

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

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CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

VICE-CHAIR CORRIE PLATO

ADMINISTRATOR CECIL KIMREY

COUNTY ATTORNEY DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

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

* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Ms. Edith Bridges

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting was recognized later in the council meeting.

Mr. Fred Nickoles – Shared concerns about landfill and encouraged council to vote against bringing it to community.

Mr. Belvin Sweatt, Chairman for Citizens of Marlboro County - stated their group was not a political group, they are an environmental group formed to protect the citizens against health hazards. He requested for the council to vote no and to do it quickly.

Mr. John Nickoles – stated their group wanted council to know the referendum was held, and their group turned in 3000 signatures to let the council know how the citizens felt about mega dump. He asked for council to do what was best for the people.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Carey Hubbard, Assessors Office – was recognized by Council on his retirement from Marlboro County working in the Tax Assessors Office. Mr. Hubbard was employed with the county for six years.

Mr. Damien Johnson – RALI – addressed Council regarding the Recreational activities in Marlboro County. He stated that Marlboro County needs rural leadership. Mr. Johnson stated that RALI is a non-profit organization sponsored by Francis Marion University. Their organization would like to conduct a pilot program which would allow different areas to come together and support each other. It would include all areas of the county. Mr. Johnson stated that RALI's goal is to enhance the recreational activities for all citizens of Marlboro County.

Ms. Delorice Barrington, Treasurer – addressed council regarding decals. Ms. Barrington stated that more than half of the counties across South Carolina issue their decals from the Treasurer's Office. She stated that this program would pay for itself. She advised when the citizen pays their taxes, they would be issued the DMV vehicle registration card along with the decal to place on their tag. This would save the citizen the trip to DMV or having to wait on their decal to come by mail. QS1 would provide service for software and training. DMV would provide paperwork. County would pay 40% less on expense for tax forms. County could net \$1000 to \$2000 dollars after first year. She stated this would be new revenue for the county. Ms. Barrington did advise the county would incur a one time up-front expense to purchase laser printers. She said they are currently experiencing printer's problems in their office and need equipment to do their jobs.

Mr. Robert Smith, Moseley Architects – updated council on the progress of the Marian Wright Edelman Library. He reported the project is running smoothly. They were behind schedule because of the debris on site. Mr. Smith stated his company feels there is a good contractor, a Marlboro County Contractor on the site. The project was 35% complete with a target date for end of November for completion. A recovery plan report for council will be provided by the next meeting. Mr. Smith stated that he was confident that Mungo was doing well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the minutes of February 10, 2009. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Steve Blackmon to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 650 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MARLBORO COUNTY AND DEEMING ORDINANCE# 437 NULL AND VOID – THIRD READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator clarified a couple of changes to the Policies and procedures as follow: page four “Opening of Bid” Bids in excess of \$50,000 and requiring a contract shall have the contract approved by county council before execution” and page five “Right to Protest” All other protest shall be submitted to the Purchasing Specialist in writing within five (5) working days of award date.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 650 – An Ordinance amending the purchasing policies and procedures for Marlboro County and deeming Ordinance # 437 null and void. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 652 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE AND MARLBORO COUNTY – SECOND READING.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 652 – An Ordinance to authorize Marlboro County to enter into an agreement with the City of Bennettsville to provide for the exchange of services between the City of Bennettsville and Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

Mr. Rob Jordan presented a detailed audit presentation to council. Mr. Jordan referred council to page three – Independent Auditors’ Report – advising it is his firm’s responsibility to express opinions on the county’s financial statement based on their audit. His firm has a clean opinion of the Marlboro County financial statements. This is an improvement over prior years. Congratulations to county for having revenue exceed expenses.

Mr. Jordan briefly went over the following sections: page 9 – Management Discussion and Analysis (un-audited), page 15 – Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds, he pointed out the fund balance is \$13,630,927 advising his firm normally recommends the county retain a minimum fund balance of 3.5 months and the county has a little of 4 months which is currently strong, page 16 – Statement of Revenues and Changes in Fund Balance, Deficit of \$324,256 which is an improvement over last year with \$336,309, page 31 – Budgetary Comparison Schedule/General Fund, pages 44, 46, and 48.

Mr. Jordan advised the Treasurer's Office makes an effort to provide his firm with the information for the audit to balance the general fund. Dr. Prince questioned whether the office had the software for balancing the general fund. Mr. Jordan stated the office has the software, however, staff would need training, and an accountant would need to set it up.

Mr. Jordan advised he wished to congratulate Mr. Kimrey's staff – the revenues have exceeded the expenses.

No motion made. Report Informational only.

RESOLUTION # 03-09-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 09-01 FOR DESIGN AND BIDDING PHASE SERVICES FOR THE HANGAR TAXIWAY AND APRON EXPANSION PROJECT AT THE MARLBORO COUNTY JETPORT.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve Resolution # 03-09-01 – A Resolution approving work authorization no. 09-01 for design and bidding phase services for the hangar taxiway and apron expansion project at the Marlboro County Jetport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-09-02 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE S.C. LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG) - \$17,385.00

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean to approve Resolution # 03-09-02 – A Resolution accepting the S.C. Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$17,385.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 653 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE RDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 – FIRST READING

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 653 – An Ordinance to provide a supplemental appropriation to the RDA Economic Development Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE REQUEST.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the \$65,000 is provided by the Hospital Charity Trust for a specific purpose and only passes through the county. He advised a chassis normally costs approximately \$115,000 - \$120,000 of which the difference is the responsibility of Marlboro Rescue.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the \$65,000 pass through received to allow Marlboro Rescue to remount the CHASSIS as requested. The money was received from the hospital charity trust. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF FARM LAND AT THE AIRPORT

Two people have farmed county land in the past – Smith and Kennedy. Would like to continue allowing Smith to farm his portion and run an ad in paper to see if anyone is interested in farming the land previously farmed by Kennedy. If the land is not farmed, Public Works must cut it. Council was agreeable.

APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS

Mr. Kimrey advised the proposal was discussed at the previous meeting, however, it was not formally awarded.

Bullet Proof Vest Proposals - Bids received were: State Contract - \$16,083.70 and Protective Products Int. - \$12,927.20.

Motion made by Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean to accept the bid from Protective Products Int. in the amount of \$12,927.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Tax Appeals and Equalization

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Corrie Plato to appoint the following persons to serve on the board: Ms. Terrie Sheets, Ms. Helena Thomas, and Mr. Lee Short. Vote in favor. 7/0/1 (Mr. Ron Munnerlyn not present for vote). Motion carried.

Other Boards and Commissions

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to re-appoint Ms. Patricia Henegan to the Library Board, Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to re-appoint Ms. Dorothy Quick to the Library Board, Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to re-appoint Mr. Daniel York to the Economic Development Board, Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Mr. E.L. (Luther) Johnakin to the Planning Commission Board, Vote in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to re appoint Mr. Billy Bundy to the Pee Dee Workforce Board, Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

A letter will be sent to Ms. Tyner of decision.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Anthony Woods, COG Board – advised that he along with Ms. Plato, Ms. McLean, and Mr. Blackmon attended the COG meeting which was very informative. They learned that a stimulus package for a youth workforce for ages 16 – 24 is now being offered on a first come first served basis. Funds are available to employers to help with salaries. The funds will go through the employment office. He advised the Recreation Department will need a few people during the summer – the funds could come from here to pay them.

Recreation Committee – The Recreation department has 55 to 60 teams for baseball, softball etc. The shortage of fields is a problem. He spoke to the department to encourage volunteers to continue to do a great job.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Building Committee – the committee toured the Court House. The committee met with Mr. Funderburk and he showed them where The Clerk of Court is running out of vault space, and also advised of his desire for more space in Family Court. They also toured other departments in the Court House to determine their needs. Mr. Munnerlyn advised they toured the Old Museum which is vacant and is a nice building that belongs to the county and said they directed Mr. Kimrey to move

the Voters Registration Office there. The county needs to determine the amount of space needed and our obligations to the different agencies. They have also advised Mr. Kimrey to contact two architectural firms to get the costs for the analysis of updating the current administration building.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Administrative/Finance/Personnel Committee – advised the committee met to discuss the Treasurer and Auditor's request for the county to supplement their income cuts by the state. They have requested Mr. Kimrey look at how the county can accomplish this. She advised Mr. Munnerlyn agreed to put together some evaluation forms.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Employee Recognition – the following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of February: Eric Bass, Dwan Bostic, Lawrence Brand, Bobbie Sue Latham, Sidney Wallace, Lisa Skipper, and Ronald Covington.

Expenditures - They were at 64% through February of the total budget, Revenue is at 44 % of the budgeted amounts through January.

Road Name Change Request – the county has been contacted by Mr. J. P. Hodges concerning renaming two roads off of Throop Street (Reagin Avenue & J. Pledger Blvd) which he originally named. A petition for the road name change was presented to council.

Landfill – the hearing at SCDHEC scheduled for February 25, 2009 in Columbia was postponed. It should be rescheduled within 45-60 days.

Press Conference – the County Administrator and several of the council members attended the Press Conference in Columbia regarding the \$122 Million Dollar budget cuts to the counties.

Library Bid – the bid for the Library Network Equipment was not awarded. Ms. Rowe, Library Director, discovered that Pinnacle Network Solutions from Florence is not under state contract. This was the only bid received therefore the network equipment will be rebid.

Laura's Lane Project – the estimate was much higher than expected. It has been referred to the Transportation Committee for further action.

Alligators – a letter was written February 16, 2009 to Don Winslow (SCDNR) requesting "Swimming is Banned" signs be placed at the swimming area.

QS/1 Off-Site Back Up Services – cost of services for Auditor, Delinquent Tax Office, Finance, Tax Assessor and Treasurer Office will be at least \$880.50 each for first year. If the departments want the services, it will have to be cut from their departments.

QS/1 – need agreement for supplies and forms signed as soon as possible. The Administrator requested adding the item to the agenda.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean to add an item to the agenda under Non Agenda Items for the QS/1 agreement for supplies and forms. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Cable – effective March 31, 2009 WIS-TV, Columbia will no longer be carried by Metro Cast Cable. Raycom, the owner of WIS and WMBF will only grant permission to WMBF in this market.

Library – it was recommended the Library Board and a NETC Representative select the brick for the library.

Expenditures – the administrator advised spending would have to be reduced due to the reduction in state funding. A copy of the memo to be sent to department heads was given to council.

I-73 – it was requested council send a resolution in support of I-73 to SCDOT to use available resources to begin construction on the project in South Carolina. Mr. Kimrey requested the Resolution be added to the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add an item to the agenda under Non Agenda Items for Resolution # 03-09-03 – A Resolution of the Marlboro County Council in support of the Construction of I-73. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Landfill – a subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the Gressette Building in Columbia, SC. A copy of the memorandum was given to council.

I-95 Gateway Park – a history of the park was provided to council for informational purposes.

Sheriff Department – the Sheriff has requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$79,000 for equipment – he was advised there is no match of funds. Mr. Kimrey requested adding it to the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add an item to the agenda under Non Agenda Items authorizing the Administrator to apply for the \$79,000 grant for the Sheriff Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No Comments

Executive Session – Discussion of a personnel and contractual issue.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to go into executive session for discussion of personnel & contractual issues. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised no votes had been taken, no decisions had been made. Ms. Corrie Plato, Ms. Jean McLean and Mr. Ken Allen left immediately after Executive Session was closed.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to authorize the County Administrator to apply for \$79,000 grant for the Sheriff's Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to adopt a Resolution # 03-09-03 supporting construction of a twelve (12) mile interchange at I-95 and I-73. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve a QS1 Forms and/or Supplies Agreement in the amount of \$12,260.43. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to have first reading on Ordinance # 654 – An Ordinance to adopt the Marlboro County Solid Waste Management Plan – 2009 Title Only. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to add a non agenda item, legal representation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to remove the county attorney effective immediately. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to add non agenda item for a temporary county attorney. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods for Dr. Carolyn Prince and the County Administrator to negotiate with Goldberg & Easterling PA to serve as interim county attorney for an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount until the end of fiscal year. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

It was noted that other outside firms were to continue to serve in their capacities.

The April meeting was moved to the first Tuesday (7th) of the month because of Easter Holiday. All council members were agreeable.

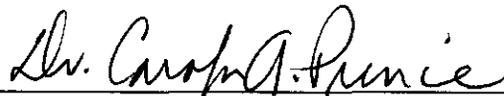
Council members were reminded of a budget workshop to be held on March 24, 2009.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to adjourn. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chairwoman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Susan E. Rivers, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: May 12, 2009