

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

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,  
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.  
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE,  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

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

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\* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Jackie Hough of the Herald-Advocate, Ms. Doris Sumpter, Marlboro County Administrative Services Director; 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 McNeil 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](http://www.marlborocounty.sc.gov)).

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Councilmen Verd Odom and Anthony Woods would not be attending the meeting tonight and that Councilman Jason Steen was running late.

INVOCATION – Ms. Corrie Plato

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the agenda needed to be amended so as to amend the title to an item under Old Business, 3.b. She stated that the former title of “Ordinance # 786 – An Ordinance to Identify and Induce the Economic Development Project in Marlboro County, South Carolina (The “County”) by a Certain Company for the Time Being Identified as “Project Beethoven”; to Authorize Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu

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of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement by and Between the County and Project Beethoven; to Provide for Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Incentives and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters” needed to be amended to read “Ordinance # 786 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County at this Time as Project Beethoven with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby such Property will be Subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto” and asked for a motion to amend the agenda accordingly.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to amend the title of Item 3.b. under Old Business from “Ordinance # 786 – An Ordinance to Identify and Induce the Economic Development Project in Marlboro County, South Carolina (The “County”) by a Certain Company for the Time Being Identified as “Project Beethoven”; to Authorize Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement by and Between the County and Project Beethoven; to Provide for Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Incentives and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Related Matters” to read “Ordinance # 786 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County at this Time as Project Beethoven with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby such Property will be Subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto”. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the agenda as revised amending the title of item 3.b. under Old Business as noted above. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no recommended changes.

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the Council meeting minutes from June 11, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2019 “Called” Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, 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 Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the “Called” Council meeting minutes from June 24, 2019 as presented. Vote**

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**in favor: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Mr. Willie Gladden, and Mr. Steve Blackmon. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato (not present at the June 24, 2019 meeting). Vote: 4/0/1. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 785 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT AND MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff had not had any further discussions with the School District on this Ordinance but he felt that Council should go ahead and consider third reading so that the terms would be in place in case more resource officers were needed in the future.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve third reading of Ordinance # 785 – an Ordinance Authorizing Marlboro County to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Marlboro County School District and the Marlboro County Sheriff’s Department and Marlboro County for the School Resource Officer Program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 786 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT BEETHOVEN WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN FEES-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the title on this Ordinance was amended from first reading and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance was an economic development project involving a solar field. He stated that he felt that before third and final reading was held that there may be a need to have a work session or called meeting to discuss the incentives being offered. He stated more information would be available before the third reading and this was a large project that would bring significant tax value into the county.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve first reading of Ordinance # 786 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and a Company Known to the County at this time as Project Beethoven with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby Such Property will be Subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 787 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN MARLBORO COUNTY AS PROVIDED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CODE SECTION 12-45-75 – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was the first step to provide authorization to the Treasurer's office to collect taxes on an installment basis if that becomes necessary with the trash options. He stated staff would have discussions with the Treasurer before the next reading but this first reading in title only would begin the process if Council chooses to add trash service pickup collection costs to the tax notices.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve first reading in title only of Ordinance # 787 – an Ordinance to Authorize Installment Payments of Taxable Real Property Within Marlboro County as Provided by South Carolina Code Section 12-45-75. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Councilman Jason Steen joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

RESOLUTION # 07-19-01 – A RESOLUTION INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING A PROPOSED INVESTMENT UNDER CODE NAME OF “PROJECT BEETHOVEN” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the companion document for Ordinance #786 regarding Project Beethoven to allow for tax incentives.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 07-19-01 – a Resolution Inducing and Identifying a Proposed Investment Under Code Name of “Project Beethoven” and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION AND MARLBORO COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OF MARLBORO COUNTY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recommended this item be tabled until more information was available from the SC Association of Counties to clarify the costs associated with the agreement. She stated that this memorandum of agreement may not be in the best interest of the county and suggested that council wait to discuss until more information is available.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that he had talked with folks in Marion County and they had not approved this agreement as of yet due to the costs associated with the agreement. He stated the costs could be anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 to \$80,000 to \$100,000. He agreed with Chair Prince that Council should await instructions and advice from SC Association of Counties to take action on this item.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. to table the review and discussion of the Memorandum of Agreement by and Between South Carolina Election Commission and Marlboro County and the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Marlboro County until more information is available by the SC Association of Counties. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION OPTIONS UPDATE – MR. DOUG CARABO, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, for the Solid Waste Collection Options Update.

Mr. Carabo stated that staff had started the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Solid Waste Collection options. He stated the RFP packets became available on July 1, 2019 which was a short week with many folks being out their offices due to vacation and the holiday. He stated the deadline had been extended until July 29, 2019 to allow vendors time to secure things they needed in to order to become eligible. He stated staff wanted the best proposal that could be obtained. He stated the extension would also allow staff to have a couple of weeks to handle their evaluation of the vendors so as to make a suggested

recommendation for the August council meeting. He stated that five active companies were interested in submitting proposals and staff had given out seven packets. He also stated that the RFP requests that proposals be made for two options, the first with the company billing the county directly which would require the county to add the fees for the service to the residents' tax bills, and the second with the company billing residents directly which is how the current service is handled.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Carabo for his work on this and stated that it was good to know that about five companies had shown interest in providing proposals.

#### EMS UPDATE – MR. BRIAN WATTS, EMS DIRECTOR

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Brian Watts, EMS Director, for the EMS Update.

Mr. Watts provided a power point presentation for the EMS Implementation Report. He stated that Marlboro County EMS began service on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at midnight and had 27 field provider positions of which 23 have been filled.

Deployment Plan: Mr. Watts stated that the deployment plan was to have:

- 4 Paramedic Level Ambulances available 24/7
- 1 Supervisor Quick Response vehicle
- 2 Administrative Quick Response Vehicles

Response Volume: Mr. Watts stated that the response volumes for the first 15 days were as follows:

- 214 responses which averaged 14 per day with a low of 7 and a high of 20
- 154 Transports (72%) with an average of 10 a day and a high of 16

Response Types: Mr. Watts stated that the response types were as follows:

- About 43% were common sicknesses
- About 22% were respiratory distress calls
- About 20% were fall victims
- About 13% were chest pain-cardiac origin, traffic accident, and unconscious/fainting
- The rest were small percentages for abdominal pain, unknown problems, back pain, diabetic problems, psychiatric problems, traumatic injuries, assaults, false calls, strokes/CVAs, cardiac arrests, hemorrhage/lacerations, stab/gunshot wound, convulsions/seizures, animal bites, burns, choking, general injuries, heart problems, ingestion/poisoning, and pregnancy/childbirths.

Transport Destinations: Mr. Watts stated that designations of transport were as follows:

- 66 transports to Scotland Memorial Hospital
- 62 transports to McLeod Health Cheraw
- 11 to McLeod Medical Center in Dillon
- 9 to McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence
- 2 to FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital
- 3 to MUSC Health – Florence Medical Center

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- 1 to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital

Response Times: Mr. Watts stated that the response times measured from dispatch to arrival on scene were as follows:

- July, 2019 to date, the average time was 9:28 with 89% being less than 15 minutes
- EMS Taskforce Report (12/2018) stated that the average time was 11:14 with 76% being less than 15 minutes.

Known Issues: Mr. Watts stated that known issues that needed attention were as follows:

- 4 Open Paramedic Positions – staff is continuing to recruit and is using combination of part time and overtime;
- Vehicle failure over the weekend with an OEM battery issue which left 3 units to cover for 36 hours
- One case where demand outpaced resources in which a supervisor responded with a 7 minute response time and also used a local private provider for transport (Wallace Rescue)

Mr. Watts asked if there were any questions. Chair Prince asked if Wallace Rescue would be serving as the backup for Marlboro County EMS. Mr. Watts confirmed they would be and stated that a Franchise and Mutual Aid Agreement had been executed by Wallace Rescue to allow for this action.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that the response times were good and stated that there would be hiccups along the way and staff could work through those. Mr. Steen stated that the county has a good foundation and thanked Mr. Watts and his staff and the EMTs for their hard work. Mr. Steen suggested that a community meeting be held to include all EMS personnel and volunteers in the county to allow folks to meet one another and to learn about the new protocols that were in place which are different now. He stated it was important that everyone be on the same page. He stated he felt that this would build good community relations.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated there may be a need for another spare unit which could be obtained with the current budget. He stated if staff needed approval by Council, he would let them know.

Mr. Steen asked if the spare would be a used one and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he felt that a used one would be sufficient. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in the past, other folks were called in to help with calls. He stated that Council had approved the Franchise Ordinance for private ambulance services which would allow for Mutual Aid Agreements to assist in emergency type situations when the need arises. He stated that Wallace Rescue had signed the Franchise and Mutual Aid Agreement to serve as back up for the county.

Mr. Watts stated that the Marlboro County EMS had a cardiac arrest call this afternoon on Broad Street with the response time being less than 4 minutes. He stated the patient had to

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be shocked but that the heart began beating again by the time he got to the hospital and the patient was stable and had regained consciousness.

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for the finance report.

Ms. Moore stated that the fiscal year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> and staff had begun the process of closing out the books and would be receiving adjustments from the auditors that would affect the year-end totals. She stated after this had been completed, staff would be able to provide council with their final reports.

Ms. Moore stated that at the last meeting Chair Prince had requested information about the total amount that the County had been shorted in Local Government Funds over the last several years. Ms. Moore stated that the SC Association of Counties' website had several reports listed concerning the huge shortage. She stated that she used those reports to compile a bar graph for the fiscal years 2009 through 2019 which shows that Marlboro County had received \$3.9 million less than what the formula allocated. She stated that for the most recently ended fiscal year, the County allocation was \$617,777 less than the amount which the formula required. She stated that this amount was equivalent to 9 tax mils in one fiscal year and stated that the County received only 65% of what we should have received had the formula been followed.

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

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore for the information and stated that the county had been shorted \$3.9 million. She asked folks to imagine what could be done for the citizens in the county if the county received what was rightfully due them. She stated that she had talked about this in the past but wanted folks to understand what the county is missing by the legislature not following through and paying the county the amount that it is actually due.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that the state has a large surplus of more than \$1 billion and one reason for their surplus is that because the state was not passing on and paying funds back the monies that were due to local counties. Mr. Steen stated that 9 tax mils amounts to a lot of money that could be used to reduce taxes for local citizens.

Chair Prince stated that the legislature votes every year to suspend the formula and they refuse to return the money to counties. She stated our delegation members vote to suspend the formula as well and yet continue to require many unfunded mandates. She stated that it will eventually result in the county suing the legislature to get us what is rightfully due.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, 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 June: Jeronda Harrington (8 years); Sharonica Henegan (12 years); and Robert Stanton (21 years).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual SC Association of Counties Conference has been scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Hilton Head Marriott with classes for the Institute of Government being available on August 3 – 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**Delta title-** stated that staff anticipates the final legal action to “clear the title” to the Delta property in the next 30 days. He stated this would allow staff to proceed with grant applications and also begin clean-up of the site.

**Solar projects** – stated that staff continues to have inquiries for solar projects in the county. He stated the action taken by Council tonight would allow staff to begin setting incentive levels for these projects. He suggested a work session as the project moves along so Council could be fully aware of the projects and similar solar projects.

### **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Update on Damaged Roads – Staff has contacted the local S.C. Department of Transportation office and obtained updates on the roads that are still closed in the county.

**SC 381** – stated that an agreement between SC DOT and the property owner had been reached which would require the landowner to pay for the rebuilding of the dam according to plans which have been reviewed and approved by SC DHEC. He stated S.C. DOT would build the road back on top of the new dam once the dam has been rebuilt. He stated the contractor was currently waiting on the property owner to begin the work and no completion date had been set.

**Old Wire Road and Academy Road** – stated that S.C. DOT advised that S.C. DHEC was coordinating with the property owners since these were S.C. DHEC regulated dams. He stated that once the property owners decided on a plan, S.C. DOT would begin coordinating with them about building the roads back.

**Level Green Church Road** – stated that S.C. DOT advised that the work was nearing completion and the initial completion date was August 15, 2019 but advised that it may run over.

**David’s Mill Pond Road** – stated that S.C. DOT advised that the work was nearing completion and the initial completion date was August 15, 2019 but advised that it may run over.

Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen – stated that Marlboro County served their first lunch at the Community Kitchen on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 134 folks were served a meal of grilled chicken, baked beans, slaw and all of the fixings. Staff was happy to be a part of such a great community event and encouraged all employees and elected officials to sign up to

participate. He stated the County had committed to serve every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that one citizen had signed up to address Council.

**Mr. Randy Wallace** – stated that he was at the meeting to find out what would be done about the trash collection in the county. He stated that he had heard that the roll out carts would be taken away and dumpsters would be brought back. He stated that the roll out carts were better and easier for the older folks to handle and that many folks would have difficulty in getting trash to the dumpsters. He stated concerns about folks not being required to have the roll out carts and stated that those were the ones that were dumping trash in the woods. He stated he was not a fan of the roll out cart service at first but the carts were forced on everyone.

Mr. Wallace mentioned EMTs in our area and stated that it took six hours to transport a patient to Charleston and to return and he was concerned that there were not enough EMTs in the area to help with the county's EMS.

Mr. Wallace asked if the roll cart system for trash would continue or if folks were going to have to take their trash to the dumpsters. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, addressed Mr. Wallace and stated that he would be happy to talk with him after the meeting to discuss the options that may be available.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Ms. Vikki Harris, the Marlboro County Veterans Affairs Officer, had provided a letter of resignation. She stated that Officer Harris would be sorely missed.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – stated that she had met with Ms. Elisabeth McNeil with the City of Bennettsville. She stated that the City of Bennettsville had a Trunk-or-Treat last year and wanted to get the county involved with the event which will planned again this year. She briefed members of Council on what the event involved and stated that she would like to see the county and city work together to have the event this year. She stated that with the two entities joining together that it would be much better and more folks would be involved. She stated that this would be much better than having children go to door to door trick or treating with all the dangerous things happening around us. She stated that she would bring more information about this event to Council for review and discussion.

Ms. Plato mentioned the resignation of Ms. Vikki Harris, as the Veterans Affairs Officer and stated that she was a sweet person. She stated grace was when folks are thrown into the fire and they land in the arms of the shepherd. She stated that God would take care of Ms. Harris and to remember, what goes around - comes around.

**Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr.** – commended Mr. Brian Watts and his staff for all that they are doing to face the EMS challenges and stated that he felt things were working well for Marlboro County. He thanked them for their hard work.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – stated that he wanted to echo what Mr. Midgley said. He stated that the Marlboro County EMS folks work really hard and had taken on a lot to get the new EMS up and off the ground. He stated that EMS was an issue that had been discussed since January.

Mr. Steen thanked the Sheriff for attending the meeting and stated that he was faithful to attend and he appreciated his efforts. He stated that his presence at the meetings were greatly appreciated with everything going on around us.

Mr. Steen stated that he was excited to hear the news about the Delta site since this was a project that had been worked on for a while.

Mr. Steen mentioned Old Wire Road and stated that he did not understand the State. He stated that the State DOT works to install new roads instead of repairing the roads which have heavy traffic. He stated that another Hurricane season was upon us and the county's roads that were damaged last year were not repaired yet. He stated that the roads being closed causes hardships on citizens and emergency vehicles. He stated that staff has brought all of these things to the State's attention but they do not do anything about it.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – mentioned the resignation of Ms. Vikki Harris from the Veterans Affairs office and stated that the Veterans Affairs office has done a great job for the Marlboro County veterans. He stated that Ms. Harris did not care what breed or color a veteran was, she did everything she could to make sure the veteran knew that he was appreciated. He stated that with all the work that she has done and all that she has been able to accomplish, she's now having to leave. He stated that the County supports her and her staff and has from day one. He also stated that the County Administrator and Clerk to Council also supported her in every way. He stated that Ms. Harris is under contract and her appointment was up in January and our Legislative Delegation has not re-appointed her. He stated there was nothing County Council could do to have her re-appointed. He stated that he hated to see her leave. He stated that he met with some veterans this morning and are planning to have a cook out in Ms. Harris' honor on the morning of August 2<sup>nd</sup> to let her know how much she means to them. He stated that he wanted the citizens to know how she has been mistreated. Mr. Gladden stated that the veterans in the County are the ones that will suffer when Ms. Harris is gone and he hated it for them.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – stated that he wanted to echo what Mr. Gladden had said about Ms. Vikki Harris. He stated Ms. Harris took her job very seriously and she was a good one. He stated she would be a hard one to beat here but he wished her the best, that she deserved good things.

Mr. Blackmon stated that he appreciated the report on EMS and he stated that in getting these type of reports, members of Council know what's going on. He stated that it's good to see and hear first-hand on what's happening with our tax dollars. He commended EMS and staff on what they have done so far. He stated that members of Council are getting numbers even if they may not like them, they are hearing first hand what's going on.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – stated that although the County is in a new fiscal year, she would like to thank the Administrator and staff on all of the hard work with the budget. She stated that even though the County is missing more than \$600,000 from the State in Local Government Funds, she felt that that the County continues to move forward.

Dr. Prince asked staff, as their schedule permitted, to get a list of county buildings and advise members of Council on what needs to be looked at as far as conditions and repairs that may be needed.

Dr. Prince stated that she was happy to hear that the Delta project would be moving forward so that prospects may begin looking at that site.

Dr. Prince stated that on behalf of County Council, she wanted to offer condolences to Ms. Sumpter in the passing of her mother. She addressed Ms. Sumpter and advised that Council was here for her and appreciated her and stated that she should take as much time as she needed to grieve the loss of her mother.

Dr. Prince stated that everyone should take this heat seriously and heat strokes were very real. She reminded everyone to stay hydrated. She stated that Mr. Anthony Woods had gotten too hot and that was why he was not at the meeting tonight.

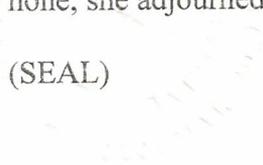
NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

(SEAL)

  
Dr. Carolyn A. Prince  
Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy  
Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: August 13, 2019