

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL
MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM
"CALLED" MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

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CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR	RON MUNNERLYN
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.
COUNCIL:	
JEAN MCLEAN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, * STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS

* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Vice-Chair advised Dr. Carolyn Prince was called out of town due to a death in her family.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Vice-Chair advised council needed to add two items to the agenda: (1) brief discussion of Old Library and (2) an Executive Session for discussion of both a legal and a personnel issue.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to add two items to the agenda: (1) brief discussion of Old Library and (2) an Executive Session for discussion of both a legal and a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-10-03 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BENNETTSVILLE PRINTING RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT (#

RIF09350198) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 AWARDED BY THE SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator discussed briefly. He advised there were no matching funds required.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve Resolution # 03-10-03 – A Resolution accepting the Bennettsville Printing Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant (# RIF09350198) in the amount of \$300,000.00 awarded by the SC Department of Commerce. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-10-04 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,980.00.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Vice-Chair advised this is for the air conditioning at the old library. He advised he wished to go ahead and discuss the old library before making a decision for this item. Everyone was in agreement.

DISCUSSION OF OLD LIBRARY

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn advised the building/public service committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the old library. He advised they had obtained an estimate from the architect the county is using for the courthouse for the repair of walls, roof, sheet rock and carpet in the amount of approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000. Mr. Munnerlyn advised the committee felt this was a little high, however, the county does have the resources to use county personnel for demolition. He advised it is a good size of square footage, approximately 8,000 – 8,500 square feet. It would allow the county to move some of the people out of the county administration building if plans are made for it. The building committee requested council accept the energy efficiency grant and allow Mr. Kimrey to move forward in making repairs to the old library.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve Resolution # 03-10-04 – A Resolution accepting the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$30,980.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised that since council accepted the energy efficient grant, he felt it was appropriate to allow Mr. Kimrey to move with specifications and more detail plans for the renovations to the old library. He felt it would be appropriate for council to vote to give Mr. Kimrey that direction.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the request for Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator to move forward

in acquiring the specifications and more detail plans for renovation of the old library. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BUDGET FY 2010 – FY 2011 WORKSESSION.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator discussed in detail. He advised the county has been notified of an additional \$50,000 cut by the State. He referred Council to page two, 004 account – Revenue Fee in lieu – line item 03355 (Local Government Funds). Mr. Kimrey stated the revenues for 2009 were \$1,750,000 compared to expected of no more than \$1,200,000 for the up-coming fiscal year. There is already a known decrease of \$550,000 for the local government funds which shows the extent of why the county is having budget issues. Mr. Kimrey referred council to page four - Revenue expected amount of \$\$8,691,000 for up-coming year compared to \$9,616,557.00 in 2009 showing a loss of \$925,557.00 within two years. Mr. Kimrey went on to discuss expenditures in which he advised budgets had been cut much, however, the county still needs to cut another \$200,000.00. He advised all departments had already been cut to try to balance the budget. Mr. Kimrey advised the council that in looking at the Treasurer, Auditor, and Tax Assessor's budgets, they needed to take into consideration that the next year is reassessment year. He advised it would cost \$16,000 more to send out the reassessment notices which are required by law. He advised revenue is going down, however, expenditures are going up. The county has been notified that medical insurance premiums are going up. Elections are coming up for additional expense for Voter's Registration. The county may get a break on worker's compensation, however, final notice has not been received. The population did increase since 1998, however, there is no way to increase revenue of any significant amount. He advised the only way to balance the budget is with budget cuts. He referred council to page 24 which shows a deficit of \$195,340.00 which needs to be cut. Mr. Kimrey advised he is still waiting on additional estimates and hopes to have them before the first reading of the budget in order to give a more exact accounting. Mr. Kimrey advised the more the county cuts the departments the less room there is for error or additional costs for when emergencies come up.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Vice-Chair asked if any of the Department Heads had any questions or comments.

Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director stated he would try to work hard to keep his budget as low as possible. He had been able to meet it in the past and intended to meet it in the future.

Ms. Delorice Barrington, Treasurer stated one of her concerns was the furlough days where some of the spouses of the employees do not work and asked if there were any other options other than furloughs. She requested that if the employees still had to take the furloughs, she requested the Treasurer Office possibly rotate their days off and not

close the office. She advised people were being inconvenienced by days off. She said there are three more months in this fiscal year and that her office has been cut back tremendously within the last two years. She said her budget is being cut back so much she will have to come to council and ask for more funds. She said her part-time help has been cut back a \$1000 the past two years and with reassessment coming up next year she will need two (2) additional part-time employees. Ms. Barrington stated her office supplies have been cut tremendously and if they are cut again, she'll have to come back and ask for more. She also advised there is education which is mandated by the state. Ms. Barrington also advised that the loss of Musashi will be felt in the next budget year with the loss of funds.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked how much was saved by the employee furloughs. Mr. Kimrey advised over all the county had saved approximately \$100,000.00. He also advised if council were agreeable, the department heads could rotate their employee furloughs as long as they fell within the scheduled two week period.

Mr. William Funderburk, Clerk of Court said he had experienced a problem with someone trying to obtain a bond on a Friday furlough day. He advised with some of the offices closed, the person had to stay in jail over the weekend. He stated that a lady had come from Fayetteville, NC to pay her taxes, however, the Treasurer's Office was closed. He advised that the employees in the Clerk's Office and Family Court Office rotate days.

All Council members were agreeable to allowing the offices to rotate their employee furlough days.

Various items were discussed: the need for sales tax on groceries, organizational chart for employees, simplified format for budgets, a department – comparison of what has been spent each year and who has been cut the most, keeping the public more informed, and having department heads meet with the Personnel Finance Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean to enter executive session for discussion of both a legal issue and a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

No decisions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

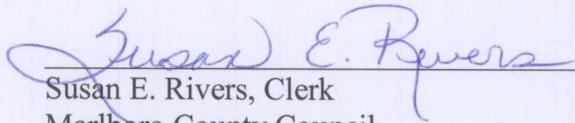
Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

(SEAL)



Ron Munnerlyn, Vice-Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Susan E. Rivers, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: May 11, 2010