

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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, 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.marlbocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 7, 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. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 work session meeting as presented. Vote in favor: Jason

Steen, Willie Gladden, Corrie Plato, Steve Blackmon and Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ron Munnerlyn, Carolyn Prince, and Ken Allen. Vote: 4/0/3. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 747 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,600,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION ADVANCED REFUNDING BOND OF MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance allows for a refinance of the bond which the voters had previously voted to borrow funds for the county. He stated that a lower interest rate had been negotiated that would save the county more than \$100,000.00 over the balance of the term of the loan. He did stated that since monies would be saved by this refinance that at some point the millage rate which the county is collecting for the bond payment which is currently 5.25 mils will need to be decreased to only allow enough millage to pay the debt. There should be no overage in mils collected since the millage rate was to be used for the repayment of this debt only. He stated that he thought that the millage rate on this debt would decrease to somewhere between 3.5 or 4 mils.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if staff could apply the extra millage to the county's ordinary millage rate and Mr. Haynes stated that they could not. Mr. Haynes stated that the millage of 5.25 was used for the debt payback only and if the funds created by this millage exceeds the amount owed on the debt, that the millage rate must be adjusted accordingly. Mr. Haynes stated that with the monies being saved by the refinancing, staff plans to payoff an existing loan that on a Motor Grader or Pan.

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

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 747 – An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000) General Obligation Advanced Refunding Bond of Marlboro County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 07-16-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS REQUESTED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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

Mr. Haynes stated that this budget amendment is for the year ending 2015-16 and stated that staff is simply moving funds within the budget from department to department to cover some shortfalls that have been recognized. Mr. Haynes stated that staff has adjusted a few line items in the current budget so as to hopefully prevent these type transfers next year. He stated that the Coroner's budget needs additional funds due to the autopsies being doubled which created a huge shortfall.

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

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 07-16-01 – A Resolution approving the budget transfers as requested by the Marlboro County Administrator. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SC DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE'S DETENTION CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he make comments on this item.

Mr. Haynes stated that this contract was done on an annual basis with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the rate remains the same as last year's contract at \$50 per day.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve the SC Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Memorandum of Agreement for Juvenile Justice's Detention Center for fiscal year 2016-2017. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on these appointments.

Mr. Haynes stated that the Marlboro County Grievance Committee was a standing committee that gets called on from time to time. He stated that some folks have retired and the committee needed updating. He stated that the nominated individuals had been contacted and are willing to serve.

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

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to appoint the following members to the Marlboro County Grievance Committee: Ms. Cathy Pearson, Ms. Martha McQuage, Mr. Keith Williams, Mr. Ricky Gooden, and Ms. Sharonica Henegan. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE – MS. VERONICA “VIKKI” HARRIS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Vikki Harris, Veterans Affairs Officer.

Ms. Harris thanked Council for allowing her to provide a report to them on a few items. She stated that the first item she wanted to mention was a Family and Friends Day at Brightsville-Adamsville Park to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Ms. Harris stated that someone has come forward and agreed to donate some funds for this event and remaining funds needed would come from the Veterans Affairs budget. She stated that there would be a cook-out and bouncy houses for the children to enjoy. She also stated that the veterans would be signing up to play ball against some of the younger folks.

Ms. Harris stated that the second item she wanted to update Council on were plans for a Veterans Day Parade for the county. She stated that having a Veterans Day Parade for the county was something she really wanted to have since she has become the Veterans Affairs Officer for Marlboro county. She stated that the Herald-Advocate had heard about the discussion regarding the planning of this parade and has gotten involved. She stated that the Herald-Advocate folks have suggested naming this parade the “Northeastern Veterans Day Parade”. Ms. Harris stated that the Veterans Affairs office began providing a luncheon for the veterans when Ms. D. J. Fox was over the VA officer and she wanted to continue that. The luncheon this year will be on Veterans Day at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Harris stated that all counties in South Carolina have their own events for Veterans Day planned.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked for the date of the parade and luncheon. Ms. Harris stated that he would actually be held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016.

Dr. Prince also asked about the status of purchasing a vehicle to transport veterans to doctor appointments which was discussed in the past. Ms. Harris stated that she needed to discuss this with Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, but that she would love to have a

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vehicle purchased for this purpose. She stated that she has several veterans that have volunteered to drive folks if a vehicle could be purchased.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he and the Administrator had had several meetings at the Administration offices and are working together on this project. He stated that there were several matters that would need to be worked out regarding obtaining insurance as well as discussing liability issues. Mr. Gladden stated that as far as the veterans parade that the parade should be named the Marlboro County Veterans Parade.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn asked if other counties would be participating in our parade. Mr. Harris stated that all other counties would be either having their own parade or separate event on this date.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked if the county paid for the luncheon for the veterans. Ms. Harris responded that the county did pay for the luncheon along with some donations that they may receive from individuals.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked what the county could do to assist her with this event. Ms. Harris stated that she had never done anything like this and that she is currently checking on vendors that provide floats to see if floats may be offered for this event and the cost. She stated that another meeting would be held soon to fine tune plans and she would let the Administrator and members of Council know when this meeting is scheduled.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that one of his concerns dealt with where the money would be coming from to provide the luncheon for the veterans. Ms. Harris stated that there was a line item in the Veterans Affairs budget set aside for the Veterans Day luncheon for veterans and those funds, along with donations, would be used for this purpose.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked why the parade could not be called the Marlboro County Veterans Parade? Ms. Harris stated that the Herald-Advocate suggested the parade be called the "Northeast Veterans Day Parade".

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked who would be paying for the parade? Ms. Harris stated that the details are being worked out and they would try to have floats for which they could charge groups to participate.

Mr. Munnelryn stated that the parade should be the Marlboro County Veterans Parade.

Chairman Steen agreed that the parade would need to be called the Marlboro County Veterans Parade. Ms. Harris stated that she would let the committee know this.

Mr. Anthony Woods agreed that the parade should be called the Marlboro County Veterans Parade. He asked Ms. Harris to let members of Council know when the next planning meeting is scheduled so that some of them could attend.

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Chairman Steen agreed and asked that Ms. Harris notify members of council of the next planning meeting so that they could try to attend.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he felt that the parade was a great idea.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, stated that because the fiscal year has just ended, she was unable to provide a report for expenses and revenues at this time. She stated that she hoped that all requisitions from all departments would be in this week for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and she would work on completing the posting of all revenues and expenses so that a report could be provided.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions.

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 June: Jeronda Harrington (5 years); Sharonica Henegan (9 years); Martha McQuage (9 years); and Robert Stanton (18 years).

Certification Status of Planning Commission and board of Zoning Appeals - Certification training was offered to members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals on June 15th but we only had a select few participate. No member on either Commission/Board is up to date on their training which is not good for the county should we have an item of business that needed to be acted upon. I have attached a list of the members for each board/commission and their certification status. It is really important that we find members to serve on these boards/commissions that will take the time to become certified and keep their certification status current.

Animal Shelter Report - Mr. Josh Cohoon, the Animal Shelter Director, has advised for the month of June, 122 dogs have been taken in with 83 being rescued, two being reclaimed by owner, and one being euthanized leaving 59 dogs currently at the shelter; 77 cats were taken in with 10 being adopted, and 15 being euthanized, leaving 148 currently at the shelter.

Waste Tire/Used Oil Grants - Staff has been advised that the Waste Tire Grant Award for FY 2017 is \$3,750.00 which provides for Public Education which includes \$3,000.00 for our Recycling Billboards. We have also confirmed that the Used Oil Grant Award for FY 2017 is \$32,382.00 which provides \$3,000.00 for our Recycling Billboards and normal equipment and supplies which we get each year. This year we have been fortunate in obtaining the following: \$10,800.00 for two new Profile 400 Oil Tanks which will replace tanks that are currently in bad shape; \$7,849.00 for MX 150 Waste Oil Heater with tank for the Public Works shop, which we have been trying to get for years due to the heater in the shop being old and non-repairable; \$325.00 for a transfer pump to get water out of the used oil tanks when necessary and to remove used oil to be used in the heater at the Public Works Shop. This will allow us to recycle our oil.

Annual Certification of the Marlboro County Emergency Operations Plan - Mr. Roy Allison, Director of Marlboro County Emergency Services, has informed me that the Marlboro County Emergency Operations Plan has been accepted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph D-2-f, South Carolina Regulations 58-101, dated May 28, 2016, State Emergency Preparedness Standards.

CTC Administration Fees Have Been Approved - We have received a letter from Ms. Batina Feaster, the Program Manager for C Program Administration with the SC DOT confirming that the CTC's request for \$2,000.00 in administrative fees have been approved for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Boro Project – the Boro project is now complete basically. The sprinkler system has been installed and has been reactivated. It has been tested and certified for warehouse use or for use by an industry. We have gravel for yard and will get that done to make it look presentable.

Environmental Control Report – I have received a report from Keith Williams, our Environmental Control officer. He advised that he has issued ten citations for littering and two for outdoor burning. Nine citation recipients have been found guilty and sentenced to pay fines in over \$1,000.00. Also, Mr. Williams has received his Building Inspector certification. He can serve as a back up when the actual inspector is out for any reason or should he leave. We have two employees that can handle the inspections.

Retirement Drop-in for Roy Allison - A Retirement drop-in has been scheduled for Mr. Roy Allison, Marlboro County E-911 Director, on Thursday, July 28th from 2 – 4 pm at the Administration office. This will actually be Roy's last day with the county.

SC Association of Counties 49th Annual Conference - As all of members of Council know, the SC Association's 49th Annual Conference will be held on July 30th through August 3rd. Please give Ms. Bundy a head count of your group for the Coop Dinner and possibly a Parker-Poe event.

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RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No citizens signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ken Allen – No comments.

Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she had received several calls from land owners regarding abandoned lots and one of the lots of concern is owned by the Forfeited Land Commission due to nonpayment of taxes by the owner. She asked if there was any way that the properties owned by this commission could be cleaned up.

Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that the Commission is an appointed Board with no money. He stated that if the County were to require them to clean up properties, the county would have to pay for it.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that he had purchased a lot from the Forfeited Land Commission in the past and they want a lot of money for their properties. He stated that they act as if they are giving you a clear title when you purchase property from them, which he understands that is not the case. Mr. Munnerlyn asked how the proceeds from a sale from the commission is distributed.

Mr. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., County Attorney, stated that the commission consists of three members. He suggested that the person complaining about the properties be given an opportunity to possibly purchase the properties if they are owned by the Forfeited Land Commission.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Forfeited Land Commission has many vacant lots that look bad. He suggested that these lots be sold if possible and that have the commission keep the monies to keep up what they own.

Dr. Carolyn Prince said the other item that she wanted to mention was that three roads in Marlboro County made the list for resurfacing for the fiscal year 2017-2022 and this information was disclosed to her at the Pee Dee Council of Governments meeting which was held the night before. She stated that the three roads were Jennings Street, from US 15 Business to US 15 By-Pass; SC 385 West Main Street from US 15 to SC 9 Business; and SC 38 from SC 79 to SC 9. Dr. Prince stated that the next hurdle to get final approval from the Highway Commission.

Dr. Prince also stated that South Carolina has been recognized as the first state to be certified as work ready state based on the number of students work keys to be certified, as

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well as the graduation rate, community college, and the support from businesses. She stated that she hoped that this status would help bring jobs into our area.

Willie Gladden – mentioned the Veterans Affairs Family and Friends day scheduled for September 10, 2016 at the Brightsville-Adamsville Park. He stated that this event was not just for veterans but for kids and grandkids of all citizens. He stated that donations were needed for bouncy houses and other things which they will try and have available. He asked Ms. Lynn McQueen of the Herald-Advocate to mention this event in the paper and let folks know that donations are being solicited and that any donations may be sent to the Veterans Affairs office. He also stated that any questions regarding this may be directed to the Veterans Affairs office.

Ron Munnerlyn – he congratulated Mr. Charles Lemon who was present at the Council meeting for his success in winning the election for Sheriff. He also stated that he wanted to thank all the candidates that ran for election in any office. He stated that running for election is a very stressful time and once the elections are over it takes sometimes six months or more for folks to talk to each other again.

Anthony Woods – welcomed Mr. Willie Gladden back to Council for another four years and congratulated the new Sheriff, Mr. Charles Lemon, on his successful election. He addressed Mr. Charles Lemon who was present at the meeting and advised him that Council was available for anything that may come up and encouraged that he come to Council with any concerns.

Jason Steen – stated that members of Council had packets at their desk and he would suggest that go into executive session to discuss the contents of the packets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1). Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn. Vote in favor: 6/0/1. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn left the meeting and building.

After approximately 35 minutes in executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, suggested that the agenda be amended to include Item 11.a. "Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m."

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Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to amend the agenda to include item 11.a. “Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 19th, at 6:00 p.m.”. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CALLED MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 19TH AT 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that a called meeting of County Council was needed for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the meeting should be held in the conference room at the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building located at 205 E. Market Street, Bennettsville, SC. He stated that the purpose of this meeting would be to discuss an open personnel position with the County.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve a called meeting for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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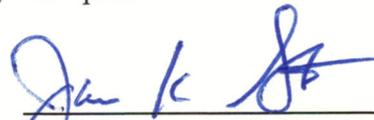
Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 p.m.

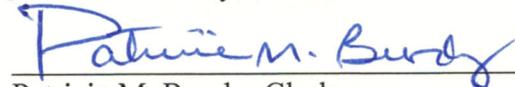
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ATTEST:

Adopted: August 9, 2016



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council