group that runs the
federally funded health clinics to ask them how people like
Fairfield County typically access federal funds for those kinds of
buildings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, we'll talk to Ms. Bryson tomorrow.

MS. KINLEY: Mr. Chairman, I didn't mean to interrupt your
question there, but they agreed, it was a three-part ... as Mr.
Ferguson said, the hospital bought the building they're in. The
County did the in-kind work and the septic tank, and Palmetto
agreed to staff it and put the equipment in it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we were funding them \$50,000 for a few years.
Are we still funding them \$50,000?

MS. KINLEY: We still do for recruitment of doctors is what that
\$50,000 was for.

1 **MR. CHAIRMAN:** We fund them \$50,000 a year for recruitment,
keeping doctors out there.

2 **MR. MICHEL:** I think it's very doable. I don't think the chances
3 of getting a \$1 million by asking for it in an earmark in FY10 are
very good.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Let's get it financed through Ms.
Bryson. Let her go after the money and get the thing like it's
supposed to be. Mr. Lindsey.

MR. LINDSEY: These community healthcare centers is state and
federally funded and they have a board that Mr. Brown was on and
this Nathan Woodard now is the chair of that board they are on
Percival Road in Columbia.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. And you know Nathan Woodard?

MR. LINDSEY: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good?

MR. LINDSEY: I know him real well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, I think the three of us need to talk
tomorrow. All right. Now, so with that said, the congressional
requests are pretty much staying the same. With that said, the
congressional requests are pretty much staying the same. And then
the congressional legislative projects are staying the same.
We're going to have another meeting on the stimulus.

MR. MARCHARIA: That's a question, Mr. Chair? If this is true
what I just heard, then last year, how were we able to get the
\$600,000 and make the request for these medical clinics and we
can't do it now?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't know how that was done.

MS. KINLEY: Checking on it from the year before.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wallace Brown made the presentation, and then the
second year, they just asked about it. I wasn't involved at that
time. We're going to get Mrs. Mrs. Woodard on this tomorrow and
we're going to find out what we got.

MR. MARCHARIA: Okay. I'm just saying, it's on our agenda. We
definitely had people to request that when we talked to
Congressman Spratt. That was on the agenda, but now it's a whole
different story. I just want to make you aware of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We got it. All right. Now, we will talk about
that tomorrow. Mr. Hinely?

MR. HINELY: Not to further confuse this, but what I'm asking is
we've got these and then what we typically do is just have some

1 information about the airport just strictly advisory. We're not
2 asking for anything, just to kind of say here's a copy of the
3 report; if you want to ask us a question, you can. We're going to
put that in here, too, because I've got W.K. Dickson actually
putting that together for me. I just want to know if I need to
cart that up there or not. That's not a request; that's mostly
just for their information--kind of as we're walking out the door,
we say here it is and we just want to keep you posted because he's
helped us a lot on that. He being Mr. Spratt.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, what I think we ought to do is whatever we
take up there or whatever our request or whatever our additional
requests are if we want to take the airport thing up there, let
Mr. Michel identify on the top of the airport request, the FAA
section of the budget or whatever, so we can or he can or somebody
can give that to the appropriate person in his office. And these
other things that we can give it, Mr. Michel has written up these
requests with identification and what department they should be or
what part of the budget they ought to be coming out of. Now, the
earmarks is just straight earmarks, but still even though what Mr.
Michel has done, John Spratt's still going to hand it to somebody
who does that whatever, am I right? I assume I'm right. I'm
guessing I'm right, but hopefully I'm right. So I think we need
to do some of the work for him. I mean for his office help and I
think as soon as possible we need to meet again to discuss the
stimulus and then we either go to Rock Hill and meet with his
people or we go back to Washington and meet with his people or
with him on the stimulus in a very short order. All of us, some
of us, or let Mr. Michel represent us, somebody needs to go back
just as soon as we determine some of the stimulus stuff as it is
an ever moving target. And Mr. Marcharia, this man been working
for six weeks, but he's working for us for 365 days. So he's
getting paid to work the whole year. So he isn't stopping just
because he puts this stuff together. His work is just getting
started.

MR. MARCHARIA: Started. If you'll allow me, Mr. Chairman, if
you're going to call Ms. Bryce, whoever it is, in the
conversation, I'd like to be part of that, and I also would like
to say I apologize to Mr. Michel if I sounded kind of abrasive.
You were just hurting my ears and I had to say something. Thank
you.

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: I hope we don't leave anybody in Fairfield County
2 out. That's my whole goal. I mean, that's why I've met for two
3 or three hours the other morning with Mr. Kennedy out there and
the healthcare association.

MR. TRAPP: I make the motion that we accept the priority list as
written.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second?

MS. ROBINSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

MR. FERGUSON: Question, Mr. Brown. What are we going to do with
the western Fairfield?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You were out the room, we're going to talk to Ms.
Helen Bryson and Mrs. Woodard, who runs Palmetto Healthcare.

MS. KINLEY: Palmetto Clinic.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Palmetto Clinic. Get with them tomorrow hopefully
on a three-way call or whatever, and get them to see if they got a
set of plans and let them present it through their revenue--their
avenues. There's plenty of money in it. Mr. Bush started that
flow of money and that flow of money is still there. So we just
need to talk to them about going through their channels and see if
there's a problem there. And we're going to do that tomorrow.

MR. FERGUSON: All right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So what's on the list pretty much stays the same.

MS. KINLEY: And we're just going to ask about that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And we're taking the airport stuff.

MR. HINELY: We've already sent the grant in for the airport, the
grant request to the appropriate agency and all of that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We just going to mention it to them and more than
likely he's going to ask where we are on the airport anyhow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I got a motion and I got a second. All in favor,
signify by saying aye.

PANEL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, likewise. Do I have a motion to
adjourn?

COUNCILMAN: So moved.

MS. KINLEY: One more question. What's the deadline for the
stimulus that we need to let you know our choices?

MR. MICHEL: There's no hard deadline. The applications for each
of these 80 or 90 different programs are being put out by the
different departments or agencies that are managing them as

1 quickly as they can and most of them have a 30 day minimum, if not
2 more, of a deadline. I think that we should probably meet two
3 weeks from tonight, if that's a normal Council meeting or time we
can have a work session. I'm going to be in Washington all next
week, as well as a lot you. The third Monday maybe? Did you say

MS. KINLEY: We meet the second and fourth Mondays.

MR. MICHEL: We might want to do it before then. We might want to
do another work session two weeks from tonight.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let's look at the Thursday after we get back, you
all look at your calendars. I don't have mine with me. I know
I'm supposed to be meeting with nuclear regulatory that afternoon.

MR. MICHEL: I'm sorry, I don't return from Washington until that
evening.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, let's ... the following Monday ...

MS. ROBINSON: Well, that's possibly intergovernmental meeting.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. The following Monday is ...

MS. ROBINSON: 16th.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 16th? That'll be the third Monday? Let's do it the
third Monday then.

MR. MARCHARIA: And before we adjourn, can I ask one question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARCHARIA: What is our delegation doing? Are they in harmony
with what we are asking with the House and the Senate? I know
they're going up asking for stuff like ... we don't have any ...
are we crossing paths here, asking for the same thing?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Boyd went up there. Sarah McMaster had talked to
him, Town of Ridgeway had talked to him. All he did was just kind
of went up to him since he worked for him and just said Fairfield
County's bringing some things, please, I hope you can look at them
and help them as much as you can. So he's not trying to go up
there and work against us. He's just going up there looking to
help us.

MR. MICHEL: Councilmen, I people that I work with who will
approach the State delegation and ask them to contact the
congressmen and the offices and back up what we ask them for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Now that we have come up with what we
are requesting, then we might ask Boyd and Creighton just to make
a phone call or go up there if they're up there. The more the
merrier. I mean, the more support we can get, the better off we
are.

1 **MR. FERGUSON:** Let me ask one question for clarification, Mr.
2 Chairman. Number two under congressional legislative projects,
3 explain what that is. I heard something about a plan, but I don't
know that we've seen the plan and I don't know that we've worked
on a plan, but explain that to me that if we're going to be going
and talking about it or that's what we want to do, I'd like to
know what we want to do.

MR. MICHEL: We're going to tell them that it used to be called
Iced T and now it's called T21 and they'll put another (inaudible)
on it this year, we're going to tell them that we are going to
come back with our priorities for the transportation authorization
bill, which Congress will be working on later this year. We don't
need to have them next week. But it would be intelligent of us to
work with State DOT and to work with our congressional offices to
get at least one or two or three projects in that authorization
bill that you, as Council, will determine the priority for and
once you have a project that's authorized in the bill, it's much
easier to get funding for it over the five years that that bill
authorizes funding. If we go up today and ask for funding in an
earmark for a transportation project, the first thing they say is
"Is it in the authorization bill?" And if your answer is no, then
they say, "We'll do what we can." If you're in the authorization
bill, Congress has already said this is one that we've approved.
Therefore, you're sort of prequalified. Doesn't mean you
absolutely get funding, but it means that you can say, "Yes, I'm
prequalified in the transportation authorization bill." They do
it every five years and they're doing it this year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. So some of these things that he's put
together, and I hadn't looked at any of that.

MS. ROBINSON: Railroad museum has fallen into that before.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The railroad museum is fallen into that. I think
the interchange at Peach Road, I know we had an earmark, but then
I think we got some in the T21 money ... Iced T money to help out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If we don't put it in there, it won't be in there,
but we need to pick two or three projects that will save us from
having to spend money and let somebody else spend money.

MR. HINELY: Mr. Chairman, I know you want to adjourn. Let me
mention one more thing to you. I know you'll be interested in
this. Talking about transportation and stuff like that, Mr. Jamie

1 Johnson, the local guy at the DOT, kind of sent word to me the
2 other day, looks like he's going to have a bunch of money for
sidewalks and I sent him an e-mail saying let's get together.

MS. ROBINSON: We could use some at Lebanon.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: I think Greenbrier needs some, too.

MR. HINELY: I'm going to try to get from him. All these DOTs are
sending a list to the State for sidewalks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Jenkinsville wants them.

MR. HINELY: I'm going to get with him and then I'll send you some
information saying this is what they got.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Mayor wants sidewalks.

MR. HINELY: We can have some input or not. I just wanted to let
you know that and I'm meeting with him soon as I can meet with
him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And next time you meet with them, I really would
like for the entrances coming off of the interstate, coming into
Fairfield County, we got a hill down there at 34 and 200; we got a
pretty thing up here at 200 and 77, and one or two other entrances
into Fairfield County, I really would like for ours to look like a
lot of other counties in the State as far as "Welcome to Fairfield
County," have it real nice and pretty.

MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, use somebody else than they've been using to
design this stuff, though, in Fairfield.

MR. HINELY: That's DOT, May have some sidewalk money. Stand by,
I'll keep you posted. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do I have a motion to adjourn.

MS. ROBINSON: You already have it.

MR. MARCHARIA: Motion seconded. All those in favor?

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

PANEL: Aye.

(There being nothing further, the meeting was concluded.)

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