

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

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

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judge Mark Heath administered the oath of office to the re-elected council members: Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon and 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.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations & Election of Chair

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to nominate Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chairman to Council.**

Chairman Ron Munnerlyn asked if there were any more nominations and there were none.

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**Since no other nominations were made, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn was recognized as Chairman to County Council for FY 2015.**

Nominations and Election of Vice-Chair

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to nominate Mr. Jason Steen as Vice-Chairman to Council.**

Chairman Ron Munnerlyn asked if there were any more nominations and there were none.

**Since no other nominations were made, Mr. Jason Steen was recognized as Vice-Chairman to County Council for FY 2015.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 9, 2014

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato. Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.**

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO MR. PRENTISS BOSTIC FOR RETIREMENT FROM THE MARLBORO COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Chairman Ron Munnelyrn read the proclamation out loud and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Prentiss Bostic in honor of his 30 years' of service to the Marlboro County Recreation Department. Chairman Munnelyrn stated that Mr. Bostic had been there as long as he could remember and he wished him the very best in his retirement.

MR. ROBERT JORDAN, HILL & JORDAN – AUDIT REPORT ENDING FY JUNE 30, 2014

Chairman Ron Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Robert Jordan to make a report on the audit FY June 30, 2014.

Mr. Robert Jordan of Hill & Jordan appeared to discuss the findings resulting from the Audit Report ending FY June 30, 2014.

Mr. Jordan referred members of Council to page 16 of the audit which stated that the Asset balance in Pooled Cash and cash equivalents was \$3,049,475.00 and the unassigned fund balance was \$4,847,851.00. He stated that the fund balance had an excess of 20% of the budget.

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Mr. Jordan referred members of Council to page 17 of the audit which was the Income Statement. He stated that the county received total revenues of \$12,762,173.00 and that the net change in fund balance was \$115,059.00 which was much less than what the county anticipated.

Mr. Jordan reviewed the various notes to the Financial Statements which began at page 27. He noted that Note 3 on page 28 dealt with the renovations to the administration building, and that Note 4 on page 29 dealt with the long-term general obligation bond, as well as the lease purchase arrangements for the telephone equipment and fire truck.

Mr. Jordan stated that the Note 7 on page 32 reflected the non-funded liability for retirement and health insurance in the amount of \$1,069,174.00. He referred to Note 11 on page 34 and confirmed that the total paid in legal costs to date in the landfill action was \$819,000.00.

Mr. Jordan stated that Note 13 on page 34 dealt with the new governmental account standards and requirements of the GASB Statement No. 68 and stated that the county would be required to reflect the unfunded pension obligation which will be a big hit to counties.

Mr. Jordan referred the members of Council to page 36 of the audit and stated that the budgeted revenue amount was \$8,956,805.00 which reflected a favorable variance in the amount of \$363,355.00. He stated that the expenditures were \$9,159,625.00 which reflected a favorable variance of \$315,896.00. He stated that the total of transfers from the fund balance was \$241,983.00 which reflected a variance of \$340,088.00 which was better than anticipated.

Mr. Jordan referred the members of Council to page 50 of the audit and stated that their company did not identify any deficiencies and stated that their company found the county to be in compliance with the Government Auditing Standards as required.

Mr. Jordan asked Council if there were any questions or comments and there were none. He thanked Council for allowing Hill and Jordan to work with the County in performing the audit and stated that if there were any questions at a later date, that Council should feel free to contact his office and they would be happy to discuss the same.

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Mr. Jordan for the audit report and asked that he stick around as it would be voted on later in the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

### ORDINANCE # 732 – AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER LAND TO BE DESIGNATED BY FLAKEBOARD AMERICA LIMITED – THIRD READING

Chairman Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that update Council on Ordinance # 732.

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Mr. Haynes stated that this was the third reading of the Ordinance # 732 which will allow an Encroachment Agreement/easement to be granted to Arauco which is still being referred to as Flakeboard. He stated that this encroachment agreement/easement was needed for the expansion which is underway.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 732 – An Ordinance to transfer land to be designated by Flakeboard America Limited. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 733 – AN ORDINANCE TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION REVISED VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM (REASSESSMENT) – SECOND READING

Chairman Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he update Council on Ordinance # 733.

Mr. Haynes stated that this was the second reading on Ordinance # 733 to postpone the implementation revised values resulting from the equalization program (reassessment) and stated that Ordinance will keep staff in line with the process which we have been using for some time. Mr. Haynes stated that staff had begun the mapping and assessment work but that this would actually take effect one year from now.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 733 – An Ordinance to postpone the implementation revised values resulting from the equalization program (Reassessment). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW 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 – FIRST READING

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that this ordinance deals with our most recent convenience center in Wallace and recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that Ordinance # 734 will simply renew the existing lease agreement for the Wallace Convenience Center for an additional three year period for a monthly rent of \$200.00. Mr. Haynes stated that staff may want to consider negotiating with the property owner about purchasing this property but for now this was a good deal and recommended that the first reading be approved.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 734 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the lease of**

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**certain property by the county for a solid waste convenience center in Wallace, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT ENDING FY JUNE 30, 2014

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that Council needed to discuss the acceptance of the audit report ending FY June 30, 2014 which was presented earlier by Mr. Ron Jordan.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to accept the Audit Report ending FY June 30, 2014. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, stated that the expenditures for the month of December were at 47% of the budgeted amount which was slightly under budget at this point in the fiscal year and that there was only a slight change in revenues for the month of December compared to the prior month. Ms. Moore stated that staff was anticipating a significant increase since January has historically been the primary month for tax collections.

Ms. Moore reported that she was still monitoring legislation on the Local Government Funding but that there had been no change in the status of this issue since the last meeting.

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

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Ms. Moore for her 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 December: Councilman Ken Allen (16 years); Judge Mark Heath (13 years); Terry Leggett (30 years); William A. Parker (7 years); Walter Pratt (15 years); and Roger Roller (40 years).

**Regulation Update** - staff received a Regulations Update from the SC Association of Counties regarding a proposal to repeal and/or amend Regulations 71-8300 through 71-8306 to eliminate redundant and unnecessary regulations; and to make the current regulations compatible with current and state statutes. Written comments may be directed to Robert Polk, State Fire Marshal, S.C. Dept. of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of State Fire

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Marshal, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203 not later than 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2015. A copy of the notice was provided to each council member for review.

**2015 Statement of Economic Interests Report** - all elected officials and a few employees must file the 2015 Statement of Economic Interests Report 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.

**Landfill Litigation** - a copy of the Brief in Opposition of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari has been filed with the US Supreme Court by our attorneys, Steve Weber and Harry Easterling, Jr. A copy of this Brief was provided to each council member for review.

**Legislative Proposal Regarding Transfer of Roads to Local Governments** - staff continues to hear about the Legislative proposal to give the counties responsibility for the routine maintenance of some State roads. Staff recently received a survey from the Association of Counties requesting that we estimate costs. This will be difficult to do, but we are trying to work with those who ask us for information.

**Blenheim Gymnasium Property Updates** - an estimate has been received in the amount of \$4,300.00 from Robin F. Rosser for repairs needed to bring the boys' and girls' bathrooms at the Blenheim gymnasium property up to handicap coded and replace any broken fixtures. This estimate has been approved and the work will begin soon.

**NACo Prescription Discount Card Program** - the NACo Prescription Discount Cards have arrived and we have started circulating them at the various pharmacies and public places for the public. A brochure was provided to each council member for their review and use.

**T-Shirts for Employees** - the County ordered T-shirts for our employees and we had hoped to have them in before the end of the year but unfortunately they were late in arriving. We have distributed the shirts to all departments and the employees seem to really appreciate this gesture.

**SCAC Annual Mid-Year Conference** - the SC Association of Counties' 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Year Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia, SC. A copy of the brochure has been provided to each council member. If you plan to attend, please notify Ms. Patricia Bundy so that she may assist you with reservations and payment of the registration fees.

**SC Clerk to Council's Winter Conference** - as information to Council, Ms. Patricia Bundy will be attending the SC Clerk to Council's Winter Conference at Litchfield in Pawleys Island on February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. It appears that this is the most productive meeting for the Clerks and this will allow her to connect and discuss the Certification program available for the Clerks to Council.

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**Administration Parking Lot Update** - Mr. Jeff Furr has advised that he will begin preparations to pave the Administrative Parking lot project within the next few days or as the weather will allow.

**Council Meetings now aired on You-Tube** - Patricia has been able to place the December meeting of Council on YouTube, and will get the November meeting uploaded as well. Internet speeds are so slow that this took about 16 hours so we are working to make this more efficient and to improve our internet speeds.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No citizens appeared to speak before Council.

### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – wished Mr. Jason Steen the very best in his duties as Vice-Chairman of Council. Mr. Gladden also reported that the Proclamation proclaiming Marlboro County as a Purple Heart County was delivered to the Florence Commander earlier that day. Mr. Gladden stated that this was a good deal and thought that special programs would be made available to Marlboro County veterans because of this action. He also stated that work was still being done to obtain a van for transporting veterans back and forth to doctor appointments and hospital visits.

Mr. Gladden stated that Council and the citizens of Marlboro needed to look and work on an issue that has become very serious. He stated that the county had current Senators and Representatives that were doing very little for Marlboro County and that he was hopeful that with the new Representative in office (Honorable Patricia Henegan) that the Senators and Representatives would work more closely to accomplish things for Marlboro County. He stated that Representative Elizabeth Munnerlyn served four years in office and worked very hard but was not supported by our Senators. He stated that he felt that Representative Jackie Hayes assisted as much as he could but that he was only a Representative and that without the support of the two Senator, nothing could be accomplished. Mr. Gladden stated that he was hopeful that Representative Pat Henegan would put the Senators' feet to the fire and help make things happen for Marlboro County.

Mr. Gladden stated that it was time that we join forces with the School Board and with the City Council in order to get Marlboro County moving in the right direction. He stated that these folks had the money and that we needed to work together.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No comments.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

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**Dr. Carolyn Prince** - wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that there was a lot of work to be done and echoed Mr. Willie Gladden's comments about working together. Dr. Prince stated that the county needed revenues and needed to do what needed to be done in order to gain new industry for our county. Dr. Prince mentioned the Local Government Fund not being fully funded and stated that if the legislature continues to cut this funding that it may be that Council will need to cut some of the unfunded mandates in order to keep things going. Dr. Prince stated that we really needed to focus on better jobs for our county which would mean better opportunities for our citizens.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – thanked Council members for voting him as Vice-Chairman of County Council and thanked Dr. Prince for all of the hard work she had done as past Chairman and Vice-Chairman to Council. He stated that he would continue to work hard to continue to move things along in Marlboro County. He also echoed the comment that Dr. Carolyn Prince made about cutting unfunded mandates if the Local Government Fund continues to be cut. He stated that counties such as Spartanburg could survive with the LGF not being fully funded due to their much higher revenue, but that small counties such as Marlboro just barely survive. Mr. Steen stated that he was excited about moving forward in 2015.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that she looked forward to working with Council members for four additional years. She stated that Council had a long way to go and that they had had many bumps but continued to keep going. Ms. Plato stated that she thought Council members worked really well together and that all could have civil disagreements. She stated that the county needed to grow and that we needed to search for ways to do this.

Ms. Plato mentioned that she was happy to see the bookmobile becoming a reality and stated that staff there along with Ms. Virginia McCraw did a great job. She echoed a prior remark that Dr. Prince had made some time back that the library was about much more than books.

Ms. Plato thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator; Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr., the County Attorney; Ms. Patricia Bundy, Clerk to Council; as well as all county employees and department heads for their hard work in assisting the Council Members. She stated that all worked very hard but that there was always room for improvement.

Lastly, Ms. Plato addressed Mr. Steve Blackmon and stated that she would visit his daughter soon at her new veterinarian office.

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – stated that Council had had some problems in the past but that we are now in year 2015 and it is a new day and a new year. He stated that what had been done in the past is done and we should move forward and forget about what happened in the past. Mr. Woods stated that Senator Gerald Malloy and Senator Kent Williams helped Clio in 2014 in many ways and supported Clio financially in many situations. He stated that when we lash out at folks they are not going to want to help us. He stated that the powers to be are the powers to be and that we needed to find a way to work together and support each other.

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**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** – echoed a comment that Mr. Woods made and stated that we have been given an opportunity to have a new day. Mr. Munnerlyn thanked Council for voting him as Chairman to County Council for one additional year and he stated that he would try to do a good job. He stated that in the past Council had strategic planning sessions and he would like to have one prior to the February meeting. He mentioned that maybe a work session could be held prior to the regular council meeting but that he would get back with them on this. He stated that it was really important to set some goals for staff. He mentioned that 2014 was a tough year for him as far as business and he felt it was also a tough one for Council. Mr. Munnerlyn state that he felt it was important to focus on two particular issues which was Economic Development and Recreation.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

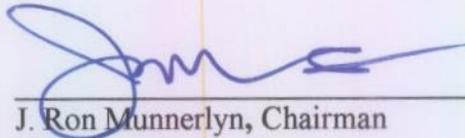
No items were heard.

ADJOURN

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

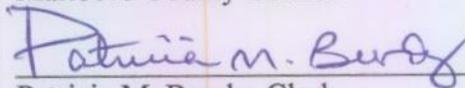
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: February 10, 2015