Anderson County Board of Commissioners OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday

December 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. Room 312

Refreshments (Chick-fil-A and Cupcakes)
Will be provided - Compliments of Chairman Isbel

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Appearance of Citizens
- 5. Recognition of Emily Crabtree, Reporter with Channel 10 requested by Chairman Isbel.
- 6. Intergovernmental
 - **Tele Health for Animals** Referred from November County Commission meeting.
- 7. Legislative
 - Fireworks Private Act Deferred from November Operations meeting.
- **8.** Rails to Trails in New River Deferred from October Operations meeting.
 - Presentation by Noel Durant
- 9. Mayor's Report no report
- 10. Law Director's Report
 - A. Contract Approvals
 - B. Zoning Violations
 - C. Bankruptcies
 - D. Other
 - Letter to State Representatives re: Cemetery Access Rights
 - Letter to State Representatives in support of Tennessee Waste to Jobs
 - E. Litigation Updates
- 11. Norris Water Treatment Plant requested by Chairman Isbel.
- 12. Google Recognition of the Rosedale Community requested by Chairman Isbel.
- 13. Discuss people collecting money at Edgemoor & Claxton requested at full commission meeting.
- 14. Requests from Commissioner Wandell
 - Claxton Kids Palace Update
 - Rosedale water update
 - Anderson County Animal Shelter Update

15. ACWA Minutes

16. Strategic Planning Update

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjourn

legislators in support of Tennessee Waste to Jobs Program. Second by Commissioner Vowell. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 18. Commissioner Foster made a motion to have the Grant Coordinator look into a planning grant for the CRESO/Poor Farm. Second by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 19. Commissioner Foster made a motion to also have the Grant Coordinator look into a planning grant for the American Nuclear Site. Second by Commissioner Isbel. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 20. Commissioner Isbel made a motion to refer Tele Health for animals back to the Operations Committee. Second by Foster. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - 21. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve to hang two small plaques in honor of Dr. Joe Rainey and Art Miller in the new dental office. Second by Commissioner Isbel. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - 22. Commissioner Isbel made a motion to have the mayor send a letter to TVA requesting to leave the Claxton Kids Palace open as long as possible. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed by voice vote.

Road Committee

23. Commissioner Beauchamp made a motion for Commissioner Capshaw and the Law Director get together and draft a letter to the City of Clinton and TDOT regarding any updates at the intersections at Lewallen Hollow Road, Sinking Springs Road and N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Second by Commissioner Allen. Motion passed by voice vote.

Fire Commission

No Quorum/No Meeting.

Legal Services

24. Commissioner Foster made a motion authorizing the law director, county mayor and Chair Palmer, as the commissioner, to negotiate with the City of Oak Ridge for "the highest and best" costs related to the Oak Ridge sessions court location with the recommended negotiated cost to be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration. Second by Commissioner McNabb. Motion passed by voice vote.

New Business

None

Announcements

Opioid Committee meeting is rescheduled to Monday, November 24th at 5:00 pm. Rocky Top won the ball game!

Commissioner Foster requested prayers for School Board member Teresa Portwood.

Adjourn

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Chapter No
Senate Bill No
By McNally
House Bill No
By Ragan

PRIVATE ACTS, 2021

AN ACT to Amend Chapter 291 of the Private Acts of 1947 and any other acts amendatory thereto, and to regulate the possession, storage, use, manufacturing, display or sales of pyrotechnics in Anderson County, Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. GENERAL APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

That from and after the effective date of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, store, use, manufacture, display or sell pyrotechnics, as hereinafter defined, in Anderson County, Tennessee subject to following exceptions, regulations, permitting requirements and prohibitions contained herein. This Act permits and allows the use, display, sales of fireworks, commonly identified as D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade fireworks during seasonable sales periods and under reasonable regulations designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public. The safe possession and storage of D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade fireworks shall not be infringed upon and shall be lawful at any time within the boundaries of Anderson County. The manufacturing and transportation of pyrotechnics of any form or type shall be governed by federal, state and local law provided that all required local permits, including zoning classifications are obtained.

SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS ON EFFECT

Nothing contained herein is intended to limit, supersede or preempt the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-104-101 et seq., or any state or federal law regarding the possession, storage, use, manufacturing, display or sales of pyrotechnics. Nothing within the terms and provisions embodied in this Act shall be construed or interpreted to relieve any person from the provisions of licensing, permitting or taxation required under Tennessee law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions of various operative words and phrases contained herein shall be interpreted, and held to mean, within the context of this Act, as follows:

- (A) *Pyrotechnics*: Any device or composition containing combustible or explosive substances prepared for the purpose of visual or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation by any means of ignition, to include but not limited to:
 - (1) Permissible Fireworks: Any device or composition identified as, "D.O.T. Class C Common Fireworks" or commonly referred to a Consumer Grade, including all articles of fireworks as are now or hereafter classified as D.O.T. Class C Common fireworks in the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation for transportation of explosive and other dangerous articles.
- (2) Restricted Special Fireworks: Any device or composition held to mean by the terms of this Act, or be identified as:
 - (a) All articles of fireworks that are classified as D.O.T. Class B explosives in the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation; and
 - (b) All articles of fireworks commonly referred to as Display Grade other than those articles classified as D.O.T. Class C (Consumer Grade) Fireworks; and
 - (c) Any undefined, unclassified or homemade article or substance of pyrotechnics; including, but not limited to, unmanned free-floating devices such as sky lanterns or articles capable of producing an open flame, sparks, gas, smoke intended for audible or visual effect.

(B) Display

- (1) Display for Use: the knowing and intentional show, exhibition or use of Pyrotechnics causing either visual or audible effect;
- (2) Display for Sale: the intentional display for sale of any item identified as Permissible Fireworks.

- (C) Manufacture: Any person engaged in the process of making, manufacturing or construction of pyrotechnics and/or fireworks of any kind within this state.
- (D) Permit: The written authority of the State Fire Marshal issued under the authority of Tennessee Law and additional local permits expressly authorized by this Act including: permits, licenses, fees, taxes and zoning regulations adopted by local authority.
- (E) Person: Any individual, firm, partnership, company, business entity or corporation.
- (F) Possess: Any person that knowingly has actual physical control of any substance or item defined herein as Pyrotechnics, Fireworks or Restricted Special Fireworks.
- (G) Sale: An exchange of articles of fireworks for money or trade including, but not limited to: barter, exchange, gift or offer thereof, and each such individual transaction made by one or more persons, whether as principal, proprietor, salesperson, employee, agent, association, copartnership.
- (H) Seasonal Retailer: Any person engaged in the business of making retail sales of D.O.T. Class C, Consumer Grade Fireworks within this state from June 20 through July 5 and December 10 through January 2 of each year; provided such person has obtained the proper permit(s).
- (I) Seasonal Sales Period: Any properly permitted person may engage in the sale of D.O.T. Class C Consumer Fireworks from June 20 through July 5 and December 10 through January 2 of each year.
- (J) Use: To intentionally and knowingly ignite or discharge causing any item or substance to produce a visual or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation.
- (K) Store: To keep or retain any item defined herein as Permissible Fireworks in a safe and secure container or place.

SECTION 2. LAWFUL CONDUCT; PERMISSIBLE USES

- (A) Possession: It shall be lawful for any person to possess D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks at any time within the geographic boundaries of Anderson County.
- (B) Store: It shall be lawful for any person to safely store D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks at any time during the calendar year.
- (C) Use and Display: It shall be lawful for any person to use and display D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks during the Seasonal Sales Period subject to state law and the Anderson County Noise Resolution.
- (D) Sale: It shall be lawful for any person to sell D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks during the seasonable sales period, provided required state and local permits are obtained.

SECTION 3. UNLAWFUL CONDUCT; IMPERMISSIBLE USES

- (A) Manufacture: No person may manufacture pyrotechnics within the boundaries of Anderson County without first obtaining the proper state and local permits, including zoning approval.
- (B) Use and Display: No person shall use or display D.O.T. Class C. Consumer Grade Fireworks except during the seasonal sales period. No person shall use or display any item or substance defined as Restricted Special Fireworks without first obtaining approval of the State Fire Marshal and any other permit required under federal, state or local law.
- (C) Sale: No person shall sell D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks except during the seasonal sales period, provided proper state and local permits are obtained. Sales of Restricted Special Fireworks shall not be sold by seasonal retailers.
- (D) Possession: No Person shall possess any item or substance defined as Restricted Special Fireworks without first obtaining the approval of the State Marshal and any other permit required under federal, state or local law.
- (E) Storage: No person shall store any item or substance defined as Restricted Special Fireworks without first obtaining the approval of the State Fire Marshal and any other permit required under federal, local or state law.
- SECTION 4. That any person guilty of violating any provision(s) of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and not more than Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars, or by confinement in the County jail for not less than thirty (30) days and not more than eleven (11) months and twentynine (29) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.
- SECTION 5. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as applying to governmental entities conducting or sponsoring public displays of pyrotechnics by contract or arrangement with any State Fair, patriotic assembly, legal holiday or similar public functions, who acquire all articles used in such pyrotechnic displays from points outside Anderson County, and further keep such pyrotechnic articles in their possession at all times during the public gathering, and transport the same out of this County upon the conclusion of the arrangement or contract under which such pyrotechnics are displayed for public entertainment.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, it shall be lawful for Seasonal Retailers including companies, firms, not-for-profit entities, including volunteer fire departments, and corporations, recognized by the Secretary of State and properly permitted by the State Fire Marshal and local authority to offer for sale, use, display, store and otherwise possess D.O.T. Class C. Consumer Grade Fireworks during and throughout June 20 to July 5 and December 10 to January 2 of each year subject to reasonable regulations, permits, licenses, taxes, fees and zoning regulations lawfully adopted by the Anderson County Legislative Body. Persons or individual purchasers from properly permitted Seasonal Retailers may lawfully use and display D.O.T. Class C. Consumer Grade Fireworks during and throughout June 20 to July 5 and December 10 to January 2 of each year. Furthermore, persons may possess and safely store all articles and substances classified as D.O.T. Class C Consumer Grade Fireworks at all times.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable, and if any of its sections, provisions, clauses, or parts be held unconstitutional or void, then the remainder of this Act shall continue in full force and effect, it being the legislative intent now hereby declared, that this Act would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or void matter had not been included therein.

SECTION 8	3. That this Act shall take	e effect from and after	its passage upon two-third
(2/3) vote of the A	nderson County Legisla	tive Body, the public	health, safety and welfare
requiring same.			
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Section 6. (Proposed replacement for discussion)

The Anderson County Fire Marshall or designee or individual appointed by the county legislative body shall be designated as the responsible authority for regulating seasonal retail sales of fireworks and compliance with this product and the County's adopted fire cuts.

The responsible authority shall have discretion to revise or amend regulations related to the seasonal sales of fireworks so as to ensure compliance with applicable state and local laws.

Should the responsible authority receive a complaint regarding a violation of Section 5 or a fire code violation at a seasonal fireworks location come the vendor shall be assessed a two-hundred, fifty-dollar (\$250) reinspection if a violation is found at the retail location. Further, the responsible authority may issue a citation fining the vendor fifty dollars (\$50) per violation discovered upon reinspection. Revenue generated from fines and fees shall be used for fire education, inspection or prevention.

-Law Director

December

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Law Director to drop the bankruptcies of the County's properties from his report. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to allow the Law Director to speak with a copyright attorney for no more than one hour and for no more than \$500.00 paid out of his budget, also reach out to CTAS. Second by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Law Director has a meeting scheduled with Attorney Morris Kiser regarding the Pro-Vision Litigation with possible fees of \$500.00 to pay from his budget. No motion made.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the resolutions for the detention facility work release program. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

National Cemetery Act

Commissioner Foster made a motion to ask the Mayor or the Law Director address a letter to State Representatives to find out why the Act failed and what we need to do to get it going again. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Rails to Trails in New River

Commissioner McKamey made a motion to oppose the Rails to Trails. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Did not vote on motion.

Commissioner Yager made a motion to defer to December Operations meeting. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed unanimous.

Safeway Program for Sidewalks in front of the Lake City Middle School Discussion. No Action.

ACWA Minutes

No Action.

Strategic Planning Update

Next meeting will be November 7th at 8:30.

Unfinished Business:

CAAAC-Proposed Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve with requested changes made. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

New Business

None.

With No Further Business- Meeting Adjourned

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ms. Annette Prewitt

CC:

Operations Committee

FROM:

Law Director's Office

DATE:

December 3, 2025

RE:

Law Director's Report – December 10, 2025

This Report contains no action items.

A. Contract Approvals:

- 1. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee
- 2. Arch Insurance Co. -Bond
- 3. Nationwide Electronic Monitoring
- 4. Comcast Business -Norris Library
- 5. Blount County Juvenile Interlocal Agreement
- 6. Lively Reflective Concrete
- 7. Leads Online Subscription Services
- 8. University Health Systems
- 9. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 287(g)
- 10. University Health Systems ACEMS

B. Anderson County Zoning Violations:

Closed: none

Newly Filed: none

Motion for Default Judgment:

Contempt:

1. 438 Old Fratersville Hollow Lane- If contempt is granted will allow us to record a lien on the property until it is brought into compliance.

Liens:

- 1. 230 Haney Hollow Road-daily fine of \$100 beginning August 26, 2024
- 2. 177 Scott Brogan Lane-daily fine of \$50 beginning December 9, 2024
- 3. 1824 Lake City Highway-daily fine of \$20 beginning August 8, 2025

C. Bankruptcies:

- 1. Grubb-filed POC; awaiting Chapter 13 Plan
- 2. Genesis Healthcare-monitoring only-no claim filed by AC
- 3. Cox-received Order confirming Chapter 13 Plan
- 4. Chitwood-awaiting discharge
- 5. McClane-awaiting discharge
- 6. Newman-awaiting discharge order
- 7. Great Smoky Mountain Enterprises-AC claim paid in full; monitoring for dismissal
- 8. Morgan-awaiting discharge
- 9. Williams-awaiting discharge
- 10. Burt-Chapter 13 plan received
- 11. Long-awaiting discharge
- 12. Maness-awaiting discharge
- 13. Moody-Chapter 13 plan received
- 14. Weber-awaiting discharge order
- 15. Big Lots-pending final Chapter 7 report

D. Other:

- 1. Memorandum- Requested by Purchasing Department RE: Sufficiency of Response to Request for Bid (RFB) #2609 (Animal Shelter). *Copy attached.*
- 2. Senior Center Copyright Claim (Pixsy) No Developments since November.
- 3. Demand letters sent to AA Bonding regarding collection of forfeited Bonds.
- 4. General Sessions II update Proposed strategy to Legal Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) to obtain MOU with City of Oak Ridge. (See LSAC Minutes from October 31).
- 5. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) –Approval of use of Dental Clinic pending Life Safety Reinspection by City of Oak Ridge.
- 6. Letter to State Representatives re: Cemetery Access Rights.
- 7. Letter to State Representatives in Support of Tennessee Waste to Jobs Act.
- 8. Memorandum Artificial Intelligence in County Government.
- 9. Collaborating with Commissioner Capshaw on correspondence with TDOT regarding Lewallen Hollow road/Sinking Springs and Highway 61 intersection.
- 10. Researched obligation of ACSO in contract dispute with Trinity Food Service .
- 11. Researched and advised ACSO regarding lease vs. sale of vehicles to other agencies.

- 12. Investigated Notice of Intent to File Complaint filed by Phillip Fetters against Anderson County and A.C. Juvenile Court Notified Insurance Carrier.
- 13. Executed Indigent Cremation Authorization Gibson.
- 14. Conservation Board- Prepared Special Events Application.
- 15. Prepared Response to Open Records Request Regarding ACAASC.
- 16. Prepared and Sent Letter to State Representatives regarding Cemetery Access Rights.
- 17. Prepared letter to TN Waste to Jobs Act

F. Litigation Updates:

- 1. Pro-Vision- Request Executive Session to Discuss Meeting with Potential Co-Counsel.
- 2. Rick Schubert v. Terry Frank and Webster Heirs v. Terry Frank- Dismissed.
- 3. Zayo v. AC Commission, ACS, & AC Purchasing- Trial scheduled on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in Anderson County Chancery Court.
- 4. Samuel Marra v. ACSO et. al- Dismissed.
- 5. Shane Dietlin v. Kirk, et al. No developments Continue to monitor status.
- 6. Nathan Partin v. ACSO, et al.—Trial date has been set for March 27, 2027. We will continue to monitor status
- 7. Michael Harber et.al. v. A.C. and the Estate of Jay Yeager. Answer filed by Knoxville attorney Ron Attanasio on behalf of Estate of Jay Yeager. No developments. We are in the discovery phase.
- 8. Williams Manor, Inc. v. AC and the BZA Writ of Certiorari and Claim for Damages pending in Chancery Court. Trial date is set for April 16, 2026. Case is defended by Art Knight at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Brooks, Jr.

Law Director

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November 26, 2025

Via U.S. MAIL and E-mail to:

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VIA U.S. MAIL and E-MAIL to:

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VIA U.S. MAIL and E-MAIL to:

rep.ed.butler@capitol.tn.gov Representative Ed Butler 425 Rep. John Lewis Way N. Suite 578 Cordell Hull Bldg. Nashville, TN 37243

Re: SB 1396 / HB 1493 filed in February 6, 2019 (copy attached)

Gentlemen

I am writing to you at the request of the Anderson County Board of Commissioners on behalf of a number of our residents who have family members buried in gravesites on a large tract of land privately owned but leased to a hunting club. Recently, this hunting club with the permission of the landowner erected a gate across the access road to three old cemeteries and locked it. Consequently, their access has been severely limited if not completely extinguished. This has caused a lot of distress for the families involved.

Recently we located legislation introduced in 2019 – Senate Bill 1396/House Bill 1493 - which would have created a limited right to reasonable ingress and egress to private property containing gravesites for family members, plot owners, and genealogy researchers. While the bill was not proposed by anyone from Anderson County, it directly addressed the problem our residents are experiencing. These bills failed to pass in 2019.

I am seeking information about the failures of the Bills to pass including:

- What happened to SB 1396 / HB 1493 (committee action, votes, or other disposition)?
- What were the main reasons or concerns raised by sponsors, committee members, or opponents which led to the failure of the Bills to advance?
- Were there constitutional, property-rights, liability, or drafting issues identified?

- Were any amendments or compromises discussed that might have addressed those concerns? If so, what changes were suggested?
- Are alternative legislative approaches being considered that could provide similar relief to families while addressing the objections that stopped this bill?
- Who should we contact (committee staff, legislative counsel) if Anderson County wants to help refine language or pursue a new proposal?

Our Board wants to work constructively — with the legislative staff and any interested committees — to find a practical, legally sound solution that balances private property rights with the rights of descendants and plot owners to visit and maintain burial places. If there are materials (committee reports, hearing transcripts, sponsor statements, or analyses) related to the bill's reception, we would appreciate copies or directions on where to find them.

Please send any response or materials to the Anderson County Law Director's Office at the address above or by email to lbrooks@andersoncountytn.gov and Cpowell@andersoncountytn.gov. We are also available to meet with you, staff, or the bill sponsor to discuss possible revisions or next steps.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for any guidance you can provide. Our community is eager for clarity and a path forward so families can peacefully access and care for their loved ones' gravesites.

Sincerely,

James W. Brooks Esq.

Law Director

Anderson County Law Director's Office

cc: Anderson County Board of Commissioners Anderson County Mayor Jimmy Byrge

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor

Robby Holbrook, Anderson County Finance Director

FROM: James W. Brooks, Jr., County Law Director

RE: Request for Bid (RFB) #2609 (Animal Shelter)

DATE: November 26, 2025

Dear Mayor Frank and Mr. Holbrook:

You have requested advice regarding sufficiency of the bid response from Place Services, Inc., to RFB #2609, which contained an omission from the Section on page 3 title Unit Price Items.

QUESTION

Whether the bid packet submitted by Place Services, Inc., in response to the RFB #2609, should be disqualified because the section for UNIT PRICES on page 3 of their response did not contain the price per cubic yard to replace unsuitable soil if discovered during construction?

ANSWER

The bid response is sufficient and a contract can be awarded to Place Services, Inc., who submitted the lowest base bid for this project.

ANALYSIS

I have looked at three components of the bids submitted for construction of the animal shelter. One, the base bid submitted by each party. Two, the weight given of unit cost when the bids were evaluated. Three, the Purchasing Department's discretion the most favorable bid to the county.

Base Bid

On November 13, 2025, the Anderson County Commission voted to award the contract for construction of an animal shelter to the lowest bid as long as the USDA approved it. The bid from

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Place Services, Inc., contained the lowest based bid of the three (3) bid responses and was approved by the USDA.

Weight Assigned to Per Unit Costs

The Place Services, Inc., bid omitted amounts assigned to the price per cubic yard (Price CY) from page three of their bid response; however, the Price CY is subject to Owner [Anderson County] acceptance. Consequently, the Price CY is subject to negotiations regardless of the amount listed, or not listed, in the bids subject to negotiation, according to Bill Blankenship.

Discretion of Purchasing Department

The Anderson County Purchasing Department has some discretion when evaluating bids and the RFB states:

"ANDERSON COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES IN OR TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND ACCEPT THE BID FAVORABLE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ANDERSON COUNTY."

I am of the opinion that the omission of Price CY is an informality that can be waived based on the facts in this case and would not be an abuse of the Purchasing Department's discretion.

CONCLUSION

The Anderson County Purchasing Department can proceed with this bid award to Place Services, Inc., because they are the low bidders; the omission of per unit costs from one section of the Bid had no relationship to the base bid; and, is an informality that can be waived.

Annette Prewitt

From: Commissioner Tracy Wandell

Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 12:28 PM

To: Tim Isbel; Annette Prewitt
Subject: Operations Agenda request

Chairman Isbel,

I respectfully request to add the following items to Operations agenda next week.

Claxton Kids Palace update Rosedale water update Anderson County Animal Shelter updates