

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILLIE GLADDEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JIM HAYNES
PATRICIA BUNDY
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
RON MUNNERLYN,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

* WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

*Mr. Ron Munnerlyn was present at the meeting but not in his capacity as a Council member.

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).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that there was an error called to his attention and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to correct item 3.a. He stated that the minutes to be approved state that they are from the June 7, 2016 council meeting, but it should have reflected that the minutes were from the July 12, 2016 council meeting. He also suggested that item 4. a. regarding the second reading of Ordinance # 748 be deleted due to no written Ordinance available for review.

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Dr. Carolyn Prince asked that a Presentation to David and Darius Evans be added to the agenda as items 2.b. and suggested that the Executive Session, item 10, be moved on the agenda and be held just before the approval of minutes.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the amended agenda with revisions to include adding a Presentation to Mr. David Evans and Mr. Darius Evans by Dr. Carolyn Prince as item 2.b., moving the Executive Session from item 10 to just before the approval of minutes, and revising item 3.a. to reflect July 12, 2016 rather than June 7, 2016 . Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to table Ordinance # 748, an Ordinance authorizing the county to execute and deliver an agreement to provide incentives for the location of “Project Custom” in Marlboro County, including transfer of property in Marlboro County Industrial Park and other related matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MS. LULA MAE WOODS’ 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that a Proclamation had been prepared for Ms. Lula Mae Woods, Councilman Anthony Woods’ grandmother, in honor of her 100th birthday but that Ms. Woods was unable to attend the meeting tonight but had several family members present to accept the Proclamation on her behalf. He asked that the family join him up front along with Councilman Anthony Woods. Chairman Steen read the Proclamation aloud and made the presentation to the family.

PRESENTATION TO DAVID EVANS AND DARIUS EVANS BY DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Dr. Carolyn Prince.

Dr. Prince asked that the Evans brothers come up front. She stated that Mr. David Evans and Mr. Darius Evans have been assisting with the video recording of the council meeting for about four years. She stated that Mr. Don Patterson began this video recording service back in 1998 with a grant. Dr. Prince stated that she met Mr. Patterson back in 2002 and at that time he was training third, fourth and fifth graders about video editing and production. She stated that this training has led to valuable skills for those that he has taught and she appreciated the work that they do for Marlboro County Council and for the community. Dr. Prince stated the edition of the Herald-Advocate which was published on August 4, 2016 contained two articles regarding these two gentlemen and outlined many accomplishments made by them to their community and to their church. Dr. Prince stated that these two gentlemen would be going to college in the fall, with one attending Clemson University and one attending College of Charleston. Dr. Prince stated that these two gentlemen have

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assisted with video recording of special events for her personally and have assisted with elderly folks in the community. She stated that these young men were role models that she would like all men to be. She stated that she was very thankful for these two gentlemen and read a letter of appreciation which she had written to each of them and provided them with a small token of her appreciation. She wished them best wishes and thanked them again for the service provided to Marlboro County Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel contract pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

After approximately 38 minutes in executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that the purpose of the executive session was to review the contract for a County Administrator which had been approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 12, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no changes suggested.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Jason Steen, Willie Gladden, Ron Munnerlyn, Carolyn Prince, Ken Allen, Steve Blackmon and Anthony Woods. Abstain: Corrie Plato (not present at the meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19, 2016 (Called Council Meeting)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no changes suggested.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 Called Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Jason Steen, Willie Gladden, Carolyn Prince, Ken Allen, Corrie Plato, Steve Blackmon and Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ron Munnerlyn (not present at the meeting in his capacity as council member). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 25, 2016 Called Council Meeting

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no changes suggested.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 called council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Jason Steen, Willie Gladden, Carolyn Prince, Ken Allen, Corrie Plato, Steve Blackmon and Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ron Munnerlyn (not present at the meeting in his capacity as council member). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 08-16-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY FOR AIRPORT GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,483.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that the county had been preapproved for a grant for work at the airport for paving and a hangar. He stated that the engineers have prepared the appropriate paperwork and this Resolution would allow staff to apply for the grant funds and accept if awarded.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if there was a match required for this grant and Mr. Haynes stated that there would be a 2 1/2 % match which the county has available in its budget.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve Resolution # 08-16-01 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application by Marlboro County for Airport Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$248,483.00 and authorization to accept grant if awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that Council had reviewed and approved with one slight change the Employment Contract for a new County Administrator. He announced that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn would be hired as the new County Administrator and he looked forward to working with him.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Administrator's Employment Contract with the recommended change on page 4 pertaining to section 11.D. regarding life insurance. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she would like to add an item under New Business as item C Appointment of Administrator.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to appoint J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Jr. as Administrator effective in accordance with the terms of the contract. Dr. Prince stated that he was accepted. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Ronald Munnerlyn stated that he was humbled by the confidence that members of Council had placed in him. He stated that he had enjoyed work with members of Council and looked forward to working form them.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSION

No appointments were made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Moore reported that expenditures were at 9% of the budgeted amount for the month of July and revenues were at 4% which was only about half of the budgeted amount. She stated that revenue collections were generally low for the first few months of the new fiscal year, but normally even out with expenditures once tax collections begin.

Ms. Moore stated that staff had met with the new auditors, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP from Camden, SC earlier in the month and were able to discuss policies and operating procedures. She stated that the auditors were introduced to many of the county's department heads and that the auditors visited with some of the individual offices to ask questions and

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get acquainted with the county's day to day operations. She stated that they were provided with some information but would be returning in September for a follow-up.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized 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 July: Clara Brock (5 years); Tonya Jackson (19 years); Katherine Leggett (29 years); Stuart Liner (6 years); Tammy Perkins (29 years); Jackie Purvis (20 years); William Rogers (9 years); Sharon Sanders (5 years); Lashawn Wheeler (14 years); Sandy Wilkes (22 years); and Nehemiah Williams (20 years).

Layoff at Baldor Plant in Clio - Baldor, Inc. has complied with the WARN Act notification requirements by advising that mass layoffs will take place at the Clio facility with the next layoff date being September 19th or shortly thereafter. As you know, this facility will eventually be closing.

Brownsville Voting Precinct Location Change - We have been notified by the Board of Registration and Elections of a proposed change in the Brownsville precinct location. The precinct location has been at the Brownsville Fire Department on Allen Ridge Road in Blenheim, SC, but a change from this location has been suggested and approved by the Marlboro County Election Commission to have the precinct location designated as the Bristow Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 124 Arcadia Road in Blenheim, SC. The change was recommended due to the fact that the Brownsville Fire Department has no air conditioning or heat and is not handicap accessible nor does it provide paved parking. A letter has been submitted to the Legislative Delegation and this change will take effect at the time of the General Election which is November 8, 2016.

Animal Shelter Report for July, 2016 - Mr. Josh Cohoon, the Animal Shelter Director, has advised for the month of July, 111 dogs have been taken in with 57 being rescued, three being adopted, one being reclaimed by owner, and two being euthanized leaving 65 dogs currently at the shelter; 36 cats were taken in with one being adopted, and 8 being euthanized, and 59 being rescued, leaving 116 currently at the shelter. Also, just as information, kids AMI Kids in the carpentry class are building dog houses and are selling these to the public. We have authorized one of the dog houses to be placed at the animal shelter advertising that that these may be purchased by contacting AMI Kids. We are happy to advertise this as a way of raising money for such a worthwhile effort.

Resolution from Bennettsville Downtown Development Assn. (BDDA) - We have received a Resolution which was issued by the Bennettsville Downtown Development Association (BDDA) expressing appreciation to Marlboro County and the County staff for their efforts in keeping the courthouse building and grounds looking nice. The resolution noted that the courthouse and its grounds are the focal point of our historic downtown and the grounds have looked especially good lately.

Update on Blenheim Gym Renovations - Mr. Gary Harrington, the Director of the Recreation Department, has provided a report on work which has been done at the Blenheim gym. The security lights in the parking lots have been changed out to LED lights with three being added; the puffed up place on the gym floor has been repaired; the air conditioning units have been installed in the gym; all lights in the gym have been repaired and are working properly; the old scoreboard has been taken out and replaced with the one which we received from the old Wallace school; repairs have been made to the parking lot and marked with two spaces being designated for handicap parking; the outside entrance, walkway, all doors, and locker rooms have been painted and windows are currently being replaced in hallway which was expected to be completed as of yesterday. The gym is open Monday thru Thursday from 1 – 5 pm for pickup games and participation has averaged 15-21 folks three days a week. Games for summer basketball league which is coordinated by the Marlboro County Concerned Citizens has been scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays through August 13th with approximately 130 participants at the ages of 9 – 16. Once all renovations have been completed in the gym, band room and library, more programs/activities will be planned to include an Adult night with cards and board games and horseshoes.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for CareSouth Carolina's Community Pharmacy - There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for CareSouth Carolina's Community Pharmacy on Wednesday, August 10th at 12:00 noon at the CareSouth Carolina offices located 999 Cheraw Street, Bennettsville, SC. You are all invited to attend.

Clock at Courthouse – stated that a lightning storm had taken out the clock at the top of the courthouse on August 1st and that a claim had been filed for the damage to the clock and other equipment in various offices at the courthouse. Staff has determined that the clock cannot be repaired by our employees but will require assistance from someone outside.

Veteran's Day Parade – the Veteran's Day parade will be called the Marlboro County Veteran's Day Parade. Also, a Family and Friends Day for the Veterans will be held at Brightsville Park for veterans and their families on September 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. with food, bouncy houses and a baseball game.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that six folks had signed up to speak. He recognized the citizens as follows:

Richard Gaddy – stated that he was in the process of operating four chicken houses currently works in Clio, South Carolina. He stated that he lived on Quail Farm road in Clio and has four chicken houses at that location. He stated that one chicken house usually holds about 30,000 chickens per house so at any given time he would have about 120,000 chickens in the four houses for about four to six weeks. He stated that he has had problems with the dirt road on which he lives which is Quail Farm Road. He stated that the problems have been ongoing for four years. He stated that he had talked with Councilman Woods and Councilman Blackmon about the road conditions but that he has been taken off of Perdue's list to service the chicken houses due to the road conditions. Mr. Gaddy stated that he supported his family by having the chicken houses and he was about to lose everything he had and would do so if the road were not improved. He stated that he did not feel that he had been represented well and the he paid a substantial amount of taxes and would appreciate help with the road.

David Bryant – stated that he resided at 3531 Hebron Dunbar Road for approximately 73 years which is located about a quarter of a mile from Quail Farm road. He stated that Quail Farm road had always been a county-maintained road. He stated that he owned property on Quail Farm Road and rented the property to others to farm and the farmers use the road for their equipment. He stated that two families reside on Quail Farm Road. He stated that Mr. Haynes, the County Administrator, had informed him that it had always been a county road according to the deeds and plats. Mr. Bryant stated that Representative Jackie Hayes and Representative Pat Henegan have both had conversations with Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, about having work done to this road. He stated that there were not asking that the road be paved, but that it be worked on to the point were the Perdue trucks can get to Mr. Gaddy's chicken houses when needed.

Gino Ross – stated that he resided on Long Pine Lane and is having trouble with ATVs and dirt bikes speeding down his road. He stated that he was concerned about the children operating these bikes and ATVs and was concerned about the speeding that takes place. He stated that he was afraid for the safety of the children. He asked if Council could help him in getting the Sheriff to patrol the area or place signs of some sort slow these kids down.

Dorothy Robinson – stated that she resided on Long Pine Lane and is also concerned about the children operating ATVs on this road. She stated that she has a dog at her residence and the kids operating the ATVs slow down in order to get the dog to chase them and she is afraid of someone or her dog getting hurt.

Lorenzo Adams – stated that he resided at 400 E. Market Street, Bennettsville and that he was appearing on behalf the Herald-Advocate and wanted to invite everyone to a free pep rally for the Marlboro County Bulldogs which will be held at the Bulldog stadium on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. He stated that this pep rally will be to support the kids in the upcoming football season since the first three games will be "away" games. He asked that all come out and support the kids at this event.

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Roger Hudgins – stated that he resided at 255 Marlboro Road in Bennettsville and that he has a terrible traffic issue. He stated that there is a lot of traffic going back and forth to Mohawk on Marlboro Road as well as traffic going back and forth to the papermill. He says that the traffic travels very fast and he is concerned with the children in the area that have to catch the bus. He stated that there are four buses that travel this road for pick up and drop off of children for school and he stated that he was afraid for their safety. He asked if Council could contact the Highway Patrol and have them patrol the area periodically especially during the weekday mornings from 7:40 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. Mr. Hudgins stated that he felt that if a couple of these people received tickets for speeding, that the word would get out and folks would slow down. He stated that he had lived on Marlboro Road for about 15 years and has not seen a trooper on that road. He stated that he did not think that a reduced speed sign would mean anything to most folks but that the presence of a highway patrol officer would definitely get attention.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ken Allen – No comments.

Steve Blackmon – Thanked all members of Council for their help with the Blenheim School and congratulated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn on his new position as Administrator.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – Stated that she was pleased to hear about the status of renovations and work being done at the Blenheim gym property.

Dr. Prince thanked Mr. Johnny Lewis for his help in keeping the grounds looking nice at the courthouse and other county offices. She stated that it meant a lot to hear of an employee that takes pride in his/her work and enjoys what they do because when they love what they do it shows and this is the case with Mr. Lewis.

Dr. Prince announced that the Bennettsville Police Department and Council would be sponsoring their annual event to provide back to school supplies and backpacks to students at Carroll Field this Saturday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm.

Dr. Prince stated that the AMI Kids received a federal grant for job training for construction and health care. She stated that certified training would be provided in these two fields and that the staff is currently looking for construction projects in town and more would be announced on this at a later date. She stated that she is happy that marketable skills are being provided to these children.

Dr. Prince welcomed Mr. Ron Munnerlyn to his new position and stated that she looked forward to working with him.

Willie Gladden – Stated that Ms. Vikki Harris, the Veterans Affairs Officer, was doing a great job for the veterans and he appreciated the work that she is doing. He stated that she is doing things that have never been done before and it is all appreciated by the veterans.

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Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Hudgins for speaking about the traffic problems on Marlboro Road. Mr. Gladden stated that Council and staff would try to help as much as possible. He stated that sometimes things are beyond the control of Council and their hands were tied but if Council could help they certainly do so.

Mr. Gladden stated that he was at a conference last week and heard programs which other counties had for their homeless veterans. He stated that Council and the county needed to be more involved with providing help to our homeless veterans. He stated that it will be getting cold soon and work needed to be done to assist these folks.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the Detention Center being over crowded. He stated that many folks are in the detention center because they cannot pay fines for various misdemeanor charges and stated that this needed to be looked into. He stated that children need their parents at home and that the County needed to work with individuals to have fines paid over a period of months rather than sending them to jail. He stated that these parents needed to be out working and supporting their family instead of sitting in jail for the nonpayment of a fine.

Corrie Plato – Congratulated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and stated that she knew that he would do a good job for the county or he would not have taken the position. She stated that she looked forward to working with him in his capacity as Administrator.

Ms. Plato thanked Representative Pat Henegan for attending the meeting tonight.

Ms. Plato stated that there would be an event at the Old Marlboro School on King Street on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. to provide students with back to school supplies. She stated that this is hosted by members of County Council. She stated that there would be refreshments and would be providing supplies to children who will be attending pre-K through 12th grade and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Anthony Woods - Thanked for the folks who spoke about Quail Farm Road and stated that Representative Pat Henegan and Representative Jackie Hayes have both requested that work be done on this road. Mr. Woods stated that he would try to help in any way possible.

Mr. Woods stated that Clio had an event last Saturday for back to school and a lot of people came out. He stated that Representative Pat Henegan and Mr. Lorenzo Adams came out. He thanked Mr. Gary Harrington of the Recreation Department for cleaning their fields at Bennett Park for the event and stated that it looked real nice.

Mr. Woods thanked members of Council for the Proclamation which was presented to his grandmother, Ms. Lula Mae Woods. He stated that he and his family could never repay her for all that she has done for his family that that the Proclamation was a nice token of appreciation.

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Mr. Woods congratulated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn on his new position as County Administrator which would begin January, 2017 and stated that he looked forward to great things. He stated that Mr. Munnerlyn was born here in Marlboro County and stated that we need many things to be improved. He stated that Marlboro was a small county but that we would never grow until the municipalities, Clio, Blenheim, McColl and Wallace, grow. He stated that once the municipalities grow, the county will grow. He stated that the rural areas need a lot of help.

Mr. Woods mentioned recreation in Clio and stated that signups were underway. He stated that he had contacted Principal Dease at the School of Discovery about using their football fields and he has permission to do so. He stated that the football fields at Bennett Park are only 80 yards and 20 yards of that is clay. The School of Discovery has a 100 yard field and he stated that they plan to have games on at least two Saturdays of the month on that field.

Mr. Woods congratulated Mr. David Evans and Mr. Darius Evans on all of their achievements and wished them well as they begin college in the fall. He advised them to stay focused and never give up. He also thanked them for all that they had done for County Council.

Jason Steen – Welcomed Mr. Munnerlyn on his new capacity as Administrator. Mr. Steen stated that the county had limited amount of people, resources and money but that he was looking for a new tomorrow.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

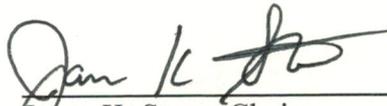
ADJOURN

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

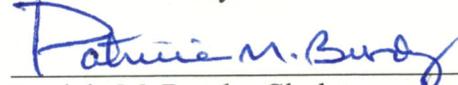
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: September 13, 2016