MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE
VICE-CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN
ADMINISTRATOR	RON MUNNERLYN
CLERK TO COUNCIL	PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, WILLIE GLADDEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR. CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE, VERD ODOM,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Jacqueline Hough of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recommended that the agenda be amended to include a new item of business under New Business as item "f" Workforce Transportation Initiative on which Mr. Munnerlyn would provide details.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the amended agenda to include a new item of business as item 4.f. "Workforce Transportation Initiative". Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 19, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Regular Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 775 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE AND MARLBORO COUNTY (WITH REVISIONS AS REQUESTED BY CITY) – FIRST READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that County Council approved after three readings to approve the Agreement for Exchange Services with the City of Bennettsville. He stated that after the agreement was approved, it was presented to the City of Bennettsville and they had a couple of concerns with the numbers that we included for the cost of services that the County provided to the City. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County came up with the costs of the services by taking the total cost of running the jail and multiplying the number by the percentage of use by the City for housing their inmates and the same method was done to get the costs for the 911 services. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that when the agreement was adopted by County Council, it was noted that the City could do the same to include their numbers for the costs of services that they provide to the County. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the other issue was that the City wanted the contract for a five year period and we had adopted it as a one year contract, and also that we included the collection of taxes for the City in the agreement when the City wanted a separate agreement for the tax collection.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had discussed the issues with Mr. Max Alderman, City Administrator, and revisions which he has recommended have been made as noted in the copy which is included in the packets to change the term for a three year contract but would allow either party to rescind with three months' notice. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the revised contract also took out all the numbers for the costs of services. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County would continue to run their numbers annually so they would be aware of what the services provided are costing the county. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the tax collection was also left in the agreement but that a provision was included that would allow the City to cancel the County's collection of taxes on their behalf by notifying the County by July of any year that they would not like for us to handle the collection of city taxes. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he did not think that the citizens would want to pay property taxes in two different locations so we are hopeful that they would not exercise that option.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the other thing that came from the City's work session is that they wanted to have a provision that says that at the end of three years that if no one gives any notice that the contract would roll over for an additional three year period. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had no problems with that request but that it was up to Council.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he understood from a conversation with Mr. Max Alderman that the City had accepted the revised contract with a compromised term of three years with the option that either party may terminate with a six months' notice, taking the numbers out and continuing the tax collection with the understanding that the City may choose not to have the County collect on their behalf as long as notice is provided by July prior to the notices going out in the fall. He stated that he recommended these revisions but Council may change in any way that they desire as there are still two readings left before the agreement could be adopted.

Chair Prince stated that she recommended that the first reading of the Ordinance be approved but recommended that members of Council carefully review the agreement with the noted revisions in red which was included in the packets prior to the next meeting and let staff know of any suggested changes. She stated that she felt that the revised document was a good start but stated that she felt that staff must keep up with the costs of the services provided to the City each year.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve first reading of Ordinance # 775 – An Ordinance to Authorize Marlboro County to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Bennettsville to Provide for the Exchange of Services Between the City of Bennettsville and Marlboro County (with Revisions as Requested by City) with the understanding that Council will take a closer look at the revisions prior to the next meeting to see if any additional revisions are recommended. 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 2018-2019

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was an agreement which would allow for the Department of Juvenile Justice to house juveniles in Columbia as the need arises. She asked Mr. Munnerlyn if the agreement was standard and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it was a standard agreement with the same terms as last year.

Chair Prince stated that she was happy that the cost for housing had not changed in the last few years.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles Midgley to approve the SC Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Memorandum of Agreement for Juvenile

Justice's Detention Center for fiscal year 2018-2019. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 07-18-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY FOR AIRPORT GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $113,395 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this grant would require a small match by the County and the funds would be used for the runway. She stated that pictures were provided in the agenda packets which showed the cracks in the asphalt.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that there was one correction to be made on the Resolution which was to change the dollar amount to $113,395 rather than $13,395 in the first whereas section of the document.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 07-18-01 – a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application by Marlboro County for Airport Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Amount of $113,395 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION # 07-18-02 – A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2019 USED OIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,250

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if the used oil was the oil collected from local gas stations but Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, advised that it was the used oil that was collected at the convenience centers.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 07-18-02 – A Resolution to Accept the FY 2019 Used Oil Grant in the Amount of $11,250. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 07-18-03 – A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2019 WASTE TIRE/AUTOMOBILE DISMANTLER RECYCLING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,750

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was a small amount. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that it was a small amount but that it was very helpful and required no match.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve Resolution # 07-18-03 – A Resolution to Accept the FY 2019 Waste Tire/Automobile Dismantler Recycling Grant in the Amount of $2,750. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WORKFORCE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as a part of County Council's strategic planning which also recognized a need to try and have highway 38 changed to a four-lane highway and the other part was working out something to assist folks in getting to and from work. He stated that he had been looking for help in order to accomplish this and stated that he found that there were other efforts for healthcare which were being led by CareSouth. He stated that he met with some of the officials and actually shared a couple of his proposed routes for local industry. He stated that that staff hears more and more from local industries like Mohawk about needing help with getting employees back and forth to work. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) was also involved with this project. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the good thing about all of this is that when the Ordinance for tax incentives for Mohawk was recently passed, staff included a provision to take a portion of the new money from the revenues received to help with this type of project. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the group of folks are looking for somewhere between $25,000 - $50,000 a year for a three year period and the transportation service would be free to citizens who used it to get back and forth to work. He stated that this was very exciting and that there would be many more details that would need to be worked out later but he wanted to get a vote from Council to see if they would be interested in and in favor of this project so that he could move the matter forward.

Mr. Jason Steen asked if the transportation service would allow citizens to use it for healthcare as well. Mr. Munnerlyn stated they will have to work out all the details and the first goal would be to get the transport service to get folks to and from work and then later would eventually look at transport services for healthcare needs.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked what would be used for this service, bus or vans. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a church type bus was mentioned at first to transport up to 30 or so folks along with two smaller vans to start with. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as more folks use the service, the group would go from there.

Chair Prince asked if any assessment had been done in the county to see how many folks may use the service. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that no assessment had been done yet but that once the service was in place, he felt that it would grow quickly.

Chair Prince asked if the folks would be transported to the Northeastern Technical College campus in Cheraw. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it would not transport folks to Cheraw at first. He stated that they would initially have a route maybe to the NETC campus at the old Winn-Dixie building through town but that hopefully a route to other counties would be made available.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the service would not work as a taxi.

Chair Prince asked about the hours of operation and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that most likely it would handle day shift workers.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he felt that transporting folks to and from work would not be a big problem for the service but thought that healthcare would be a big problem for folks and the service. He suggested caution when trying to help folks with transport for healthcare. Mr. Gladden stated that he felt certain that the local industries would support the service and that is was a positive thing for local industry.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that CareSouth folks understand that they have a lot of work to do in order to use the service for healthcare and work in scheduling appointments for their patients.

Mr. Verd Odom stated that the Love Foundation who worked hard with CareSouth on getting the new facility in McColl were eager to have the transport service for folks to the new facility.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to allow the County Administrator to pursue the transportation initiative and to take under advisement and take survey as to the number of citizens in the community that feel the service is needed. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any recommended appointments to boards and commissions and there were none.

Chair Prince requested that staff work on getting members of Council an updated list of any vacancies on the County appointed boards and commissions.

Chair Prince recognized and welcomed the new County attorney, Andrew McLeod, on board and asked that he please keep Council in line during the meetings.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Moore stated that the fiscal year ended June 30th. She stated that staff had already begun the process of closing out the books for the fiscal year and would be receiving adjustments from the auditors that would affect the year-end totals. She stated that once this was completed, she would be able to provide Council the final reports.

Ms. Moore stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Jason Steen had asked about the total amount that the County has been shorted in Local Government Funds over the last several years. Ms. Moore stated that this information was listed in a report on the SC Association of Counties' website for fiscal years 2008-2016, and it appeared that Marlboro County has received $2.3 million less than what the formula allocated. She stated that in total, counties in the state have been shortchanged by $68 million for this same time period. She stated that she planned to provide an updated report at a later date giving the most recent revenue amounts received by the State compared with the expenses mandated.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments.

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that his report was as follows:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES
The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of June: Jeronda Harrington (7 years); Sharonica Henegan (11 years); Robert Stanton (20 years); and Martha McQuage (11 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the SC Association of Counties' 51st Annual Conference would be held from August 5-8th and the Institute of Government classes would be offered on August 4th and 5th. He asked all those that plan to attend to please let Ms. Bundy know so that she could assist them in making the arrangements.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Delta Project
Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff and the environmental council would be meeting with DHEC officials in two weeks to outline the next steps for clean-up of the site. He stated that the project was moving slower than he liked but that the project was moving forward.

Delta history - Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as part of the project, Ms. Lynn McQueen, Museum Director, would be working to collect history of the Delta site. He stated that thousands of our friends and families worked at Delta for more than 50 years while it was in operation. He stated that he would like to preserve that history and create displays and events as we move forward with the project.

Baldor Building - Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the project for this location was ongoing, with meetings last week and this week to fine tune details and incentive packages.

Transportation Initiative

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the issue of transportation was included in the County Council's Strategic Plan adopted last year. He stated that transportation refers to issues such as improvement of highways like the expansion of SC Highway 38 North to four-lanes but also to address the difficulty faced by workers in getting back and forth from work each day.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that since last fall, staff had been working with local industries/employers to better understand the worker transportation issue and to find solutions to this problem.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he was excited to announce that he had met with a group headed by CareSouth interested in a similar bus route to service healthcare and other sites such as government, shopping and education (NETC). He stated that the initial meetings have gone well and it appears that by combining forces that goals may be accomplished for County Council's strategic goals for transportation.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the initial route would run in a loop from McColl, to Bennettsville area industries (Marley, Southern Packaging, SOPACKO) then to industries in the rural areas (Arauco/Domtar, Mohawk, MDF/Baldor in Clio) and back to McColl. Future expansion may include the Wallace area and Cheraw.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) was a part of the group and is developing routes and cost for the project. He stated that the group is of the opinion that we should develop a three-year plan to give adequate time to develop ridership, etc.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that like many projects, lots of folks have ideas but very few have any money. In this case, Caresouth has secured funding from a number of sources and Marlboro County Council has funding for this project as one of their strategic initiatives.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that County Council recently passed a new tax incentive package for the expansion of Mohawk/Oak River. He stated that as a part of that incentive package was a provision that dedicated a percentage of new tax payments to a transportation initiative. He stated that in other words, new tax dollars can be used to fund the project without impacting existing tax revenue we depend on to run the County.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that with Council's approval, he would prepare a more exact proposal with routes and funding amounts that may be needed from the county. He stated that at this time it appears that $25,000 to $50,000 annually will be sufficient as our portion of the funding.

Mr. Munnerlyn requested a vote of support for the project within the broad parameters and subject to more specific actions to be presented at a future meeting for approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

All Employee Meeting
Mr. Munnerlyn stated that an "all employee" meeting was held earlier today with two sessions to accommodate all employees in two "shifts". He stated that plans have been to have at least two of these meetings a year to encourage better communication.

Salkehatchie
Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was pleased to be able to provide the County's "Clean and Green" yellow dumpster for use at a Salkehatchie site near SC 912 and SC 9. He stated that Salkehatchie is a program of the United Methodist Church and they rehabilitate housing in the county.

EMS Task Force
Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the EMS Task Force would be meeting tomorrow. He stated that the Task Force would continue to address progress towards improving response times of EMS.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it was important to note that the Task Force and County staff have done a great deal of work to better understand the situation and to develop a long term plan for EMS in light of there being no hospital in the county. He stated that there are "big ideas" to be discussed tomorrow that could result in a longer term source of funding and governance for the future.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Council did approve a contract with Marlboro EMS for paramedic level service in the county. He stated that as part of the Task Force's review, financial and procedural audits were conducted of the Marlboro EMS. He stated that run reports and as well as other reports were reviewed - all required under the contract we have with Marlboro EMS. He stated that this was done prior to the most recent contract and the new contract specifically addresses reporting and other information to be provided monthly by Marlboro EMS.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his report.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chair Prince stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he appreciated the job that everyone does for the County. He stated that everyone works together as a team and family and everyone looks out for each other.

Mr. Odom also thanked the ladies in the Voter Registration office, Ms. Lori Moses and Ms. Christina Thompson, and their assistant, for all they did to help with the election. He stated that all three ladies went well beyond the call of duty in insuring that everyone that wanted to vote had the opportunity. He stated that he appreciated their efforts and their hard work.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he wanted to echo what Mr. Odom just said. He stated that he appreciated everyone that supported him during his election. He stated that he felt like everyone on Council was working for the betterment of the county and that as long as that continued, he would want to be a part of it. He thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Mr. Willie Gladden – congratulated Mr. Steve Blackmon on winning the Primary Election. Mr. Gladden stated that only 15.3% of folks came out to vote. He thanked all those that did vote.

Mr. Gladden thanked Brightsville Fire Department for all that they did for the firework event on June 29th. He stated that the fire department had the fire truck and brought gifts to every child that was in attendance and it meant a great deal to him. He stated that gifts were also presented to the adults. He mentioned Brightsville Fire Chief Bill Parrish and thanked him for all of the hard work that his department did for the community. He thanked the McGovern family and stated that the family worked under tents all day on the 29th to make sure the event was a success and they did a wonderful job. He thanked the news reporter for the wonderful write-up that was done for the paper and stated that the article with the picture of all the children would be treasured for many years by the children and adults.

Mr. Gladden stated that he looked at all the light bills for city residents and understands that the City gets a kick-back and they were not giving back to the citizens. He stated that the City was purchasing a building from the coop for $750,000 and was able to give a lot and a donation to a local bank but would provide any help to the citizens. He stated that it was just not right and that the back-door deals needed to be stopped. He mentioned the CTC and the fact that monies were given to the Lake Authority for the lake area. He stated that something needed to be done. He asked the County Administrator to see if a meeting could be scheduled to meet with the Legislative Delegation to see if things could begin to move in the right direction.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that the fireworks at Brightsville Park were great and that a lot of folks attended.

Mr. Steen mentioned Mr. Ralph McDowell at the Wallace Convenience Center and stated that he had received many comments about the great job that he does for folks there. He stated that several citizens have told him that Mr. McDowell greets everyone with a smile and helps the elderly folks unload their trash. He stated that it meant a lot to have positive comments made about county employees and he appreciated the great job that Mr. McDowell does and wanted employees to know that these comments do not go unnoticed.

Mr. Steen thanked Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for the numbers on Local Government Funding. He stated that $2.3 million would go a long way in Marlboro County. He stated that amount represented a quarter of the county's entire budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that it makes it really hard for counties when the Local Government Fund is not funded the way that it should be.

Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his work on the Delta project and stated that he looked forward to great things happening in that area.

Mr. Steen also thanked all the volunteers that helped at the ballfield in Wallace on Saturday. He stated that sub district and district were asked to have a tournament and it was hosted in Wallace. Things went really well and appreciated everyone that helped make it a success.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – congratulated Mr. Steve Blackmon on the results of his Primary Election and welcomed Attorney Andrew McLeod as the new County Attorney.

Ms. Corrie Plato – No comments.

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that he appreciated all the families that supported recreation. He stated that the girls team were playing for the State Championship, that they had lost the night before but were playing tonight. He stated that the Boys 10U were scheduled to play in the State Championship in Moncks Corner on Saturday. He was very proud of all of the parents that helped with the games and thanked Mr. Gary Harrington for his hard work.

Mr. Woods stated that he looked forward to an announcement on the Baldor building. He stated that Clio and the entire county needed a company in that building to get it up and running.

Mr. Woods welcomed Attorney Andrew McLeod as the County Attorney.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that Marlboro County had a new young man as the Chairman of the Democratic Party and stated that he would be scheduling a meeting to get folks out to vote in the upcoming election.

Dr. Prince stated that things were off to a great start at Boro.

Dr. Prince stated that she appreciated the expansions of the existing industry but that the county certainly did need new industry. She stated that the transportation initiative would certainly make it much easier to get folks back and forth to work.

Dr. Prince stated that the Local Government Fund does have a formula but that the General Assembly has voted to suspend the formula and the members of the Marlboro County Legislative Delegation actually voted to suspend the formulas. She encouraged everyone to speak with our delegation members when possible and ask why they voted this way.

Dr. Prince mentioned the Delta site project and stated that she was real happy with the efforts to get industry in that building again.

Dr. Prince again welcomed Attorney Andrew McLeod aboard as the County Attorney.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since there was no other business that the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

(SEAL)

Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: August 14, 2018