

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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

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* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

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.marlbocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 743 – AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 13 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, AND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976 4-1-170, ET

SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH DILLON COUNTY TO DEVELOP THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, to make comments on the item.

Mr. Jim Haynes stated that this Ordinance would allow Marlboro County to partner with Dillon County on a joint industrial park that would allow certain incentives from each county. He stated that Marlboro County would receive a small portion of taxes received on the properties in the park from Dillon County and that there would be no other obligations of the part Marlboro County.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this grant. There were no other comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2016

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, had just briefed everyone on this Ordinance during the Public Hearing and asked if there were any questions from members of Council. There were no questions.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 743 – an Ordinance to develop a joint county and business part in conjunction with Dillon County, South Carolina, pursuant to Article VIII Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, and South Carolina Code of Laws

of 1976 4-1-170, Et Sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Dillon County to develop the park; and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 01-16-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A BLANKET FIDELITY BOND COVERING COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE STATUTORILY REQUIRED TO BE BONDED

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

Mr. Haynes stated a blanket fidelity bond would protect the county from theft from dishonest employees and cover the Sheriff, Treasurer, and others which are required to have a bond. He reported that until recently, these fidelity bonds were by state statute purchased individually for those required to be bonded but the statute now allows for counties to purchase blanket fidelity bonds. This blanket fidelity bond would also insure that the required persons are covered without listing names so as to prevent a lapse of coverage when a position is filled by a new individual or replaced. Mr. Haynes stated that he hoped that the blanket fidelity bonds would be on a cheaper scale and the county would only purchase a blanket bond if the county felt that it was financially advantageous to the county.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 01-16-01 – A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a blanket fidelity bond covering county officials and employees who are statutorily required to be bonded.. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

MACADAM BASE “CRUSH & RUN”

Macadam Base “Crush & Run” – bids received were: Furr Grading & Paving – 2,724 tons for \$50,000.00; Palmetto Corp. of Conway – 2,711 tons for \$50,000.00; and D & L Sitework, Inc. of Conway – 3,668.37 tons for \$50,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to award the Macadam Base “Crush & Run” bid to D & L Sitework, Inc. of Conway for 3,668.37 tons for \$50,000.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, made Council Committee Assignments for 2016 as follows:

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Finance and Administration

Jason Steen, Chair

Willie Gladden (Vice-Chair)

Ron Munnerlyn (Immediate Past Chair)

Public Service (Buildings, Public Works, and Planning)

Anthony Woods, Chair

Steve Blackmon

Carolyn Prince

Public Safety (Detention Center, Fire/EMS/911, Animal Control, Courts)

Willie Gladden, Chair

Ken Allen

Corrie Plato

Economic Development

Jason Steen (Present Chairman of Council)

Ron Munnerlyn (Past Chair of Council)

Dr. Carolyn Prince (Past-Past Chair of Council)

Charles P. Midgley, Jr. (Present Chairman, Eco. Development Partnership)

David Johnson (Past Chairman, Eco. Development Partnership)

As well as two designees from an industry or small business that will be appointed later

No other appointments were made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that for the month of January expenses were at 55% of the budgeted amount and revenues were at 44% of the budgeted amount for the fiscal year. She stated that staff anticipated a large amount of collections for next month which should level out the budgeted versus the actual revenues.

Ms. Moore stated that she had been in contact with the auditor several times this month and that a draft copy of the audit should be available at any time.

Ms. Moore stated that preliminary work on the upcoming fiscal year's budget would be beginning soon and that budget request forms would be distributed to the department heads.

Ms. Moore stated that there have been some recent developments in the Local Government Funding legislation. She reported that the Ways and Means Committee has an additional \$766 million in recurring funds and \$457 million in non-recurring funds to be appropriated

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this year. She stated that she understood that there had been some discussion that the LGF may not receive an increase this year and it may not receive full formula funding. She stated that according to the SCAC's website, General Fund revenues are at their highest level in history but that the LGF continues to be funded at the 1999 level.

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 January: Corrie Plato (17 years); Steve Blackmon (9 years); Tim Brown (31 years); Shirley Dunsford (15 years); Willie Gladden (7 years); Fred Knight (11 years); Judge Ronald McDonald (23 years); Grover McQueen (13 years); Ron Munnerlyn (7 years); Nikki Pruitt (7 years); Melissa Skipper (21 years); Jason Steen (5 years); Anthony Woods (9 years); Charles Lemon (11 year); Billy Cheek (11 years); and Sidney Wallace (41 years).

GIS website Available to Public - The GIS web address has been posted to our website for public access.

County Offices Closed due to Ice - The county offices were authorized to close at 1:00 on Friday, January 22nd due to the ice and rain. Mr. Roy Allison of 911 advised that about 2,350 folks were without power in the county and three homes had trees on them.

Recognition of 911 Employee - Advised members of Council of an article in the Herald-Advocate last week in which Ms. Pam Galloway, a 911 employee, was recognized by a person who had used 911.

Maximum Future Millage Increase - Preliminary indicates are that we will be limited to a maximum millage increase of .12 percent increase in the millage rate, or about .12 mils.

Clerk to Council's Conference - As information to Council, Ms. Patricia Bundy attended the SC Clerk to Council's Winter Conference at Grand Shores/Horizon in Myrtle Beach on February 4th – 7th. She has brought back much information and will start implementing some changes to be sure that we are in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act requirements.

SC Association of Counties 29th Annual Mid-Year Conference - The SCAC 29th annual Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia, SC. The deadline for registering for this conference was Friday, February 5th. Please let Ms. Patricia Bundy, our Clerk to Council, know if you plan to

attend so that she may get you registered. Also, the Institute of Government will have classes available for Thursday, February 18th. I attach a list of the classes offered. Again, please let Ms. Bundy know if you plan to attend any of these classes so that she may get you registered. The deadline to register for these classes was also February 5th.

2016 Ethics Report Filing - It is time to file the 2016 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, 2016. There will be a late filing penalty of at least \$100.00 after March 30, 2016 at 12:00 noon. I have attached the forms for your review.

Recognition of Ms. Vikki Harris by The Marine Corp League – As information to members of Council, staff has been notified that Ms. Vikki Harris, the Marlboro County Veterans Affairs Officer, will be recognized for her outstanding service by the Marine Corp League Det 1219 of Bennettsville on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and a plaque will be presented to her. Members of Council have been asked to attend to provide support to Ms. Harris.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN’S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that no citizens signed up to speak before Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Woods – stated that members of Council have to deal with road issues every year and this year, his district has questions about roads. He asked other members of Council to let him know who was responsible for maintaining dirt roads and paving roads. He stated that he has referred folks to the County Transportation Committee and the folks come back to him saying that it is the County Council’s responsibility. He asked if there was any way that we could get all groups together to set forth the guidelines for how this works.

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that funds are provided to the County Transportation Committee and that members of the CTC are appointed by the Legislative Delegation.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that the County Transportation Committee picks and chooses what to spend their money on and where.

Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that he was currently reviewing the road Ordinances to see if there are anything that needed to be revised. He stated that staff found a recent letter setting forth the guidelines for the paving of roads and he would look at that and get back to members of Council.

Ron Munnerlyn – stated that he had no comments other than he would be leaving to attend the City Council workshop meeting to make a presentation on the recreation project. He stated that he did want to make sure that the Council was not doing anything to hurt

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ourselves in our road ordinances and stated that if Council needed to look at this and make revisions that we needed to move on it.

Willie Gladden – thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, for his hard work on reviewing the road ordinances to insure that we are moving in the right direction.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she attended the Pee Dee Council of Government meeting the night before and that a report was given by Ms. Sandy Watford stating that construction of resurfacing and fencing at Lake Paul Wallace would begin in March and be completed by the summer.

Dr. Prince mentioned that Ms. Joette Dukes of the Pee Dee COG was over the Workforce Program and presented two annual proposals for grants. She mentioned that one was for \$20 million grant proposal for a youth summer program that would be on a national level and one was for \$200,000.00 grant proposal for apprenticeship programs for tech which would be partnered with Northeastern Technical College. She stated that a meeting on the apprenticeship program would be held at the Northeastern Tech office at 10:00 on Friday, February 12th.

Dr. Prince stated that Ms. Joette Dukes of Pee Dee COG is on a couple of national boards and represents Marlboro County well.

Dr. Prince thanked Mr. Haynes for thinking about the budget and mentioned that Pee Dee COG operates on funds from both the state and counties. She stated that there had not been an increase for COG since 1998 when an increase was made from 45¢ to 60¢. Dr. Prince stated that an increase was approved at last night's meeting raising the rate to .75¢ which would increase our payment to Pee Dee COG by \$4,300.00.

Dr. Prince thanked Mr. Ronnie Smith for attending the meeting tonight and stated that members of Council were still working on the drainage problems at Knollwood Acres. She stated that this was a well-developed neighborhood that needed help with their problems. She asked staff to find out who owned the farmland near this area that is causing the drainage problems and contact Corp of Engineers or Water Conservation folks to try and get these folks some help. She stated that this was mentioned back in November and nothing had been done on it but assured Mr. Smith that members of Council were still working on the issue.

Steve Blackmon – no comments.

Ken Allen – stated that he would like to add comments to what Councilman Woods stated about the roads. He stated that the roads and dirt roads in the county were in terrible shape. Mr. Allen stated that water is standing everywhere and the ditches are full. He stated that he thought that we needed a forum or public ad in the local paper to educate folks on how the process for paving works. He stated that it was unfair to give citizens the run around and we needed to provide them with firm answers on this should be handled.

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Jason Steen – stated that he agreed with Mr. Ken Allen on the fact that the public needed to be educated on the process of paving roads in the county. He stated that the County Transportation Committee meets on the same night as Council. He stated that he agreed that an ad in the paper might be a good way to start the education process. He stated that although the existing fence at the lake did not look very good that it was not preventing the lake from being utilized and that roads needed more attention.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

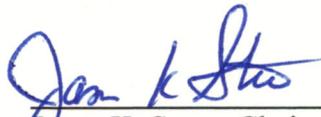
ADJOURN

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

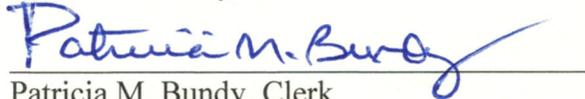
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: March 8, 2016