

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE CHAIRMAN

CORRIE PLATO

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.
DISTRICT 5 - VACANT *
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
VERD ODOM,
ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Mr. Dan McNiel of the Herald-Advocate; Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director; and Mr. Doug Carabo, Marlboro County Public Services Director

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNiel 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).

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the meeting at 6 pm.

INVOCATION- Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

2019 REVIEW OF MWE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES – MS. BOBBIE GROOMS, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Bobbie Grooms for her presentation.

Ms. Grooms thanked members of Council for allowing her to share the activities that had taken place over the past year. She stated February 2, 2020 marked her fifth anniversary with the County and in her position as the Library Director. She stated she was very grateful for her position with the County.

Ms. Grooms provided members of Council an info graph of the library's activities that highlighted activities that had taken place in 2019. She stated she first wanted to announce that Saturday, February 22, 2020 would mark the library's 10th anniversary at their current location. She announced plans to celebrate this 10th anniversary all year long and mentioned a re-grand opening that would take place on March 21, 2020 which would be discussed more at a later time. She asked that everyone please save that date on their calendars.

Ms. Grooms stated one side of the info graphic which she provided reflected events that have been planned for the year 2020. She stated the other side highlighted what happened at the local library in 2019. She stated that the library had 23,083 books, 15,462 DVDs, 1,501 eBooks in circulation, and had 12,864 library cardholders.

Ms. Grooms stated there were 71,453 visits during the year 2019 which averaged to more than 195 visits per day. She stated the library served 10,459 public computer users, provided 2,320 mobile print jobs, and had 9,718 folks to access the library's WiFi service.

Ms. Grooms also stated that in relation to Learning & Enrichment, there were 445 Storytimes, book talks, and community participations, with 14,813 citizens served through outreach programming and 72 community partnerships.

Ms. Grooms stated all of the things above were accomplished with a staff of six folks and the fact that more than 14,800 folks were served during the year 2019 was a tremendous accomplishment and she felt that they deserved a round of applause. She stated that she looked forward to continuing to work to make Marlboro County a great place for its citizens.

Chairman Steen asked about the bookmobile and where it visited frequently in the County. Ms. Grooms responded that every first Thursday the bookmobile visits McColl, Clio and around the Bennettsville area. She stated there was no set appointment or place for the bookmobile to visit in Blenheim or Wallace at this time but she welcomed any suggestions that might be available for those areas. She stated that they did not like to take the bookmobile to households but any suggested business locations would be something to be considered.

Ms. Corrie Plato asked if folks in the County had a schedule of where the bookmobile would be with locations and times. Ms. Grooms responded that folks did know ahead of time the locations and times and staff continues to follow up by email and phone calls to confirm or cancel depending on weather and things of that sort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from January 14, 2020 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 792 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MARLBORO COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was the second reading of an Ordinance to set up a Board to hear appeals. He stated if any citizen wants to question the valuation placed on their building or business, the citizen must discuss their concerns with the Tax Assessor and if no resolution can be agreed upon, then the citizen has the right to take it before a Tax Assessment Appeals Board and allow them to make a determination. Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Ordinance would establish the Appeals Board.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve second reading of Ordinance # 792 – An Ordinance Establishing the Marlboro County Tax Assessment Appeals Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 793 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MCCOLL TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE WITHIN A DESIGNATED UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MARLBORO COUNTY – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this is a new Ordinance approving an agreement with the Town of McColl to provide fire protection within a designated unincorporated area of the county. He stated over the past three years, the agreement had been renewed by Resolution but the Ordinance itself requires renewing every three years. He stated the agreement is very similar to the agreement which the County has with the City of Bennettsville. He stated he had not yet discussed this agreement with Mayor Bobby Odom of the Town of McColl but he did not anticipate any problems with the renewal.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve second reading of Ordinance # 793 – An Ordinance Authorizing Marlboro County to Enter

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into an Agreement with the Town of McColl to Provide Fire Protection Service within a Designated Unincorporated Area of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 02-20-01 – A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO AND MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. PROVIDING \$21,000.00 IN FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he had received a call from Mr. William Fleming, Jr., the CEO of Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. stating the Coop had a few funds left over in the amount of \$21,000 that could be paid to the County for infrastructure improvements if the County was willing to accept them. Mr. Munnerlyn stated he assured Mr. Fleming that the County would be more than happy to accept the funds.

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

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 02-20-01 – a Resolution Ratifying an Agreement Between the County of Marlboro and Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. Providing \$21,000.00 in Funds for the Provision of Infrastructure. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-20-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated when money is taken from one place to pay for a particular purpose such as the contractor for trash service, an enterprise fund was often used. He stated from talking with the external auditors and staff, it was suggested that monies be moved from the general fund and placed into a Solid Waste Enterprise fund so that revenues and expenses related to the residential curbside solid waste collection could be better tracked and managed.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 02-20-02 – a Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to the 2019-2020 Budget to Establish a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CITIZENS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he had had some council members approach him (Mr. Jason Steen and Mr. Verd Odom) about some rules that may be put in place to provide assistance to folks to pay the solid waste collection fee. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he felt that under the proper control and guidelines, this may be something the County could consider for folks that truly needed assistance in paying the fee. Mr. Munnerlyn stated he had talked with Mr. Sam Bass of the Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council and asked if they would be interested in helping distribute funds that the County may be willing to provide for this purpose under the same guidelines that their agency currently uses. He stated that Mr. Bass had agreed to assist if requested. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that funds could possibly come from the County's reserve funds and suggested an amount to be set aside of \$20,000 - \$30,000.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if these funds would be set aside on a one time basis or would funds be provided annually to be used for this purpose. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the details would need to be worked out but stated once the funds designated for the purpose were used, there would be no more. He stated funds could be provided for this one time or discussed annually with the budget. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that property taxes would become delinquent if not paid by March 17th which allows staff and Council some time to decide how to move forward.

Chairman Steen stated that Council never intended for the trash collection fee to be a burden on taxpayers. He stated that they attempted to split the tax bill up in five equal payments but that did not work out. He stated this idea is something that may help those that simply cannot pay the trash fee. He asked Mr. Munnerlyn to look into this matter a little further to see if there were other counties in the state that provide similar assistance and then to provide feedback to see what might be worked out. Mr. Munnerlyn confirmed that he would work on getting more information and would provide the same to members of Council prior to the next meeting so they would have an opportunity to review.

DISCUSSION AND SCHEDULING OF ANNUAL CLEAN-UP EVENT

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in the past the County has worked to have annual clean-up events during the spring before the weather gets too hot. He stated a letter had been sent to the City of Bennettsville suggesting two dates, Saturday, March 14, 2020, or Saturday, April 4, 2020. These were suggested dates and wanted to get the City's input as well as the input from other municipalities to have them join the County for the clean-up event. He stated an effort was being made to have all municipalities work with the County on one event so that all logos could be included on items of advertising the event and provide a different mutual drop-off point if needed. He suggested allowing staff handle the sign-up and distribution of

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work items to the groups and folks interested in participating rather than by District. He stated that no response had been received from the City of Bennettsville but he would follow up on the matter. Mr. Munnerlyn asked if there was a preferred date by members of Council.

Mr. Verd Odom stated he felt the weather in March was always wet and unstable and suggested a date in April.

Chairman Steen suggested that the event be scheduled for the March date and if weather did not permit, staff could fall back on the April date.

Ms. Corrie Plato stated she felt April 4th would be the best date for her.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated when he heard back from the City of Bennettsville, he would get back with Council to discuss a date with them and with the other municipalities. He stated Clio, McColl and Blenheim, have been very involved in the clean-up events in the past.

Chairman Steen stated he felt once things were cleaned up this time, maybe things will stay cleaner since every resident would have their own trash cart. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that some folks would continue to throw trash out their car/truck windows but he hoped that things would certainly get better with everyone having their own cart.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM SIMON TO SERVE ON THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MARLBORO COUNTY BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the reappointment of Mr. William Simon to serve on the Housing and Community Redevelopment Authority of Marlboro County Board for an additional three-year term. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. ELLA REESE HINSON TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2020

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the reappointment of Ms. Ella Reese Hinson to serve as Chair of the Marlboro County Library Board for the year 2020. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION THAT MR. GLENN BUNCH BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE LAKE PAUL WALLACE AUTHORITY BOARD

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the recommendation to the Marlboro County Legislative Delegation that Mr. Glenn Bunch be Appointed to Serve on the Lake Paul Wallace Authority Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There were no other recommended appointments.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for the finance report.

Ms. Moore stated for the month of January, expenditures were at 52% of the budgeted amount which was about 6% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated revenues for the month of January increased significantly as this was one of the county's peak months for tax collections.

Ms. Moore stated staff would soon begin work on the fiscal year 2021 budget, and budget request forms would be distributed to the department heads. She stated that staff would begin scheduling meetings with department heads to discuss regular funding needs, any additional requests or any capital needs.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. RON MUNNERLYN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, for his report.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of January: Tracy Polson (7 years); Melissa Skipper (24 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen** – Mr. Munneryn stated Marlboro County employees would be serving lunch at the Community Kitchen on Wednesday. He stated Ms. Ainsley Moore would be leading the group and anyone wishing to assist in serving should arrive at the Community Kitchen not later than 10:45 am.
2. **Filing of Statement of Economic Interests (Ethics Report)** – Mr. Munneryn stated that the Statement of Economic Interests form "ethics report" must be filed by all elected officials and some employees not later than 12:00 noon on March 30, 2020. The form must be filed electronically with a \$100 late filing penalty if not filed by the deadline date. A copy of the requirements is attached to this report for Council's information.

3. **Wellness Screening** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County would be hosting in conjunction with the City of Bennettsville a Comprehensive Health Screening at the Bennettsville Community Center on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ms. Doris Sumpter for the details.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

S.C. Commerce Rural Initiative

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the SC Department of Commerce was in the process of developing a Rural Initiative focusing on 14 counties in the state including Marlboro. He stated they have studied our strategic plan and were using it along with other information gathered in other counties to develop programs to help poor, rural counties such as ours. He stated the good thing was that Commerce has potentially \$125 million to implement and fund any programs they come up with. He stated he believed that several of our strategic initiatives would fit into Commerce's program and he was working to make that case. He stated more information would be provided as things develop.

Chinese prospects

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff has had three economic development prospect inquires or visits since last month. He stated they have all been Chinese and he was communicating with them but their return visits have been impacted somewhat by the Coronavirus concerns.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Solid Waste update –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the new service by Waste Connections began yesterday. He stated the service has been on time and the company has responded quickly to customer service calls. He stated Waste Connections used contractors to distribute the 6,700 carts for the new service and this was certainly a challenge as you might imagine. He stated the office phones were blowing up with calls from citizens who wanted their cart so they could use the new service. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he would ask Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, to provide an update on the new service of solid waste collection.

Mr. Carabo stated that Waste Connection began delivering new trash carts to residents in January, 2020 and hired a contractor to assist in this effort. He stated the contractor was not familiar with our area and missed several residences but county staff has worked with the contractor in an effort to get carts delivered to every resident.

Mr. Carabo stated that staff had asked all residents to call the Tax Assessor's office or the Administration offices with any questions or concerns so that the calls could be tracked and the phones rang off the hook. He stated that as of 5 pm today, there had been 448 calls and all had been resolved. Mr. Carabo stated that as of February 13th, everything would be turned over to Waste Connections and a notice would be posted on Facebook and the County's website confirming this with Waste Connections' telephone number. He stated that before this was done, staff wanted to make sure that every citizen had their carts in place.

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Mr. Carabo stated 1,500 addresses were serviced by pick-ups and the drivers finished an hour earlier than expected. He stated that a total of six residents called in to say their carts were missed which he felt was pretty good.

Mr. Carabo stated that on long highways, the driver would pick up one entire side and pick up the side streets before turning around and coming up the other side. He asked folks to please hold off on calling to say their carts were missed until the end of the day in order to allow the drivers time to complete their routes.

Mr. Carabo stated that some citizens have requested extra carts and those citizens should contact Waste Connections directly for those type of requests. He also stated that churches and other organizations that may need carts should also call Waste Connections directly to get their carts and arrange for payment of the service. He stated these folks should receive the same rate as the citizens.

Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was beginning to move forward with steering committees for the six strategic community initiatives. He stated staff has been encouraged by the support from other local governments and organizations. He stated staff would provide updates on progress beginning next month.

The Flu

Mr. Munnerlyn stated many of the county employees and their families have been impacted by the Flu. He stated Ms. Bundy, Ms. Sumpter and himself have been out or working from home since last week. He stated hopefully the flu season will pass quickly but until then he was encouraging employees with symptoms to GO HOME!

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that two citizens had signed up to speak.

Mike Goff – thanked council for allowing him to speak. Mr. Goff stated that he wanted members of Council to consider making Marlboro County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. He reminded members of Council that upon taking office each one of them made an oath to defend Article I, Section 20 of the United States Constitution. He stated the second amendment to the United Constitution provides the rights for citizens to bear arms. He stated that the folks' rights in Virginia had been attacked.

Chairman Steen stated that although no response is typically made after a citizen appears before Council, he felt this was a national issue and staff had already obtained a Resolution from another county in South Carolina and were in the process of reviewing the document. He stated that he was pro Second Amendment and he hoped that Council would consider discussing a Resolution at the next meeting.

Barbara Ohanesian – thanked members of Council for allowing her to speak. She stated she would like to present an overall plan to develop a Boys & Girls Club in Bennettsville and to request financial assistance from the County on an on-going basis for at least three years in order to properly establish the club.

Ms. Ohanesian stated she felt there was a pressing need to provide an after school venue for the children of Marlboro County that would enrich their lives through tutorials, art, music, physical education and fun. She stated their approach would be one of learning through doing and being actively and physically engaged.

Ms. Ohanesian stated most grants were matching grants for these type of programs and they needed a financial base of \$35,000 as a starting point to make them eligible for the most promising grant funds.

Ms. Ohanesian stated that most of the children would be from the City of Bennettsville and its surrounding area, but they would like to expand throughout the County as soon as possible. She stated transportation was always an issue and they proposed to place the venues within walking distances from the majority of the children served at the venue.

Ms. Ohanesian stated that she hoped that she would be included on the next agenda to provide more information on this request and to make a formal request for financial assistance.

Ms. Ohanesian stated that Ms. Bernice Johnson and Mr. Sammy Crosland were also in attendance tonight in support of the project.

Chairman Steen stated that the meeting had been short and that one other citizen had signed up to speak. He stated that since the meeting was short, he wanted to be sure that all citizens had an opportunity to speak and asked if Mr. Bud Skipper would like to address Council.

Bud Skipper – stated he had no notes and would speak directly from his heart. He mentioned the Second Amendment rights and stated they were being chipped away. He stated local and state governments are trying to tell citizens what they can have or not have. He stated he felt that citizens' gun rights should not be infringed. He stated that he would never give his guns up for anyone. He stated there were many evil people in the world and that folks must have the right to protect themselves and others. He stated that he would use his guns to protect anyone in the room if someone came in to attack them. He stated he hoped that everyone else felt the same way. He stated he would willingly give his life to save another life. He also stated if the law asked him to turn in all of his guns that he would refuse to do so and many other residents in the County would also refuse.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and stated it appeared that more than 40 folks were in attendance. He stated he hoped that folks would continue to get involved. He mentioned the Second Amendment Sanctuary and stated he and Mr. Mike Goff had some long conversations over weekend about the second amendment. Mr. Odom stated that he had done some research and stated he talked with Scotland County Sheriff Kersey who stated that Scotland County Council had discussed a Resolution on this matter at their Council meeting last week but the item was tabled. Mr. Odom stated 23 out of 67 counties in Virginia had passed a similar Resolution and all of this comes from restrictive gun laws of Governor Ralph Northam in Virginia. He stated the

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whole country was in an uproar and Scotland County Sheriff Kersey advised him that he felt that all 100 counties in North Carolina would eventually become second amendment sanctuaries and he felt that South Carolina would most likely follow suit. Mr. Odom stated that the Second Amendment allows individuals to protect their family, friends and property at their homes and stated he felt that right should not be infringed upon. Mr. Odom stated that the constitution was very clear. Mr. Odom stated the proposed Resolution states that we will uphold the second amendment of the United States Constitution and no new laws would be made by passing the Resolution..

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he agreed with Councilman Odom. Mr. Blackmon thanked Marlboro Electric Cooperative for their help in providing funds for infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Willie Gladden – thanked the donation made by Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Gladden thanked the staff at the Marian Wright Edelman Library for all of their hard work. He stated staff did a great job.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the census. He stated the census was very important and everyone needed to participate in the count. He stated that everyone living in any residence should be counted whether it was a cousin, friend, or anyone else. He stated this makes the difference in the money that comes into the county. He stated the County's population had dropped but he did not feel that everyone was being counted.

Mr. Gladden stated that there were many good things going on in the county but all needed to come together to keep things going well.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – thanked Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the funds that were donated. He thanked the speakers, Mr. Mike Goff and Mr. Bud Skipper, for coming out and addressing their concerns with council. He also thanked Ms. Barbara Ohanesian for her remarks about the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Midgley also commended Ms. Bobbie Grooms and her staff for the great work they continue to do at the library. He also thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and Mr. Doug Carabo for the great job they had done with the new trash service.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked Ms. Bobbie Grooms for the great job that she and her staff continue to do for the community. She stated that many folks talk about the friendly staff at the library and stated she appreciated all their hard work.

Ms. Plato stated that everything on her end seemed to be going well with the new trash collection. She stated that she had received good feedback. She thanked Mr. Doug Carabo for all of his hard work and keeping everyone straight.

Ms. Plato thanked Ms. Barbara Ohanesian for her comments about the Boys and Girls Club and stated that she hoped that this would all work out. She stated she felt it was a great idea and was needed really bad here in Marlboro County and she was 100% for helping make it a success.

Mr. Anthony Woods – thanked Mr. Doug Carabo and staff for all their hard work. He stated that he was happy that February 10th had come and gone and hoped that all residents would be satisfied with the new service.

Mr. Woods congratulated Ms. Bobbie Grooms for her work with the library for five years.

Mr. Woods addressed Sheriff Lemon who was present at the meeting and thanked him for all that he continues to do. He stated he hoped that the crime rates would stay low.

Mr. Woods mentioned the closing of First Citizens Bank in Clio. He stated the citizens of Clio now know how the McColl residents felt when First Citizens closed the McColl bank. He stated it would be hard on the small businesses and residents in Clio to be required to travel all the way to Bennettsville to cash a check and handle their banking.

Sheriff Charles Lemon – thanked Council for all that they continue to do for his department and stated he was there for anything that they may need.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked Ms. Bobbie Grooms for all the work she and her staff continue to do at the library. He stated that 200 visits a day was great and he never thought they had that many folks in a days' time. He stated the library was truly a treasure in Marlboro County.

Mr. Steen thanked Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. for their donation of \$21,000.

Mr. Steen thanked staff for their hard work with getting the new trash service implemented. He mentioned the clean-up event which is being planned and stated that Highway 9 from Wallace to Bennettsville looked terrible with all the trash along the highway. He stated that residents of Marlboro County were better than this and he hoped that once the clean-up event takes place that things will begin to stay a little cleaner.

Mr. Steen thanked Sheriff Lemon for all that he and his department does for the County.

Mr. Steen mentioned the Second Amendment Resolution. He thanked Mr. Mike Odom and Mr. Bud Skipper for sharing their thoughts on the issue. He stated that staff has a copy of the Resolution which was passed by Kershaw County. He stated staff would be looking into having a similar Resolution on an upcoming agenda.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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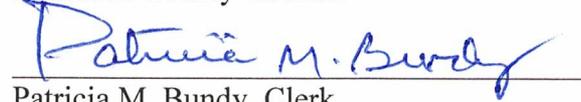
Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

(SEAL)



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: March 10, 2020