

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 17, 2009

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CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

VICE-CHAIR CORRIE PLATO

ADMINISTRATOR CECIL KIMREY

COUNTY ATTORNEY DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

JEAN MCLEAN,
RON MUNNERLYN,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to leave Executive Session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised no votes had been taken, no decisions had been made.

DISCUSSION OF WINN DIXIE BUILDING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised she wished to remind Council, the county is at the end of the 120 day contract period that the county initiated in order to study the building for the county's purposes and needs. She stated Council needed to make a decision as to what they needed to do at this point.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to terminate the agreement and not proceed with the option for the Winn Dixie project because it is not suitable for the county's purposes or needs. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE BUILDING.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated the county needed to look for available land in the downtown and surrounding areas for an alternative building.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated his committee had been instructed to evaluate the existing buildings and to determine which offices the county actually needs to provide space. He said that his committee will continue to meet and make evaluations. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Downtown Association had made a financial offer and he believed the county needed to take them up on their offer first to do a study to determine the cost of renovating the existing building. He said the county needed to use someone who would not make a bid on the actual work to do an evaluation. The Public Service and County Planning Committee will continue to evaluate the existing buildings.

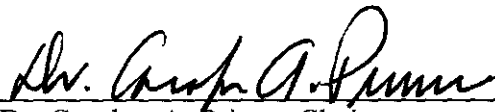
Mr. Steve Blackmon stated the committee has already had been in the process of having the building evaluated and to get some ideas of the cost, and it already appears the cost is going to be pretty high. He stated the county had to look at their means and it would be nice if the county could possibly obtain some land in the downtown area and build a new building. He stated the existing building is still being looked at, but the cost are high for renovations.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to have the Building Committee to continue to survey and to work with the Administrator to find a firm that will not bid on the work to give an evaluation of the existing building and the potential for renovations and some ballpark figures. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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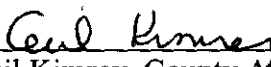
No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

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Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chairwoman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator

Date Adopted: March 10, 2009