

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

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

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INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace Mclean to accept the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wayne Chapman, DSS - was not present.

Mr. Mitch Galloway, Rural Area Leadership Initiative-Marlboro addressed council regarding the Marlboro County Recreation program. He disbursed a proposal to council in which he discussed in detail. The proposal included an Ordinance in which RALI Marlboro requested Marlboro County Council adopt, an Organizational Chart, and a Project Pro Forma Budget dated 3/10/2010. Mr. Galloway stated the RALI Marlboro Initiative was organized to combine all Recreation within the county. The purpose of their initiative is to benefit all citizens of the county off all ages. He said they wanted to get all the monies together that are involved in recreation in the county. In regards to recreation he advised they are not talking about just basketball, football or baseball, but, includes bingo, etc. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned the number of employees. Mr. Galloway stated they basically want to solidify the number of employees based on budget, etc. He stated with the proposed

budget, they would definitely keep all of the current employees and possibly add other employees. Dr. Prince questioned the commission, in which Mr. Galloway advised there would be four (4) commission members chosen by the county council, four (4) chosen by the city council, and three (3) chosen by the RALI board with a total of eleven (11) commission members. Dr. Prince questioned Mr. Kimrey on how this would affect the grants. Mr. Kimrey advised this may affect the PARD grants, their organization would have to be recognized by the State. Mr. Galloway advised their group would address the City Council the following week. Ms. Jean Wallace McLean advised she would have to address the issue with her area. She stated the Wallace area had a great program going at present and would have to get their input. Mr. Ken Allen concurred with Ms. Mclean concerning his district (McColl). Mr. Willie Gladden advised he was interested because his district did not have anything going on. Mr. Galloway stated that some areas are more fortunate than others and RALI Marlboro intentions were to enhance the current programs, not change them. In response to Dr. Prince's question concerning Francis Marion Colleges role, Mr. Galloway stated they were actually the workforce for the initiative with providing grant writers and lawyers. After various discussion, council was agreeable to look at it further with more details.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - March 9, 2010.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 667 AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MARLBORO COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO PRISONER HOUSING FEES, TO AMEND THE MARLBORO COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE OF DETAINEES, TO ADD A VOLUNTARY LABOR PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PRISON LABORERS TO BE COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION; REPEALING ORDINANCES # 210 AND # 475. – SECOND READING

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 667 - An Ordinance to re-establish the Marlboro County Code of Ordinances, relating to prisoner housing fees, to amend the Marlboro County Code of Ordinances, relating to responsibility for Medical Care of detainees, to add a voluntary labor program, and to provide for certain prison laborers to be covered by workers' compensation; repealing Ordinances # 210 and # 475. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 668 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX ON THE SALES OF PREPARED MEALS AND BEVERAGES IN ESTABLISHMENTS. – SECOND READING.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated with the current economy, he preferred not to have a hospitality tax because it would hurt the small businesses with not enough funds for the county to make the sacrifice. He stated it is bad timing. Mr. Ken Allen concurred. He stated any tax is a burden to the people. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned the amount of funds the tax would provide to the county – Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised approximately \$20,000 - \$24,000 at two percent (2%). Dr. Carolyn Prince read parts of the ordinance briefly to advise what was covered.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean to table the second reading of Ordinance # 668 - An Ordinance providing for a Local Hospitality Tax on the sales of prepared meals and beverages in establishments. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 669 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2011 – FY 2015. – FIRST READING

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 669 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2011-2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 670 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011. – FIRST READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised it was a working document and would have to be reduced again. He advised council may need to hold another work session in May and/or June. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair advised she wished to adopt the first reading by Title Only. Mr. Kimrey recommended holding the Public Hearing at the third reading in place of the second reading. Council members were agreeable.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the first reading (Title Only) of Ordinance # 670 – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 671 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO CONTINUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDING PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY. – FIRST READING.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 671 – An Ordinance authorizing Marlboro County to continue an agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad providing paramedic level emergency service and transfer service throughout Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 04-10-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Resolution # 04-10-01 – A Resolution authorizing submission of an application by Marlboro County to the State of South Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WALLACE PARKING LOT CHANGE ORDER (#1).

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the bids came in lower than expected and the county had enough grant funds to do approximately 2000 yards in place of the 1500 yards they had requested bids for.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the Wallace Parking Lot Change Order #1 as submitted by Furr Paving. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Detention Center Installation of new gutters – Only one bid was received from Precision Contractors, Inc. (Laurinburg, NC) in the amount of \$6,830.00. Several parties obtained plans, however, only one bid was received.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to award the bid to Precision Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$6,830.00 for the installation of new gutters at the Detention Center. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Wallace Water Company Booster Pump – only one bid was received from Dixon Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$42,000.00. The County Administrator advised there are not enough grant funds for the booster pump. He said the project would have to be re-bid.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to appoint Mr. Michael O'Tuel to the PDRC&D Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Pee Dee COG Board – advised she attended the PDCOG board meeting the previous evening where the census was discussed. Citizens not receiving forms by mail should have their doors knocked on. She advised it came up at the meeting the previous night that citizens having Post Office Boxes would not get one. Also discussed was a couple of grant projects going in Clio.

Mr. Anthony Woods, Recreation – advised beginning baseball season with games in Blenheim and McColl. All of the boys on the team who won the state championship will receive placques.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – met several times and did a competitive analysis of how Marlboro County compares to other counties.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, NESA – advised she attended the NESA meeting the previous Friday, April 9th at Myrtle Beach. She advised there had been a speaker from Wells Fargo discussing the economic status of the southeastern part of the country. Marlboro County may be holding it's on with unemployment. There may be some things opening up in this part of the country.

Tim Brown, Library – advised the grand opening was held March 21, 2010. Mr. Brown stated he wished to thank Mr. Billy Freeman and Mr. Sidney Wallace and their staff for their help in setting up and cleaning up after the program. Mr. Brown advised there were approximately 9500 visitors at the library during March of which approximately 1000 of them were at the grand opening. He advised the landscaper had been paid as per council instruction.

Justice Complex – advised the move had been completed for the Magistrate Office and it was now operational. The additional parking at the Justice Complex had been completed. Mr. Brown advised he wished to thank Mr. Ronnie Crown and the Transportation Committee for their help in making this possible. They basically paid for the additional parking. He asked when Council would like to hold the grand opening for the Justice Complex. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair recommended Mr. Brown check with the Magistrate and Sheriff to see what they would like to do. He was agreeable. Dr. Prince questioned the signage for the Sheriff and Magistrate Offices.

Mr. Brown stated there were a few problems with the color which had been corrected and they would be ready soon.

Mr. Brown advised he should have the final figures by the next council meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Employee Recognition – Employees with at least 5 years service through the end of March included: Annie Ruth Caulder, Betty David, James Irons, Judy McQueen, Floyd Mills, Jr., Cathy Pearson, Arthur Hamer, Teresa Burgess, Lewis Cooper, William Freeman, Christopher Byers, Curtis McDuffie, Ann Polson and Susan Cloer.

Expenditures – were at 66% through the end of March 2010, while **Revenues** were at 64% through the end of February 2010.

Court Administration – Council members were advised a meeting had been scheduled with Ms. Joan Assay. Substantial changes are expected to be implemented by the State.

Railroad Funds – Marlboro County received \$454,689.23 in revenue.

Parker Poe – fees for environment matters dated March 23, 2010 were \$22,703.31.

Sewer – Marlboro Water Company is planning to provide sewer service to the new school in Blenheim.

Furlough Dates – Some departments requested exemptions from remaining open such as the library and voter registration. They preferred to close on the scheduled date. Council was agreeable to the request for closure.

Shelving – Marlboro County Schools requested some of the shelving from the old library.

Hilton Head – Council Members were advised the SCAC Annual Conference was scheduled for August 1 – August 4, 2010 (July 30 – August 4 for Institute participants). They were asked to advise the Clerk to Council if they intended to attend the conference in August before leaving the meeting so rooms could be booked. Mr. Kimrey advised Ms. Corrie Plato had called prior to the meeting and advised she would not attend the Hilton Head Conference due to economic reasons.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jere Russo – addressed council in reference to the land across from the County Airport which was dug up and holes left. Mr. Russo advised the Mineral Company had left a mess which posed a danger and hazard. He stated someone needed to make them smooth it out and questioned whether there was an Ordinance on file.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair stated the County would look into it.

Mr. Rob Stanton – addressed council as a farmer in Marlboro County. He questioned whether there was a possibility for a lease agreement for open land owned by the county which had not been farmed for years. He stated the county had been maintaining the property by mowing and keeping it clean. Mr. Stanton advised this agreement may save the county some money as well as benefit him. Mr. Harry Easterling, County Attorney advised a lease agreement and Public Hearing may possibly be required. Council requested the issue be looked into and would advise Mr. Stanton within a couple weeks.

Mr. Gino Ruggi - addressed council concerning the noise on Highway 912. He stated the Sheriff had been down there several times and the company had sent letters. He said sending letters by the company was not going to make the problem cease because the company does not have any jurisdiction. He said as long as speed persists, the noise will get worse. He stated he keeps his windows open in the summer and after a couple of hours of his windows open it get tough at eleven or twelve o'clock at night. He stated that nothing had changed since he brought the issue up.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Willie Gladden – questioned county vehicles which were be driven home by employees.

Mr. Gladden also advised he would like to go into executive session.

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean – advised she would like the county to look into the purchasing of a postage machine for the voter's registration office with the elections coming up. Mr. Kimrey advised he was looking into the different options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to enter Executive Session for discussion of a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

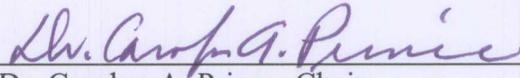
Ms. Jean Wallace Mclean, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Anthony Woods advised that they would not attend the Hilton Head Conference in July due to economic conditions.

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

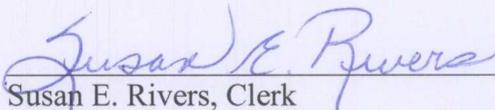
Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Susan E. Rivers, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: May 11, 2010