

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

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CHAIRWOMAN	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR	VACANT
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

JEAN MCLEAN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS
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\* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judge Mark Heath swore in Council Members Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince and Mr. Ken Allen.

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean stated that before moving to the next item on the agenda she wished to thank the old council members in helping her to make decision for the previous two years. She also wished to welcome the new council members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, Chair advised that if all Council Members were in agreement she would like the elections to be completed by the showing of hands. All Council Members were in agreement.

Nominations & Election of Chair

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to nominate Dr. Carolyn Prince as Chair to Council.**

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to bring the nominations for Vice-Chair to a close. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Council members were requested to affirm the recognition of Dr. Carolyn Prince as Council Chair by a showing of hands. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

The gavel was handed over. Dr. Carolyn Prince assumed the position as Council Chairwoman and took over the proceedings of the meeting.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman stated the confidence placed in her for her election. She advised she pledged to do all she can, to have an open and fair government for all the people.

Nominations & Election of Vice-Chair

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to nominate Mr. Anthony Woods as Vice-Chair to Council.**

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean to nominate Ms. Corrie Plato as Vice-Chair to Council.**

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to bring the nominations for Vice-Chair to a close. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Council members were asked to raise their hands to vote for each nominee. The votes were cast as:

Mr. Anthony Woods: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Willie Gladden, and Mr. Anthony Woods.

Ms. Corrie Plato: Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, and Ms. Corrie Plato.

The votes were tied 4/4/0. The item for Election of Vice-Chair will be placed on the next meeting agenda for a re-vote.

PRESENTATIONS

**Mr. Lon Lester, Bennettsville Downtown Association** – addressed Council in opposition to Marlboro County purchasing the Winn Dixie Building. He distributed

information to Council from the Commerce Department, which he briefly discussed. Mr. Lester advised the Bennettsville Downtown Association had sent a Civil Engineer to survey the present Administration Building, but has not received a report back with the results.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

**Mr. Fred Nickoless** – advised the value of homes in Marlboro County will go down if the Landfill comes. He congratulated new Council Members on their new offices.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - December 9, 2008

Council members were advised of an error on page four under Ordinance # 651 - the motion was corrected to state Ms. Mickey Rogers made motion, removed the typo "Mr."

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008 as corrected. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 651 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN DARLINGTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman briefly advised the new Council Members of the details for the Ordinance. No comments were made by citizens.

The Public Hearing was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 610A – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 610 ADOPTED JULY 13, 2006 RE-ESTABLISHING AND RENAMING THE MARLBORO COUNTY COMMISSION ON PARKS AND RECREATION AND INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLARIFICATION OF THE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO RENAME THE COMMISSION. – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman recommended tabling the final reading to give the new Council Members an opportunity to review the original ordinance.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to table the third reading of Ordinance # 610 until the next meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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The details of the Ordinance were briefly discussed by Council Members.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 651 - An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a Multi-County Industrial and Business Park by and between Darlington County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park so as to include additional property in Darlington County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY ALLIANCE CONSULTING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised she would like to see the 2005 version of the Solid Waste Plan to determine the changes. She also stated that the copy received was hard to read, needed a better quality copy. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised Council needed to review the proposed plan and recommend changes.

REQUEST FOR POLICE CARS -- TOWNS OF CLIO AND MCCOLL

Letters were received from the Towns of Clio (1) and McColl (2) requesting the surplus vehicles of the Marlboro County Sheriff's Department was taking off the road. Sheriff Knight by letter advised he did not have a problem with the requests, however, he did wish to use one of the vehicles for spare parts.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, advising Council wished to honor the requests made by the Towns of Clio and McColl for the surplus vehicles. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 01-09-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES OF MARLBORO COUNTY.

Mr. Cecil Kimrcy, County Administrator advised this will bring the County into compliance with State and Federal Regulations which is mandatory.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen approving Resolution # 01-09-01 – A Resolution approving the Family and Medical Leave Act for Employees of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous.**

RESOLUTION # 01-09-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR THE I-95 GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK AND ACCEPTING APPROXIMATELY \$85,000 FROM MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised private utility companies are allowed to give funds to counties for infrastructure.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, approving Resolution # 01-09-01 – A Resolution approving the partnership between Marlboro County and Marlboro Electric Cooperative for the I-95 Gateway Industrial Park and accepting approximately \$85,000 from Marlboro Electric Cooperative. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CDC REQUEST OF SUPPORT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised it appears that Marlboro County will not get any funds at this time. There are no obligations, no action was required at present time.

DISCUSSION OF SHERIFF GRANT FOR BULLET PROOF VESTS

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised there are funds left from the Sheriff's Capital funds and RDA funds which may be used for this grant. The Sheriff has also agreed to pay the balance of the match. They have also found vests cheaper than the state contract with which they are satisfied.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the request to use the remaining funds from the Sheriff's Capital and Rural**

**Development grant to provide the match for the Sheriff Bullet proof vests grant along with the restricted funds of \$4,000 the Sheriff has agreed to provide. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF BIDS

**RECREATION TRUCK:** Bids received were: State Contract (Benson Chrysler Dodge, Greer, SC) - \$18,429.00 (2009 Dodge Pickup), Meggs Ford – \$22,226.00 (2009 Dodge Pickup) and Meggs Ford - \$20,891.00 (2009 Ford Pickup).

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to award the bid for the Recreation Truck to State Contract (Benson Chrysler Dodge). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to appoint Ms. Patricia Reid to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, to appoint Ms. Erica McMillan to the Recreation Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, to appoint Mr. Daniel Terry to the Economic Development Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

It was noted that a Tax Appeals board of three (3) members needed to be appointed. It was also noted that Council may wish to consider real estate agents or persons with experience in assessing properties. This item will be placed on the next council agenda.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ms. Corrie Plato, PDCOG Board** – advised she had attended the Executive Board meeting on Monday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup> in Darlington. She stated Ms. Vicky Tyner, Pee Dee COG had discussed the One Step Program - there are one hundred (100) people wishing to attend, however, due to funding problems everything is on hold at this time. Currently, Pee Dee COG is working on a lot of projects. Unemployment is currently very high for our area. Ms. Plato advised SC DOT is trying to help out with bridges which need work. It is not known at this time what funds will be available for the Stimulus program.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince, Committee Assignments** – gave out the following committee assignments: **Administration, Finance and Personnel** – Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, and Mr. Anthony Woods. **Public Service and County Planning** – Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Steve

Blackmon. **Justice and Public Safety** – Mr. Willie Gladden, Chairman, Ms. Jean McLean, and Ms. Corrie Plato. **Recreation** – Mr. Anthony Woods, Chairman, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Steve Blackmon.

Dr. Prince requested the Public Service and County Planning Committee inventory all county buildings and advise how much space is available, square footage, etc. She also requested they research alternative sites for council meetings.

Dr. Prince advised an executive session would be needed at the end of the council meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Clarification** - the request of clarification for revenue and expenditures were related to a donation for the DD McColl House and a grant for a truck for the Emergency Preparedness Director.

**ADA Assessment** – completed in August 2006 by the PD COG, but, there was not a follow-up to complete the issues identified. With the 385 CDBG project Marlboro County was reminded these issues must be addressed which included: ramps, signage, etc.

**Audits** – At the SCAC managers meeting in December, an IRS employee advised of their intent to audit counties. The county will be required to assess employees charges for vehicle use, cell phone use, allowances for clothing, etc. Poll workers must now be paid through payroll and not accounts payable.

**Employee Recognition** – the following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the Month of December: Mark Heath, Walter Pratt, and Roger Roller.

**Outside Agency Funding** – the county will need to withhold 10% of all outside agency funding from the general fund until tax revenue is determined. A final adjustment can be made in the fourth quarter. The state has cut the salaries \$233.85 per pay period for auditors and treasurers.

**Budget Schedule** – the following budget schedule was presented to Council:

- Department Head requests due February 15

- Budget Workshop with Department Heads      March 24
- First Reading      April 14
- Public Notice      April 23
- Second Reading      May 12
- Public Reading      May 12
- Third Reading      June 9

**Expenditures** – were at 48% through December of the total budget.

**Land** – the vacant lot next to the Jennings Brown House is for sale.

**Workshop** – the County Administrator attended the LWCF Grant Workshop in Columbia, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Statement of Economic Interests Forms** – must be filed by April 15, 2009.

**EDA Railroad Project** – has not been completed. The Administration had not been able to get the contractors to sign the required forms.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince**, Chairwoman requested the Finance Director attend council meetings in the future. She also requested separate budgets for the Library and Sheriff/Magistrate Complex. She requested the reports show monies spent, etc. (itemized) and also requested regular updates on each of the projects.

Dr. Prince requested a copy of the budget be presented to each new council member.

**RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mr. Ken Allen** and **Mr. Steve Blackmon** welcomed the new council members.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** requested thank you letters be sent to the Co-ops for their donations to the county.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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

**Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden requesting the chair assign to the proper committee, the committee look at the Clerk and the County Attorney, come up with job descriptions and expectations to give an annual review. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)

  
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, CHAIRWOMAN  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK  
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: February 10, 2009