

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
CLERK TO COUNCIL	PATRICIA M. BUNDY
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
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\* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

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.marlborocounty.sc.gov](http://www.marlborocounty.sc.gov)).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 10, 2015 – Work Session Meeting

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 – Work Session meeting as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Jason Steen and Mr. Willie Gladden (not present at meeting). Vote: 6/2/0. Motion carried.**

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 10, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Jason Steen (not present at meeting). Vote: 7/1/0. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 734 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER IN WALLACE, SC – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this lease was for the convenience center in Wallace and the property is owned by Pee Dee Ice and Fuel. Mr. Haynes stated that this was the newest convenience center in the county and that it has worked out very well in the current location.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 734 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the lease of certain property by the county for a solid waste convenience center in Wallace, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 03-15-01 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR 2015

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve Resolution # 03-15-01 – A Resolution Designating the Month of April as the South Carolina Fair Housing Month for 2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 03-15-02 – A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO AND MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. PROVIDING \$24,000.00 IN FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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Mr. Jim Haynes stated that Marlboro Electric Cooperative actually presented a check to help the County with efforts to assist with the moving of utility services around the Flakeboard plant and as a follow up, the proposed Resolution is recommended by staff. The money can be used as needed. He reported that the money was received at the end of December.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he appreciated Marlboro Electric Cooperative's help with this and reported that he had a lunch meeting with Mr. Fleming of the coop recently and they discussed a partnership between the county and the coop. He stated that he looked forward to more opportunities like this with Marlboro Electric Coop.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 03-15-02 – A Resolution Ratifying an Agreement between the County of Marlboro and Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. providing \$24,000.00 in funds for the provision of infrastructure. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION PETITION, CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF GRANT RECIPIENT/FISCAL AGENT RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

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

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that these three documents, a Petition, Consortium Agreement, and Designation of Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent, being considered would allow six counties to form a Workforce Investment Area and would allow Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments to act as the grant recipient and fiscal agent. He stated that staff recommends approval of these documents.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Workforce Development Area Designation Petition, Consortium Agreement, and Designation of Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent relating to the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,500.00 FOR DESIGN BUILD OF ROOF FOR D.D. MCCOLL HOUSE

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

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that the D.D. McColl House has a wooden shingle roof and that staff had tried to locate a new type of roof that would be similar, last longer and not have a problem with growth of mildew and problems with moss. He stated that with the help of a local contractor, Mr. Robin Rosser, a plastic/vinyl shingle that looks much like wood was

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found and has a 30 year life. Mr. Haynes stated that Mr. Rosser took the necessary schooling to apply this type shingle and suggested the plan. Mr. Haynes stated that he is asking that Council approve this for a design build since Mr. Rosser actually came up with the idea and because he would be around in case it does not work out.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to approve the bid submitted by Mr. Robin Rosser in the amount of \$39,500.00 for design build of roof for D.D. McColl House. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RENEWAL OF QS/1 COMPUTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FY 2015-2016

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

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that the computer services agreement with QS/1 is up for renewal for the offices of Finance, Tax Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer. He stated that this contract has not come before Council before in the past but that this year the preliminary contract had been received. He asked Council to approve the renewal of the agreement with the understanding that the actual numbers may change because department heads were just now reviewing the proposals and would make some changes which would affect the bottom line. He stated that it was a budgeted amount and it would not exceed the budgeted amount.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the renewal of QS/1 Computer Services Agreement for FY 2015-2016 up to the budgeted amount. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF GIS/MAPPING PROPOSAL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this proposal was something that staff had brought to Council's attention regarding mapping needs for various departments in the county. He stated that this proposal would allow all departments to use one mapping system. Mr. Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make additional comments on this proposal.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that staff was in the process of negotiating a contract for a new GIS/Mapping program. He stated that the cost of the contract which was included in the agenda packet was in the range of \$100,000.00 for the actual services and training and an additional \$7,000.00 for maintenance. Mr. Haynes stated that this one system could be used by all county departments such as Economic Development, Tax Assessor's office and E-911. The mapping program would allow you to show as much or as little information as you would like and is as good as the operators. It would take extensive training and we would need to have people trained to manage the system. Mr. Haynes provided members of Council copies of maps which were generated by this type of system approximately ten years ago and they were in color and he briefed Council on various applications the system

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may include. He stated that with the appropriate input, the program would be very beneficial and produce good looking maps for future industry prospects.

Mr. Haynes stated that this type program was mentioned during Council's last work session and he was asked to pull something together to be considered. He stated that he has worked with staff to find money in the budget to pay for this program so that money would not be the problem. He stated that various departments had money in their budgets for capital items and many of the items have been purchased through lease arrangements which has freed up the money which would have been used if the items had been purchased and paid for in full.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this was a big move for the County and that he felt that with these seeds being planted now, there would be much gained by this benefit in the future. He stated that this would be a huge economic development tool. He thanked Mr. Haynes and staff for their hard work in finding money in the budget for this mapping program.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the GIS/Mapping Proposal. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that staff had provided to members of Council a spreadsheet of appointments and/or vacancies for each department and/or commission. He asked if there were any appointments by Council.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to appoint Mr. Jack Bridges to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to represent District 2. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mr. Munnerlyn asked the members of Council to be sure and review the spreadsheet prepared by staff and consider making appointments for their districts in the near future.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that expenditures were at 63% of the budgeted amount for February which is slightly under the budget for this point in the fiscal year and revenues for the month of February increased 14% from January to 65% of the budgeted amount. She stated that this is right on target for this point of the fiscal year.

Ms. Moore stated that some preliminary work had begun on the upcoming fiscal year's budget and budget request forms had been sent to the department heads.

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She reported that there were more developments in the Local Government Fund legislation. She stated that the House passed H. 3374 last week which was amended to provide that the LGF will increase by the same percentage as the General Fund, up to 5% which would be the maximum growth at any given time. She stated that at the Ways and Means Committee meeting, it was indicated that this year and next year there would be no increase in the total Local Government Funding, but the entire Local Government Fund appropriation would be shifted to recurring funding. This amendment which was tabled would have rewritten H. 3374 with a three-year phase-in to the current Local Government Fund formula amount. Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions and there were none.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Ms. Moore for the Finance Report.

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 February: Dwan Bostic (12 years); Lawrence Brand (13 years); Ronald Covington (21 years); Vanessa Dowdy (5 years); Anna Frye (17 years); Ray Howe (13 years); Barbara Latham (11 years); Councilwoman Carolyn Prince (14 years); Kevin Thomas (26 years); and Delorice Barrington (28 years).

**Appointment Confirmed of Veterans Affairs Officer** -. We have now received notification that Ms. Veronica Harris has been appointed by the Legislative Delegation as the new Veterans Affairs Officer. Applications/resumes for an Administrative Assistant for that office are being taken to provide assistance to Ms. Harris with her duties in that office and also provide telephone answering service and other office duties for our legislative delegation representative which will also be located in that same office.

**Statement of Economic Interests Report Filing** -. This will serve as your last reminder that it is time to file the 2015 Statement of Economic Interests Report which we refer to as the Ethics form. All elected officials and a few employees must file this form electronically not later than 12:00 noon on March 30, 2015. There will be a late filing penalty of at least \$100.00 after March 30, 2015 at 12:00 noon. I have attached the forms for your review.

**Deed from County of Marlboro to Domtar** - As information to the Council, the County has deeded an acre of the property which was covered by the FILOT back to Domtar and this was done in accordance with the FILOT agreement which was executed between the parties. The agreement calls for properties to be deeded back to the company once the FILOT matures and this has taken place. Our attorney has reviewed and confirmed that the FILOT agreement authorized this and for that reason, we did not have to have three readings and Ordinance to approve.

**Class Action for Accommodations Tax** - It has been brought to our attention that a class action lawsuit has been brought by the City of Columbia, and other local governments against Hotelguides.com and others for accommodations tax which may due to municipalities and counties in South Carolina due to internet travel services, like

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Expedia.com and others. Apparently, some of these folks have been selling rooms and then not paying the accommodations tax. The county may be due to somewhere around \$523.00. There is no action needed at this time and we will just want to see if we receive a check on this.

**Old Library Building** - A letter was received from the City of Bennettsville confirming that the City does not desire to make an offer on the old library building.

**Council to Host Dinner with Bennettsville City Council Members** - Marlboro County Council will be hosting a dinner meeting with the members of Bennettsville City Council on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Magnolia on Main Café. This will be an informal meeting and we hope to have a representative from the newly formed Chamber of Commerce brief us how they plan to function and goals that they may have for the future. We will also discuss recreation and other matters of mutual interest.

**Retirement of Employees** - As all of you know, Ms. Virginia McCraw has retired as Library Director and is still recuperating at home. Our Payroll Clerk, Ms. Judy McQueen, is also scheduled to retire later this month and we are hoping that both can be present at our April Council meeting so that we may recognize them for their faithful service.

**Budget Discussions** - The County departments have received their budget request forms and I am sure that all are in the process of calculating how to justify the upcoming years' budget request.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Fred Nicholes which signed to speak before Council.

**Mr. Fred Nicholes** – thanked Council for allowing him to speak and stated that he was appearing on behalf of the Veterans. He stated that a meeting was held recently with several Veterans in the area to discuss a DAV setup for Marlboro County. He stated that the veterans needed transportation to get back and forth to hospitals and doctor appointments and they were working on this. He stated that the meeting was very informative and thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, and Councilman Willie Gladden for meeting with them to provide advice and discuss the needs of the veterans. Mr. Nicholes stated that they would be working on this and would update the members of Council on their progress.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Willie Gladden** – thanked Mr. Tom Wood and Mr. Fred Nicholes for pulling together a meeting with some veterans to discuss transportation needs of the veterans to and from hospitals and doctor appointments. He also thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, for taking the time to meet with them to providing some advice on this request.

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Mr. Gladden also stated that he attended the Voter Registration Annual Conference at the beach last week and that more would be discussed at the next Council meeting. He stated that many good things were happening.

**Kenneth Allen** – No comments.

**Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – she stated that on our Local Government Fund, all counties needed to take a stand to see that citizens' tax money comes back to the county. She stated that the county needed to consider the unfunded mandates and if at any time the costs of these unfunded mandates exceed the Local Government Fund allocation, we should consider adjusting these services accordingly. She stated that she would continue to be Council's eyes and ears on the Local Government Fund issues.

Dr. Prince stated that she was happy that Council voted to continue the Workforce Development Are through the Pee Dee Council of Governments. She stated that this is a good thing and it is working well for the counties.

**Jason Steen** – stated that the Public Safety Committee members met recently with Mr. Jeff Boan of the Marlboro Rescue Squad regarding the possibility of the hospital closing and the effects that it would have on services that they render. Mr. Steen stated that Mr. Boan assured him that Marlboro Rescue would be fine with whatever happened. He reported that this was certainly good news.

**Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Anthony Woods** – stated that Mr. Troy Fairley had arranged for a free basketball clinic to be held at the Blenheim Gymnasium for children grades 6-12 for Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. He stated that if this goes well that other camps will be organized so as to allow the children something to do.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** – thanked everyone for attending the work shop earlier at 4:30 p.m. in the day to discuss the incentives offered to industries by Economic Development. He stated that he agreed with Dr. Carolyn Prince that Council may have to adjust the budget accordingly if the unfunded mandates exceed the amount of funds received from the Local Government Fund.

Mr. Munnerlyn thanked members of Council and staff for help with the mapping program. He stated that this was a great thing and he had good feelings about where the county is headed on this.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were heard.

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ADJOURN

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

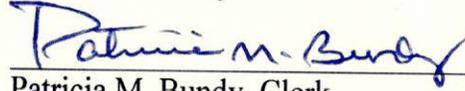
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:



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J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council



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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: April 14, 2015