MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM &

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

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CHAIR DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

VICE-CHAIR RON MUNNERLYN

ADMINISTRATOR CECIL KIMREY

COUNTY ATTORNEY HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, WILLIE GLADDEN, RON MUNNERLYN, CORRIE H. PLATO, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND ANTHONY WOODS

INVOCATION - Mr. Anthony Woods

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Jason Steen (District 1), Ms. Corrie Plato (District 4), Mr. Steve Blackmon (District 7), and Mr. Anthony Woods (District 8) were sworn in by Judge Mark Heath.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair thanked Council for working with her over the two previously years in which she served as chair.

Nominations & Election of Chair

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to nominate Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chair to Council.

^{*} The meeting which was scheduled for January 11, 2011 was rescheduled for January 13, 2011 due to inclement weather.

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Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by _______ to nominate Dr. Carolyn Prince as Chair to Council. Before the nomination could be seconded, Dr. Carolyn Prince thanked council members, but stated she wished to decline the nomination.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to bring the nominations for Chair to a close. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince called for the vote for Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Chair. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn assumed the position of chair and the gavel was handed over.

Nominations & Election of Vice-Chair

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to nominate Dr. Carolyn Prince as Vice-Chair to Council.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to bring the nominations for Vice-Chair to a close. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn called for the vote for Dr. Carolyn Prince as Vice-Chair. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - December 9, 2010 & December 14, 2010

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Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2010 and December 14, 2010. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Ken Allen. Abstain: Mr. Jason Steen. Vote: 7/1/1. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 663A - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE - SECOND READING

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 663A – An Ordinance to amend the franchise agreement for the collection and disposal of household solid waste. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

SELECTION OF GABRIEL ROEDER SMITH & COMPANY FOR GASBY-45 UPDATE

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the report had to be completed every two years and shown on the County Financial Statement. Council will be approving the company to do the report for the next year.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the selection of Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for GASBY-45 Update. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF FUNDS FROM RAILROAD FUNDS FOR MOHAWK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN AMOUNT OF \$150,000 WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF \$150,000 TO BE PAID UPON COMPLETION OF COMMITMENT.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon for the approval of the request of funds from railroad funds for the Mohawk Infrastructure Project in amount of \$150,000 with additional funds of \$150,000 to be paid upon completion of commitment. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Anthony Woods, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Ken Allen. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato. Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to re-appoint Ms. Gwen Moses to the Marlboro County Historical Preservation Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to appoint Mr. Donald Foreman to the Marlboro County Fire Committee Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Foreman will replace Mr. Billy Joe Quick.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS

Public Works Truck – a proposal was received from Magic City Motor Corp under State Contract for 2011 Ford 650 with a base cost of \$47,998 and additional charge of \$9,758 for the bed from Lee Transport. The total cost of the truck was \$57,756. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the county will pay \$20,000 using Public Works Budgeted funds and do a lease finance for \$40,000. He advised he had acquired proposals from First Citizens Bank, BB&T, and TCP for lease financing of \$40,000 of the amount of the truck for a period of 36 months. First Citizens offered a fixed percentage rate of 1.95% and BB&T offered a percentage rate of 2.84%. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator

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advised First Citizens was the lowest bid and did not require a bond attorney. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney stated he believed the county could satisfy the terms required by First Citizens.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the proposal of \$57,756 as presented through state contract by Magic City Motor Corp. and Lee Transport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to approve the lease financing agreement with First Citizens Bank with the stipulation to bring it back to council if the price changes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Anthony Woods, Recreation – advised Recreation had began with basketball before the winter storm. Various teams of different ages were formed. Everyone had a great time. Games had been cancelled due to the weather, but, recreation should be able to get back on schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT - CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Expenditures – were at 45% of the budget through the end of December 2010 for the general fund budget. **Revenues** were at 22% of the budget through the end of November 2010.

Employee Recognition – employees with at least five years of service through the end of December included: Brooke Freeman (6 years), Paul M. Heath (9 years), and Walter Pratt (11 years).

Various Information – included in the council packets were copies of the council rules which included the change approved by Council December 2, 2000, a request from Moseley Architects for additional funds, and a proposed budget schedule.

Airport – final figures from the clearing and grubbing for the LPV Approach grant at the airport were:

Federal \$293,336.25 State \$ 7,719.38 \$ 7,719.37 \$308,775.00

Farming – the Administrator advised an ad would be run the Marlboro Herald Advocate for farming available at the airport.

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DD McColl House – the Marlboro County Historical Preservation Commission is requesting the county take over maintenance of the grounds at the site.

Furloughs – the transfer amounts for the furloughs would total \$54,340.00 not to include the library, which would not be transferred at the present time due to state requirements. A list of transfers were included with the Administrator's report.

Inclement Weather – employees were to be paid for the days missed due to the weather according to policy.

Inmates – the information from other counties provided to the Warden regarding inmate meals was provided to council with the administrator's report.

Complaint – the Administrator had the contractor investigate a carpet complaint at the Sheriff/Magistrate Complex.

Interest Proposals – the proposals were provided to council regarding the truck lease. First Citizens provided the lowest quote.

Contribution - an additional contribution was received for the library exceeding \$25,000.

I-95 – the cost for each county per month for twenty years at the I-95 Gateway Park is expected to be at least \$8,189.00 to construct a spec building.

Furloughs – Council was provided with a copy of the funds required for each department to eliminate furloughs through June 2011.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ronnie Smith – questioned the status of the situation at Norwood Acres.

Ms. Meredith Russo – stated there was a new era opening up in Marlboro County with the elections of Elizabeth Munnerlyn and Mick Mulvaney – neither were interested in having a landfill in Marlboro County.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – stated that with the lake being drained, he thought it would be a good idea for the county to help pick up the trash. Mr. Ken Allen agreed. Mr. Willie Gladden stated the City of Bennettsville may not have asked for help, but the county needs to help them more. He agreed the county needed to help pick up the trash. Mr. Munnerlyn advised the citizens the reason for the lake being drained is to repair a leak in a valve.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised as Chair, he would like to know what committees the council members are interested in serving. He requested they let him know.

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Mr. Munnerlyn recognized each council member and asked if they had any comments.

Mr. Ken Allen – welcomed Mr. Jason Steen and stated he looked forward to serving with him. He encouraged Mr. Steen to follow his conscience and to do what is right for the citizens.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated he echoed Mr. Allen's comments to Mr. Jason Steen and he also looked forward to serving with him. Mr. Blackmon stated he though council had accomplished a lot the previous year and still had a to accomplish.

Ms. Corrie Plato – welcome Mr. Jason Steen. She said she had one issue which she would like to have looked into – Summit Lane. She was advised a citizen, Ms. Kelly was having problems obtaining water, they were working with Marlboro Water Company. She requested Cecil contact Marlboro Water Company to see what can be done.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked Council for meeting with the City and working together. She suggested possibly joining with the school board also for a committed effort of all council working for the citizens.

Mr. Willie Gladden – welcomed Mr. Jason Steen. He stated he had been receiving a lot of complaints over the past two years. He wants people to get more information and wants to put everything on the table with council working together.

Mr. Anthony Woods – welcomed and recognized Mr. Ron King, the new Executive Director for Marlboro County Economic Development. He advised Mr. King he looked forward to working with him and would be behind him 100%. Mr. Woods thanks Dr. Carolyn Prince for her two previous years of serving as Council Chair. He also congratulated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn on his appointment as current council chair and welcomed Mr. Jason Steen to council.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated he was glad to be there. He said he had a long hard battle and had worked hard to be elected in his district. Mr. Steen said he looked forward to moving forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Council Chairman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were heard.

<u>ADJOURN</u>

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

(SEAL)

J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Chairman Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted:

February 8, 2011