

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL
MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006

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CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR: JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS: MILES HADLEY
CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD
COUNCIL:
JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, * KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

INVOCATION - Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to appoint Ms. Cheryl Brigman to the Trinity Behavioral Care Advisory Board. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 06-06-07 – A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2007 USED OIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2930.00

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving Resolution # 06-06-07. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS' REQUEST TO SPEAK

— **Mr. Hubert Meggs**, Chair Economic Development Board - addressed Council in regards to the "Business License Fee" proposal which is being considered for Marlboro County. Mr. Meggs stated this is another tax being levied against a small group of people. He advised his business generates a large gross sales with little profit. He asked Council to take a hard look at how it is set up before passing – he is willing to pay a fair share.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 607 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007 - THIRD READING

Mr. Marion Wright, Chair stressed that the budget "had" to be approved at this meeting and requested that Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim Administrator give a recap of where Council is now with the proposed Budget.

Motion was made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to use the Second Reading of Ordinance # 607 approved at the May 11, 2006 Council Meeting to work from. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

— **Motion was made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to add One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the Sheriff Department budget for Courtroom Security - \$90,000 for eight regular part-time employees for Sheriff to oversee and \$60,000 for Courtroom modification (Metal detectors, Metal gates, touch pad locks, etc) for the Courthouse Security Committee to oversee. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Ken Allen, and Ms. Jean McLean. Opposed: Ms. Corrie Plato and Mr. Marion Wright.**

It was noted there are grant funds available – approximately \$13,000 to use for equipment. The grant will not cover personnel. Ms. Mickey Rogers advised she was looking to do a little better for the Sheriff Department – by her calculations she thought Council could supply the Sheriff with four deputies. Various discussion was held – however, it was stated that the top priority at this time is the Courtroom Security. The motion was repeated as follows:

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Mr. Jeff Quick questioned the Library “Munneclyn Trust” had requested information during the Audit process – has never received any information. Council wants to know how much money is in the trust. Mr. Donnie McDonald advised that it is suppose to be included in the upcoming Audit for this year.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the addition of one (1) Full time employee and one (1) part time employee three (3) months a fiscal year by moving line item amounts and an additional \$700 to the Treasurer’s budget. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. McSwain advised that if Council adopted the budget at the present point, there would be a significant tax increase. Council discussed proposed budget cuts including account numbers: Workers Comp - \$40,000, Personnel (Risk Management & Office Supplies) - \$5,200, Public Buildings (Utilities) \$20,000, Detention Center (Telephones, O & M Grounds, Juveniles, & Equipment) - \$30,500, Insurance, Fuel, VC3, Inovation Groups, etc. Adjustments, (Page 46) - \$10,000, Planning & Zoning (Operating Supplies O & M Equipment, and O & M Vehicles) - \$1,500, Animal Control (Operating Supplies) - \$1,000, Contingency - \$10,000, Administrator (Salary, Supplies-Books, Telephone) - \$2,200, Magistrate (Professional Services, Telephone, Postage and Jury Expense) - \$7,800, Solicitor - \$500, Airport - \$20,000, Landfill - \$3000, Road Maintenance - \$2000, and Emergency Preparedness - \$1000. Budget cuts totaled \$154,700.

Council discussed the addition of the Fire Marshall. Mr. Cary McSwain advised this would not interfere with the total of expenditures – it would come out of Fire Millage taxes. Everyone was in agreement.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to accept the proposed budget cuts totaling \$154,700. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Council questioned whether the current status of the budget would take care of the additions of the computer system in the Magistrate Office. Council was advise this was not included in the May 11th budget reading which was approved. Various ways to cover the AS 400 upgrade and computers were discussed. Mr. McSwain was advised funds could be moved around to cover the costs.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the Budget FY 2006-2007. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Ken Allen, and Ms. Jean McLean. Opposed: Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with no further discussion.

(SEAL)


MARION WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:


SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL