

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.
COUNCIL:	
JASON STEEN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, suggested that a motion be made to amend the title of Item 5.c. from “An Ordinance authorizing the sale of the property near the Farmer’s Market to an undisclosed party” to “An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party of the property adjacent to the Farmer’s Market”.

Mr. Munnerlyn also suggested that Resolution # 10-14-03 – A Resolution expressing Marlboro County’s request to the SC General Assembly to increase the allocation to the Local Government Fund be added to the agenda for consideration under New Business as item f; as well as a Proclamation proclaiming October as Marlboro County Bullying Prevention Month be added to the agenda under New Business as item g.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to amend the agenda with the title of item 5.c. being amended to read “An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party of the property adjacent to the Farmer’s Market”, as well as adding a new under New Business as item f. – Resolution # 10-14-03 – A Resolution to express Marlboro County’s request that

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the South Carolina General Assembly increase the allocation to the Local Government Fund to both provide property taxpayers with the relief they have been promised and allow county government the ability to provide the state and local government services required under state law; as well as adding a new item under New Business as item g. - A Proclamation proclaiming October as Marlboro County Bullying Prevention Month. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO MR. JEFFREY DUDLEY FOR RETIREMENT AS MARLBORO COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jeffrey Dudley who had appeared at the meeting and read aloud the Proclamation. He thanked Mr. Dudley for all of his services to Marlboro County as an employee to the county for a total of 30 years and thanked him for serving as the Tax Assessor for the last seven years. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Mr. Dudley was employed by the county prior to his being appointed as a council member and that he and Jeff both shared a love for history. He stated that Jeff's memory and knowledge of history had served as a great asset to the county.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Ratification of Proclamation presented to Mr. Jeffrey Dudley for Retirement as Marlboro County Tax Assessor. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 729 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM COOLEY FOR FARMLAND AROUND THE AIRPORT

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

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance would allow for Mr. William Cooley to lease the vacant farmland around the airport which was previously leased to Mr. Jonas Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy had subleased this property to Mr. Cooley prior to his death and Mr. Cooley requested that he be allowed to continue to rent the property. Mr. Haynes stated that he supported this Ordinance because Mr. Cooley would keep growth and vegetation from getting so high in the area around the airport and would keep the runways clear.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members and there were none.

ORDINANCE # 730 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND AN UNDISCLOSED PARTY OF PROPERTY ON MAPLE STREET (FORMERLY BORO PROPERTY)

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, suggested that the public hearing on Ordinance # 730 be tabled until addition information could be obtained. He stated that this Ordinance would reference a lease agreement to an undisclosed party of property on Maple Street which is the former Boro property but that not enough information had been made available to have the public hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to table the public hearing on Ordinance # 730 – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party of property on Maple Street (formerly Boro property). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 731 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND AN UNDISCLOSED PARTY OF THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE FARMER’S MARKET

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, suggested that the public hearing on Ordinance # 731 be tabled until addition information could be obtained. He stated that this Ordinance would reference a lease agreement to an undisclosed party of property adjacent to the farmer’s market but that Council had not received enough information in order to proceed with the public hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to table the public hearing on Ordinance # 730 – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party of the property adjacent to the farmer’s market. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 9, 2014

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 729 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM COOLEY FOR FARMLAND AROUND THE AIRPORT – SECOND READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, had discussed this Ordinance during the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

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Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 729 – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement with William Cooley for farmland around the airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 730 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND AN UNDISCLOSED PARTY ON MAPLE STREET (FORMERLY BORO PROPERTY) – SECOND READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that Council would need more information on this Ordinance prior to it becoming final but asked that Council proceed with the second reading.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he would like to table the second reading of Ordinance # 730 until more information was made available.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 730 – An Ordinance to approve the Lease Agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party on Maple Street (formerly Boro property). Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Anthony Woods. Opposed: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 7/1/0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 731 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND AN UNDISCLOSED PARTY OF THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE FARMER'S MARKET – SECOND READING

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he had the same concerns with this Ordinance. He stated that he felt that the second reading should be tabled until more information was provided. He stated that he was told during the first reading that more information would be made available by the time of the second reading and that nothing has been shared.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she had grave concerns about having the second reading on this Ordinance since they have no information about the number of jobs that will be made available by the party or the taxes that may be paid to the county by the company. She also stated that she felt that the City Administration needed to be involved before decisions on this were made. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that the only issue that the City would be involved with would be the zoning requirements which may require landscaping buffers or something of that sort, since the county actually owns the property. Dr. Prince also stated that she was not sure that this type industry would be appropriate for Marlboro County in the residential neighborhood with Broad Street to the North and Jennings Street to the South.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that he felt we did not know enough and agreed that the second reading be tabled until Council could obtain and review all of the information and could

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weigh the pros and cons. He stated that Marlboro County definitely needed industry and employees but that he was concerned at what costs would the County be willing to sacrifice.

Dr. Prince asked if we knew if the entire administration would be moving to the Bennettsville location or whether this be an outpost location. No one knew the answer to her question.

Mr. Jason Steen asked if the company was possibly purchasing other properties that the county did not own. Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that the company was considering purchasing other properties from a third party but that the purchase depended on whether or not they could get the property from the county. Mr. Haynes stated that he had spoken with Ms. Holly Swann, Planning and Zoning Director with the City of Bennettsville, and she stated that there would be some site barriers required to comply with restrictions and zoning but that this would not be known until a site plan could be received from the potential industry and reviewed. Mr. Haynes stated that we have requested a site plan but that nothing had been provided yet. He stated that Mr. Ron King of Economic Development had planned a trip for Thursday to view the existing industry set up and location.

Ms. Corrie Plato stated that she agreed that the matter should be tabled until more information could be provided. She stated that she felt that the county was beginning to grow and she did not want something to tear us down. She stated that council needed facts first before this could be moved on and did not want us to be blindsided.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that Council needed to move this forward and go forward with second reading and we could change and table before the third reading.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he had heard nothing about a meeting on Thursday to visit this company and would very much like to be included. Chairman Munnerlyn asked that other dates be obtained for visiting the company and that we go from there.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to table the second reading of Ordinance # 731 – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement between Marlboro County and an undisclosed party of the property adjacent to the Farmer’s Market until more information could be made available. Vote in favor: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato and Mr. Anthony Woods. Opposed: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and Mr. Ken Allen. Vote: 6/2/0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 10-14-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution. Mr. Haynes stated that he was unsure why this Resolution

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was required but that in the past this has been routine that a Resolution establishing the millage rates which were adopted with the budget be passed by Council. He stated that this Resolution reflects the millage rates for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 10-14-01 – A Resolution establishing the millage rates for fiscal year 2014-2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-14-02 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROCESS OF FILLING THE VACANCY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR MARLBORO COUNTY

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, read aloud Resolution # 10-14-02 and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden agreed that he felt that all application and/or resumes for the Veterans Affairs Officer position should be gathered together and forwarded to Representative Elizabeth Munnerlyn, to be shared with the Legislative Delegation members and for one of those applicants to be selected to fill the position. He stated that some of the Legislators are dragging their feet and trying to postpone this appointment until the first of the year and that it just was not right to postpone action on this. The citizens and council members should push for this appointment to be made as soon as possible.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if council could do anything to accomplish this or if it was up the Legislators. Mr. Gladden advised that it was a Legislative Delegation appointment but that council needed to let the delegation members know that by not moving forward with this quickly is causing our veterans to suffer. He stated that there is a lady in the office who is a veteran and who has received certification and is doing the job of two people. He stated that this causes our veterans to not get the service they so much deserve and it was just not fair.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution simply states that council will be happy to gather applications and/or resumes and forward to the delegation resident member and offers to assist in any way possible in having the appointment made.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve Resolution # 10-14-02 – A Resolution supporting the process of filling the vacancy of Veterans Affairs Officer for Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARLBORO COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, read aloud the Proclamation and stated that this was being done in honor of all of the military members and their families but especially the purple heart recipients.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, approving the Proclamation designating Marlboro County as a Purple Heart County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NACO PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this item. Mr. Haynes stated that staff had done its due diligence in looking at the contract to be signed for this program and stated that there were some concerns from the county attorney but none that would cause council to vote against it. Mr. Haynes stated that we have a better idea about what to watch for such as the use of our logo and we know what to be careful of. He stated that this program would be available to all Marlboro County residents at no charge.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, approving participation in the NACo prescription discount card program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN QPUBLIC AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SC – TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR FOUR YEAR TERM AT \$2,500.00 ANNUALLY

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he make comments on this item. Mr. Haynes stated that this agreement would assist the Tax Assessor's office in making many of the tax records and values available to the public with access to any computer. Mr. Haynes stated that the programs available had not been utilized to its fullest extent but that in moving forward we would hope to get it up to date and provide the public with as much information as possible without having to physically go to the courthouse and look it up.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the professional services agreement between QPublic and Marlboro County, SC – Tax Assessor's office for four year term at \$2,500.00 annually. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-14-03 – A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS MARLBORO COUNTY'S REQUEST THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCREASE THE ALLOCATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO BOTH PROVIDE PROPERTY TAXPAYERS WITH THE RELIEF THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED AND ALLOW COUNTY GOVERNMENT THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution. Mr. Haynes stated that without reading the three-page Resolution he would summarize it. He stated that the Local Government Fund is at risk and that staff is currently gathering information to reflect that we are not being reimbursed the amounts that we have paid and should be reimbursed for according to state law. He stated that this Resolution was provided by the South Carolina Association of Counties and we have been asked to consider it. He stated that the Resolution urges the General Assembly to increase the allocations for the Local Government Fund to assist taxpayers in the county.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that the law sets forth how much funds should be paid to the counties but that the General Assembly suspends the amount each year and it becomes catastrophic to smaller counties such as Marlboro.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 10-14-03 – A Resolution to express Marlboro County’s request that the South Carolina General Assembly increase the allocation to the Local Government Fund to both provide property taxpayers with the relief they have been promised and allow county government the ability to provide the state and local government services required under state law. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS MARLBORO COUNTY BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, read the proclamation aloud and stated that he thought this proclamation was a good thing.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that bullying is a very serious problem in our area and we should do everything possible to stop it.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that council should have seminars or programs to discuss these problems. He stated that it was one thing to approve this proclamation on paper but that he felt that council needed to do more to stop these problems. He suggested having victims of bullying speak to groups and maybe have some counselors available to talk about ways to prevent bullying.

Dr. Carolyn Prince suggested that maybe Mr. Gary Harrington, the Recreation Director, look into this and include some sort of program on this with the activities that are offered. She also suggested that the grant writer look into any grants that may be available for these type programs.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Proclamation proclaiming October as Marlboro County Bullying Prevention Month. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – NEW 2014 OR 2015 FORD F-150 XL SUPERCREW 4x4 SSV INTERCEPTOR

Bids received were: **Bobby Jones** (\$27,794.40) and **Wade Ford** (\$28,975.00). The lowest bid was from Bobby Jones.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to accept bid from Bobby Jones Ford in the amount of \$27,794.40 for the Law Enforcement Vehicle for Sheriff's Department – New 2014 or 2015 Ford F-150 XL Supercrew 4x4 SSV Interceptor. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – NEW 2014 OR 2015 FORD POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR AWD

Bids received were: **Bobby Jones** (\$26,566.01), **Meggs Ford** (\$26,540.15 with 5% preference); and **Wade Ford** (\$27,057.00). The lowest bid was from Meggs Ford.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to accept bid from Meggs Ford in the amount of \$26,540.15 for the Law Enforcement Vehicle for Sheriff's Department – New 2014 or 2015 Ford Police Utility Interceptor AWD. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to be made.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that there were currently two vacancies on the Library Board according to the Library Director.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he was one of those that needed to make an appointment to this Board but that it was so hard to find people willing to serve. He stated that he would certainly think about it and try to make his appointment soon.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, stated that the expenditures for the month of September were at 25% of the budgeted amount which is on target for this time of the year and that Revenues were under budget by approximately 12.9% for the year. Ms. Moore stated that the revenues should increase over the next few months since tax notices would be going out before the end of October and tax monies will be coming in.

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Ms. Moore stated that the annual financial audit was progressing well and that the auditor had visited a few times over the past few months gathering information and seems to be on track with a timely completion of the audit.

Ms. Moore stated that SC Association of Counties had developed a report template to help Marlboro County explain to members of our legislative delegation the importance and impact of the Local Government Fund to assist in the preparation for the LGF debate in the upcoming legislative session. She reported that over a seven year period, Marlboro County has received \$1,897,947 less in LGF allocations that required under the statutory formula. Marlboro County's FY 2015 total estimated net cost of state mandates is \$3,307,585 while its LGF share is \$1,093,112 which is an estimated \$2,214,476 less than the cost of state mandates for FY 2015.

Ms. Moore asked Council if there were any comments or questions and there were none.

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: Ray Kelly (12 years); Kaye Liner (12 years); Jeffrey Locklear (5 years); Lee McQueen (14 years); Larry Meggs (12 years); and Stuart Liner (17 years).

Highway Safety Grant – A letter was received from the Director of the SC Department of Public Safety advising that the Highway Safety Grant Application for the Sheriff's Traffic Enforcement Unit was not approved for funding.

2015 PARD Allocations – A copy of the 2015 PARD Allocations has been received and Marlboro is scheduled to receive \$23,968.03. Marlboro County also has an existing balance of these funds available in the amount of \$23,954.70 for a total of \$47,922.73. These funds have been dedicated to repairs and renovations to the Blenheim gym property. A copy of the 2015 PARD Allocations was provided for Council's review.

Scotland Health Care Plans - Mr. Ron King and I met with Mr. Greg Wood and Ms. Flora McCook of Scotland Health Care on October 1st and they advised and it was announced in last week's edition of the Herald Advocate about their plans to construct a new medical office building to consist of approximately 8,000 to 9,000 square feet on Cheraw Highway which facility will include on-site x-ray and lab services. Eventually, they plan to move the services presently offered by Scotland Health Care currently located on Highway 15-401 to the new location facility, as well as add extended hours and services. We have been told that these plans will not be affected by plans for the local hospital.

Statewide Meeting of County Transportation Committees and SCDOT – A letter was received from the C Program Administrator of SCDOT stating that members of the County Transportation Committee are invited to meet with the SCDOT in Columbia on December 11, 2014 for a statewide meeting of County Transportation Committees and the SCDOT

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staff to answer questions that they may have relating to the program. This meeting will be held in the Assembly Room at the SC Dept. of Archives and History building located at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia at 9:00 a.m. with registration to begin at 8:30 a.m. A copy of this letter was provided to Council for review.

Demolition of Kinney and Brogdon Bldgs. – The demolition of the Kinney office building as well as the Brogdon building are back on track. The schedule calls for the work to restart next week and be completed by the end of the month. The paving will have to be handled separately so we will pave after the demotion work is complete.

Flooring in the Courtroom - The flooring of the large courtroom at the courthouse has been completed and looks very nice. We hope that the new flooring will reduce the number of accidents which have occurred in the past due to the way the chairs were above the actual floor. All floors are pretty level now and there is no step up to the seated areas.

Prioritization of Repairs to Historical Properties - I have met with Mr. Dan McNeil regarding the priority of repairs to the Marlboro County historical properties. These properties are in dire need of many repairs and the county has set aside an amount in the current year's budget to allow for repairs but some type of prioritization was needed since all of them certainly cannot be made at one time. Mr. McNeil has provided a list and his thoughts on what the priorities should be and we will try to work on the repairs of these properties in this order. A copy of the repair list prioritization was provided to Council for review.

Lake Paul A. Wallace Authority Board Meeting - An organizational meeting of the Lake Paul A. Wallace Authority Board was held this past Friday, October 10th, at 10:00 am. in the Conference Room at the Douglas Jennings Law Firm. We had at least one member of Council present who may want to update us on this meeting.

Blenheim Gym Property - The Blenheim gym will be opening for use by the public beginning this week. Right now we have the gymnasium for use, but later we plan to have other rooms available to the public. We are experimenting with opening the gym on Thursdays and Sundays from 4 PM to 7 PM. This begins this week. We plan to adjust days and hours as needed, but we wanted to make the gym available as quickly as possible. Remember, we have not made anything other than a few cosmetic and security repairs, so we will be limited in what we can offer in the building for a while as we continue to make improvements.

Tax Millage Breakdown Pie Chart - Please see at your desk a chart which shows graphically how tax money in Marlboro County is spent. I recognize that many taxpayers do not understand the multiple taxing bodies since when they pay the bill it is paid in one place and generally at one time. This chart will show you how the tax money is generally distributed. If you have questions or would like to see this information presented in some other way, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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Bullying Prevention Month Campaign - In regards to the Proclamation which was discussed earlier designating October as Marlboro County Bullying Prevention Month, Mr. John Bright of the H.O.P.E. Mentoring Center has announced that a Bullying Prevention Campaign will be held in front of the courthouse on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. and at that time he will ask that the Proclamations adopted by the State of South Carolina, the City, and the County, if adopted, be read. He has asked that a member of County Council consider attending and be prepared to read the Proclamation if it is adopted.

Reminder of Date of November Council Meeting – Council should be reminded that the regular Council meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:00 p.m. due to the fact that Tuesday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day and the county offices will be closed. This change was approved during the December 10, 2013 Council meeting. Please note this change on your calendars.

Veterans Drop-in - The local Veterans Affairs office has scheduled a drop-in for the Marlboro County Veterans on Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the DD McColl House. If the weather does not permit, the drop-in will be held at the First United Methodist Church Family Center located at 311 East Main Street. Ms. Vikki Harris is asking that everyone RSVP not later than November 4th.

Employee Christmas Dinner – The third annual Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Councilmembers discussed the November Council meeting date and agreed to meet on Monday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. rather than Wednesday, November 12th although they had voted back in December to hold the meeting on November 12th due to the regular date of November 11th being Veterans Day and offices being closed. All were in agreement with this change of meeting date.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ronnie Smith – wanted to update council on the continuing drainage problems in Knollwood Acres. He stated that he loved his county, city and state but that the drainage problems have been going on now for almost seven years and it is time that something be done about it. He stated that he felt that it was a forgotten issue and he wanted to remind Council that the residents still needed a lot of help with this problem.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Woods – stated that the Clio small fry team would be having allstar practice on Monday and that all teams did a great job this year. He reported that Clio still offers karate classes on Monday and Wednesdays and also that a Halloween Carnival was scheduled for Clio on Friday, October 31st.

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Corrie Plato – No comments.

Jason Steen – stated that he was not able to attend Mr. Jeffrey Dudley's retirement drop in but wanted to thank him for his many years of service to Marlboro County and wished him good luck with his retirement. He also announced that McArthur Farms on Highway 38 would have their Fall festival on Saturday, October 18th and would be honoring all of the firemen in the county. He asked that all try to come out and support McArthur Farms and also be sure to thank the firemen for their services. He announced that there would also be a corn maze available at McArthur Farms.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she attended a Pee Dee Council of Government meeting the night before and that the Workforce Development received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. She stated that these grant funds will be provided to industries that provide employment opportunities for their employees and that Domtar had submitted an application and would receive \$10,000.00. She also stated that Baldor also submitted an application for funds and was on a waiting list. They should receive funds as more are available.

Dr. Prince stated that the Lake Paul A. Wallace Authority Board organizational meeting went very well and that Mr. Tom Wood appeared in behalf of Mr. Belvin Sweatt, and Mr. Ricky Gooden appeared in behalf of Mr. Sidney Wallace. She stated that Mr. Gooden represented the county well and had many good comments and suggestions. Officers were elected at the meeting as follows: Mr. Doug Jennings, Chairman; Mr. Sully Blair, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Pat Henegan, Secretary (understanding that she will need to be replaced when she assumes her duties as member of the SC House Representatives the first of the year); and Ms. Stephanie Wright, Treasurer. The next scheduled meeting will be the second Monday of November at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at Attorney Doug Jennings' office.

Dr. Prince also announced that Pee Dee COG is offering revolving loan funds at very competitive interest rates. She reminded staff to encourage this with industries that may be interested in coming to our county.

Dr. Prince announced the Dizzy Gillespie Jazz Festival which is scheduled for the upcoming weekend, October 17-19th in Cheraw. She stated that there were many activities for adults and children free of charge and only a few of them would require admission.

Dr. Prince announced that Morris Funeral Home celebrated its 100th anniversary last weekend and wanted to commend the family owned business for keeping it as a family run business for that long.

Steve Blackmon – thanked Council and staff for all of their work in bringing recreation to Blenheim and finally opening the gym property to the public. He also congratulated Mr. Jeff Dudley in his retirement.

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Ken Allen – Congratulated Mr. Jeff Dudley in his retirement and thanked him for his service.

Willie Gladden – he stated that he had good news. He had talked with the guys at Waste Management and they would again have the Turkey giveaway this year. The Turkey giveaway is scheduled for November 22 at 9:00 a.m. and will be taking place in the parking lot at the Marlboro County High School again this year. He has talked with Dr. Helena Tillar of the School District and received permission to have the event held in the parking lot of the high school, and talked with Chief Larry McNeil of the Bennettsville Police Department, who will be handling the security for this event and all is on go.

Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Ronnie Smith for appearing before Council and letting them know that the drainage problems at Knollwood Acres still exist. He asked that staff check into this and see if something can be done. He stated that he felt sure that something could be done with cleaning the large ditches out in the area and asked that Mr. Sidney Wallace see if some help can be provided to these well-deserved citizens.

Ron Munnerlyn – stated that Council needed to make another recommendation to the Lake Paul A. Wallace Authority Board because Mr. Belvin Sweatt had sent a letter indicating that he could no longer serve due to health reasons.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that with the demolition process back on track that staff go forward with trying to schedule an Open House of the Administration offices before the end of the year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was trying to work out a date to go to Virginia to visit a prospective industry and any of those who would like to go should do so and bring back their thoughts. He stated that Council needed to do what was right but stated that if delays continued to be made that the purchase by the company from the third party would probably not go through.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

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ADJOURN

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

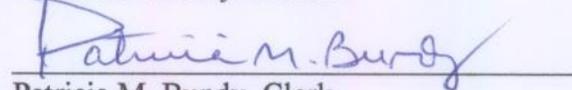
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

(SEAL)



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: November 18, 2014