

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

RON MUNNERLYN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR  
CLERK TO COUNCIL  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JIM HAYNES  
PATRICIA BUNDY  
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,  
RON MUNNERLYN,  
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,  
CORRIE H. PLATO,  
KEN ALLEN,  
ANTHONY WOODS

\* Absent

Others Present: Mr. Dan McNiel, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen of the Herald Advocate, and posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the county's website ([www.marlbtorocounty.sc.gov](http://www.marlbtorocounty.sc.gov)).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to enter into executive session to discuss economic development and legal/contractual issue and matters related thereto pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**After approximately 67 minutes in executive session, a motion was made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to leave executive session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

No votes were taken and no decisions were made.

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman opened the meeting and stated that Council had met in Executive Session earlier in order to not delay the meeting and he apologized for the short delay in beginning the meeting.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Ms. Saundra Ligon of the SC Human Affairs Commission, which requested time to appear before Council.

MS. SAUNDRA LIGON – SC HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Ms. Saundra Ligon stated that she was appearing on behalf of the SC Human Affairs Commission. She stated that she was born and raised in the Greenwood area and had been with the SC Human Affairs Commission for about 20 years. Ms. Ligon stated that the SC Human Affairs Commission was created back in 1972 when John West was Governor due to racial tensions and unrest in Lamar and other areas. She stated that the mission of the SC Human Affairs Commission was to omit discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Ms. Ligon stated that the purpose of her appearance at the meeting was to help create and promote mutual community relationships by creating a Community Relations Council in the 46 counties throughout the State of South Carolina and stated that they have been successful in creating such councils in 17 counties so far. Ms. Ligon stated that the commission feels that Marlboro needs such a council as well. She stated that no city or county wants to be referred to as a “Ferguson, MO” and stated that there needed to be a place where people of different races and ages can come together to discuss problems and plan projects for people to better the community.

Ms. Ligon stated that to pursue creating such a Council for Marlboro County, Marlboro County Council would be asked to appoint two or more citizens from each council district to serve on the Community Relations Council and the SC Human Affairs Commission would provide the necessary training at no charge to Marlboro County. She stated that a packet had been provided to each Council member for review and asked that members of Council consider this and let her know if they are interested in pursuing. She stated that she has a simple Resolution that would need to be approved by Council if they wish to go forward.

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Ms. Ligon for appearing before Council with her presentation and stated that Council would consider this.



RECOGNITION OF RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that it had been a few years since Council had learned of the ISO study and ratings and had discussed plans to help lower the ISO ratings throughout the County. He stated that the Fire Departments have taken suggestions and plans and have ran with them. Chairman Munnerlyn stated that the Fire Departments have acquired equipment in many rural fire departments to help with the ISO ratings. He stated that over the last three years the rural fire tax millage rates have been increased based on the ISO study and Fire Department's requests. He stated that he thought the most recent success to lower the ISO ratings was the creation of the Brightsville Fire Department and stated that this will surely save residents money on their homeowners insurance costs.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he appreciated what the rural Fire Departments have done and continues to do for the citizens of Marlboro County.

Chairman Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Jason Steen to make comments.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that it sure took a while to make some changes because there was much to be done. He stated that it has taken many hours and training for the rural fire departments and the volunteer but that the ISO ratings are beginning to reveal all of the results of the hard work. He stated that a few years ago when the ISO study was discussed, the goal of the county was to have an ISO rating of at least a "5" or better. He stated that the entire county is now rated at a five or better and he appreciated the efforts of the fire departments and the volunteers for this success. Mr. Steen stated that they still had a long way to go and stated that many fire departments still have older trucks but stated that the rural fire departments have plans to go forward on improving equipment. He again thanked all volunteer fire fighters for their work and efforts and stated that residents should see results in reduced rates on their homeowners insurance after the first of the year.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he was happy to have the Brightsville Fire Department now and thanked Mr. Bill Parrish for all of his help and efforts in helping this come about. He stated that he had never been in a fire station until he met Mr. Parrish. He stated that Mr. Parrish had taught him many things and that he now has a great deal of respect for all the fire departments and the volunteers.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that although most of her district was located within the City limits, the rural fire departments have meant a lot to her and her district. She stated that she appreciated all of their efforts and service.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that Clio had the best Fire Department in the County and he was very proud of their services to the community. He also thanked the Clio Fire Department for



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allowing their building to be used for other community activities. He stated that the folks are very easy to deal with and eager to help in any way.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated that the rural fire departments cover a lot of territory in his area and stated that the Clio and Blenheim fire departments worked really well together. He stated that the volunteers do not get the credit that they deserve but that he appreciated all of their efforts.

Ms. Corrie Plato stated that she also wanted to thank all of the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. She stated that she had to call the fire department for help last year and they responded quickly and took care of her problem.

Chairman Munnerlyn again thanked all of the Fire Department representatives present and the volunteers for all of their hard work and efforts.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, opened the public hearing.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS A 2015/2016 RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY GRANT AGENCY (BRIGHTSVILLE OUTDOOR TRAILS PROJECT)

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Haynes stated that this grant would be utilized for a walking trail at Brightsville Park near the Fire Department. He stated that staff had tried various ways to get funding for this project and that staff would now make application for funds from this program. He stated that the cost of the walking trail was estimated somewhere between \$50,000 - \$60,000.00. He stated that one of the application requirements was that a public hearing be held to get comments from the public.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if anyone would like to speak.

Mr. Vernon O'Tuel stated that he would love to see Brightsville have a walking trail. He stated that there were folks who appeared with him that were also in favor of the trail. He stated that it would be wonderful place for senior citizens and young alike to exercise and would feel safe in such a place.

Mr. Willie Gladden thanked Mr. O'Tuel and others for coming to speak in favor of the Brightsville Park walking trail. Mr. Gladden stated that senior citizens are currently using this area now to walk but he is afraid of someone falling with the uneven grounds. Mr. Gladden stated that this was an idea that came from Mr. Vernon O'Tuel in the very beginning a few years ago.



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Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if additional lands would need to be purchased in order to create this walking trail and Mr. Haynes responded that no new property would need to be purchased, that the trail would be placed on existing property around the perimeter of the existing park.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this grant. There were no other comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2015

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Anthony Woods, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Willie Gladden. Abstain: Mr. Steve Blackmon (not present at meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 741 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF [PROJECT LIGHTNING], INCLUDING A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES, THE GRANT OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, THE TRANSFER OF PROEPRTY RELATED TO [PROJECT LIGHTNING] AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this project had been very complicated with multiple delays but that the folks at Parker Poe, along with our local counsel, Harry R. Easterling, Jr., were successful in drafting the Ordinance to be considered. Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance was related to an existing industry which expects to expand and hire an additional 200 folks. He stated that ownership of the property would be conveyed from Marlboro County to the Pee Dee Regional Development Corporation and leased to the company.

Mr. Haynes stated that the income benefits will remain the same as it is currently for the next 20 years which we would lose if a new agreement is not approved. He stated that on top of 200 potential new jobs for the county that there will be additional tax income.



Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 741 – An Ordinance authorizing the County to execute and deliver an agreement to provide incentives for the location or expansion of [Project Lightning], including a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, the grant of special source revenue credits, the transfer of property related to [Project Lightning] and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 10-15-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2015-2016 RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, reported that this grant was just discussed during the Public Hearing and that this Resolution confirms Council's approval an authorization of the application.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Resolution # 10-15-01 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2015-2016 Recreational Trails Grant and authorization to accept grant if awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF INMATE COMMISSARY CONTRACT FOR THE DETENTION FACILITY WITH MCDANIEL SUPPLY COMPANY FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this contract.

Mr. Haynes stated that this contract deals with commissary services for the inmates at the Detention Center and the current contract with the former company had expired and the facility needs to get another contract in place. He stated that a percentage of the profits made by the company comes back to the County to be used towards the inmates pursuant to statutory requirements. The funds that come back to the county (detention center) are typically used for the indigent inmates to provide wash clothes and other items similar to that. He stated that sometimes the funds are used to purchase jumpsuits for the inmates, but the law is clear that the profits and proceeds must be used to benefit the inmates.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he had concerns about entering into a contract for a three year period but would like to see if the contract could be revised for a one year period. He also had concerns about the Sheriff's election and a new sheriff being elected and thought that a one year contract would be sufficient until the new Sheriff took office.



Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she too had concerns about having a contract with a new company for a three year period. She agreed that one year would be better in order to see how things will work out. She also stated that in reading the contract, it appears that the county will be able to have an audit and inspection the records of sales by our detention facility but such audit will be at our expense and any inspection will be required to take place at the company's location which is in Jesup, Georgia. Dr. Prince also stated that she wanted an audit performed of the Detention Facility so that all monies can be accounted. Mr. Haynes stated that the county's auditor does cover the financial aspects of the Detention Facility.

**Mr. Willie Gladden made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the Inmate Commissary Contract for the Detention Facility with McDaniel Supply Company for a one year period.**

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he understood Mr. Gladden's motion but asked if this contract could be modified for one year prior to voting on this? Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. stated that the county could counter offer but the company is not obligated to accept the counter.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked when the current contract expires and Mr. Earl Hood, Warden of the Detention Facility, stated that the current contract expired back in October, but the inmates were allowed to pre-order some items which will carry them for two weeks.

Mr. Gladden asked why this new contract is just now being presented for consideration if the current contract expired in October? Mr. Haynes stated that the new company did not get the contract to staff until after Council's September meeting and that was the reason for the delay.

Mr. Earl Hood stated that the new company, McDaniel Supply Company, Inc., has said that they will supply and install eight computer type machines that inmates could use to order supplies from any credits that they may have with the Detention Facility. The costs and installation of these machines are included in the contract and he felt that was the reason the company wanted a contract for a three year period.

Mr. Jason Steen asked what would happen if the new company would not agree to a contract for a one year period. Mr. Hood stated that it would be left up to the Detention Facility to go out and purchase items and to make them available for purchase by the inmates.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if the contract could be amended to one year or would we want to wait and discuss this at the next meeting once staff has had an opportunity to contact the company to see if they are willing to do this. Mr. Gladden stated that he would be happy to agree to discuss next month and allow staff to see if a one year contract could be worked out.



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Mr. Jason Steen asked if this matter could be tabled until the next Council meeting to allow staff to see if the new company would be willing to draft a new contract for a one year period. Mr. Gladden agreed to that. Mr. Steen asked if Mr. Gladden was willing to retract his earlier motion and Mr. Gladden agreed.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to table the Inmate Commissary contract for the detention facility with McDaniel Supply Company until discussion could be had to see if contract could be for a one year period rather than a three year period. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE A 1997 FORD BOOKMOBILE, 2006 DODGE CHARGER, AND 2009 DODGE DURANGO AS "SURPLUS" PROPERTY FOR DISPOSITION FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on item of business.

Mr. Haynes stated that in the past the county has accumulated many vehicles to the point where they were no longer in operating condition. He stated that these three vehicles are currently in operating condition which we do not intend to use and would like for Council to declare them as surplus property so that we may accept sealed bids and award to the highest bidder. He stated that the vehicles should bring more money with them actually operating now.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the designation of a 1997 Ford Bookmobile, 2006 Dodge Charger, and 2009 Dodge Durango as "surplus" property for disposition for sale to the public to the highest bidder. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Anthony Woods, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Willie Gladden. Abstain: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn. Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.**

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he abstained from voting due to his relatives often looking to purchase older and junk vehicles.

APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE A 2006 FO4D CROWN VIC AS "SURPLUS" PROPERTY AND DONATION OF THE SAME TO MCCOLL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this item of business.

Mr. Haynes stated that the McColl Police Department had requested that the County donate this vehicle to them and that donations of this type had been done in the past.



**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the designation of a 2006 Ford Crown Vic as “surplus” property and donation of the same to McColl Police Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### RECREATION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that members of Council had met earlier in Executive Session and discussed the recreation project. Chairman Munnerlyn stated that members of Council are considering their options for county recreation plans whether it be field sport complexes or an actual building. He stated that Council was moving forward on the project and he thinks that it can be worked out. He stated that the recreation project would require a one cent sales tax referendum to be approved by the public at the next general election.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, had notified members of Council earlier in the afternoon about two vacancies on the Planning Commission and the need for updated certification for current members.

There were no appointments made.

#### REPORTS

##### FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that for the month of September, expenditures were at 25% of the budgeted amount which was right on target for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that revenues were under budget by approximately 10% for this fiscal year but revenues should increase over the next few months since tax notices will be sent out later this month.

Ms. Moore stated that the annual financial audit was underway and progressing well. She reported that the auditor has visited several times over the past few months and has begun gathering information and we seem to be on track with a timely audit completion.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions.

Dr. Carolyn Prince confirmed with Ms. Moore that the Detention Center is a part of the county's annual audit and Ms. Moore agreed.

There were no other questions.



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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Ms. Moore for her report and hard work.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Recognition of employees** - The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of September: Delorice B. Barrington (8 years); Ray Kelly (13 years); Hosea Lemon (8 years); Sandra K. Liner (13 years); and Lee McQueen (15 years).

**Recent Flood Problems in SC** – stated that Marlboro County was very fortunate and blessed not to have the flooding problems that many South Carolina counties have had and continue to struggle with. The Governor had announced a possible evacuation of Marlboro County residents which was an error. This announcement was meant for residents in Williamsburg County. Mr. D.T. Turner has been very busy with leaks at the Animal Shelter and with the Courthouse roof.

**The New Animal Shelter** - the new Animal Shelter Open House went well and a nice crowd came out despite the rain. All animals have been moved from the old location to the new shelter and I've been told that there is now a full house. Mr. Josh Cohoon has been busy this week with setting traps in McColl and Clio to catch some of the stray dogs in those areas and he has been very successful. The hours of the animal shelter will be adjusted but will be open each day with the exception of Sundays. The Humane Society folks have been asked to remove their personal items from the old shelter within sixty (60) days so that the building may be demolished if Council decides to do so.

**Trash Service by USA Waste/J. Davis Enterprises, Inc.** - Ms. Dana Moore of USA Waste has advised that the trash pick up and routes are back on schedule and all drivers have been properly trained, and credits have been to customers who had missed pick ups. She also advised that needed repairs have been made to both trucks. She apologized for the interruption of service and agreed that the residents had reasons to complain.

**Sundial, Monument and Time Capsule** - as many of you may recall, back on February, 1977, a Sundial, marker and time capsule were placed on the courthouse square by the Marlboro County Bicentennial Committee. During the new landscaping at the Courthouse which was done a few years ago, the Sundial, marker and time capsule were separated. The Sun Dial was placed on the lawn at the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library. The marker was recently located on the porch of the Murchison School and the time capsule, which contains mementos of the Bicentennial Celebration which is to be opened on July 4, 2075, had been kept in the Clerk to Council's closet. With the help of the Public Works Department and the Maintenance Department, these items have been reunited and are located on the lawn at the new library.

**New Vehicles for Sheriff's Dept.** - the Sheriff's office has obtained the four new vehicles which were a part of the lease purchase arrangement discussed during the budget. We have also confirmed that the motor grader which was also included in the lease purchase



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agreement, can be purchased on state contract and as we began to work this out we found that there was not a motor grader available as described on the State contract. We are waiting for the next contract to make a decision on the motor grader.

**Planning Commission Information** - the members of the Planning Commission was scheduled to meet last night but was unable to take action on any business due to no quorum. Only four members appeared for the meeting. Also, we are continuing to have a problem with the members obtaining certification. Only two of our current members are fully certified and we have at least three members who have not received any certification since 2013. There are still two vacancies on the Planning Commission for Districts 3 and 6. We are also continuing to struggle with getting members of this Commission certified and only have two members that are up to date on their certification.

**Storage Building for New Bookmobile** - we are moving forward with a storage building for the new Library Bookmobile. Staff has determined the preferred location of this building and we have placed stakes and are in the process of getting quotes and suggestions as to what type building is needed. The county will need to file an application with the City of Bennettsville to have this building approved and we will complete the same prior to the placement of this building.

**Fundraiser for Blenheim Gym** - there will be a Bike Ride and Poker Run on Saturday, October 17, 2015 to be located at 140 Hwy. 15-401 Bypass East (the old Family Dollar parking lot) with registration to begin at 11:00 a.m. and the ride to begin at 12:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$10.00 per bike. There will also be a Classic Car/Bike Show and a 3 on 3 Competition Man Up on this same date at the Old Blenheim School on Highway 38 South. This event is also sponsored by the Wright/Blenheim School Alumni. Proceeds of both events will go towards the renovation of the Old Blenheim Gym. I have attached the flyers with registrations fees and other information for the members of Council.

**SC Association of Counties Fall Meeting** - the Fall meeting of the County Council Coalition will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on Friday, October 23, 2015. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with a luncheon. The Institute of Government for County Officials will be held on Thursday, October 22. To date we have had three members of Council register to attend these events. If any other member of Council would like to attend, please let Ms. Patricia Bundy know and she will assist with the registration and room reservations.

**Clio Christmas Parade** - the Town of Clio Christmas Parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and we have completed the application for Council to participate and the float will be rented again this year like last year. Also, following the Christmas Parade, there will be a Christmas Tree Lighting on the Town Square.

**Environmental Control Update** – Mr. Keith Williams, our Environmental Control officer, has advised that there have been 13 citations issued since July 13, 2015 for littering; three were found not guilty after the fact that the sites were cleaned of debris; five were found



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guilty and required to pay fines in the amount of \$1,300.00; and five citations are still pending for a court date. Mr. Williams advised that four warning citations were issued for littering and three warning citations were issued for outdoor burning. Twelve nuisance letters have been sent out of which three have been cleaned up, three were in the process of being cleaned up, and six were unresponsive.

Mr. Haynes asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that there was a vehicle on the library property near the Parsonage Street section of the library entrance which had been there for a while and he would like for staff to look into having it removed. He stated that it just looks bad.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked that staff convey to Ms. Moore of USA Waste their appreciation in resolving the trash pick up issues.

Dr. Prince mentioned the mandatory training required for Planning Commission members and asked if there were any problems with the Planning Commission that needed action. Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that some of the members on the Planning Commission had been members for a while and are required to have three hours of training each year. He stated that some have not had training since 2012 and needed to be caught up per statute. He also stated that there are occasionally cell phone tower applications that need to be approved but no real issues.

### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL**

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

### **RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Willie Gladden** – thanked Mr. Vernon O'Tuel and others from Brightsville coming out to the meeting in support of the Recreational Trails Grant. He stated that he visited with Mr. O'Tuel earlier in the day and Mr. O'Tuel and his grandson were busy cleaning out ditches near a church. Mr. Gladden stated that staff should look into getting some help from inmates for situations such as this. He thanked Mr. O'Tuel for all that he did for the community.

Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Haynes for contributing the personal funds to the Veterans Affairs office for the cookout to honor Vietnam veterans. He stated that he found out recently that Mr. Haynes took monies from his own pocket to insure that this event was held and did not ask anyone to help him with it. He stated that he was sure Mr. Haynes did not want to be recognized for this but stated that he felt that since the information was made known to him that he should share this with members of Council.



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Mr. Gladden stated that members of Council had been very busy and the local paper had been good to Council in seeing that appropriate articles are published in favor of Council. He stated that he appreciate all the folks at the local paper do for the county.

Mr. Gladden also thanked Ms. Patricia Bundy for that she does in keeping Council members informed.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No comments.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – stated for those who did not know that Mr. Bill Kinney received the Order of the Palmetto which is the highest honor in South Carolina that could be received. She stated that it was a very nice event for all of his efforts and knowledge of historical events in Marlboro County and also on a national and state level. She stated that she was sure there would be a nice write-in in the local paper this week and asked all to please be sure to read it.

Dr. Prince mentioned the letter that placed in all chairs at the meeting regarding “Our Children – Their Future, Inc.”. She stated that this is a School Back Pack Program that will help bridge the food gap from school lunch on Friday through school breakfast the following Monday morning. She stated that there are over 2,000 children in Marlboro County that are food insecure which means they are at risk of not having enough food to eat when schools are closed. She stated that a donation of \$7.50 a week will provide a child dinner and three meals plus snacks Saturday and Sunday. She also stated that \$30.00 would sponsor a child for one month and \$150.00 would sponsor a child for the entire spring school semester. She stated that all donations would be greatly appreciated.

Dr. Prince thanked staff for all they do and stated that they all did good jobs. Dr. Prince also thanked the guys and lady for helping with the video taping of Council meetings.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that this was a great project and thanked Dr. Prince for helping get this started up. He said that there were four members of Council on this committee and it was a great project.

**Ron Munnerlyn** – stated that he was on the hospital task force committee and a meeting was held recently. He stated that many folks continue to place blame on members of Council for our County not having a local hospital. He stated that members of Council had nothing to do with the decision to close the hospital and that it was a business decision made by the company. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county was dependent upon two or three working together, which is mainly Scotland and McLeod. He stated that both Scotland and McLeod are trying to make money in our area.



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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there needs to be a change in state law that would allow an outside state to operate in our state. He stated that in order to open a hospital type facility in our state, that the company would have to be licensed in our state. Scotland is not licensed to open a South Carolina facility even though they are on our state's border. The laws need to be changed to allow a North Carolina facility to come in and help us.

He stated that he has suggested this change on numerous occasions and have asked other counties to consider contacting their House members do support this but to his knowledge nothing has been done to push changing this law.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if Representative Henegan was at the task force meeting and Chairman Munnerlyn confirmed that she was present at the meeting.

**Jason Steen** – stated that he hated that the Fire Department representatives slipped out before the meeting was over but certainly wanted to recognize those that appeared at the meeting tonight. He stated that those that appeared were as follows: Mr. David Rogers of Blenheim Fire Department; Mr. Bill Parrish of Brightsville Fire Department; Mr. Ricky Huckabee of Wallace Fire Department; Mr. Bill Floyd of Clio Fire Department, Mr. J. R. Locklear of McColl Fire Department, and Mr. Keith Hughes, the Fire Coordinator for the County. Mr. Steen thanked all of these folks again for all that they do for the citizens of Marlboro County.

Mr. Steen also stated that the animal shelter was a very positive action for Marlboro County.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – stated that Chief Lemon and he would let us know of any dogs that needed to be picked in Clio or surrounding areas.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were heard.




**ADJOURN**

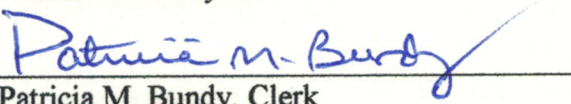
**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

  
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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: November 10, 2015