

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILLIE GLADDEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JIM HAYNES
PATRICIA BUNDY
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
DISTRICT 3 (VACANT)
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

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

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron Munnery, Economic Development Director

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen 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).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any requested changes to the agenda and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE # 749 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this is the required Public Hearing before the second reading of three which are required for this type of Ordinance. He stated that this particular Ordinance would renew the Franchise Agreement for the collection and disposal of Household Solid Waste under the same terms as the current contract.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or members of Council regarding this Ordinance. There were none.

ORDINANCE # 750 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINES PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITONAL PROPERTY IN DARLINGTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this was the required public hearing before the second reading and that this Ordinance would expand the boundaries described in an existing Ordinance for a multi-county industrial park with Darlington County. He stated that Marlboro County would receive 1% of the property taxes paid to Darlington County for businesses within the Industrial Park.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or members of Council regarding this Ordinance. There were none.

ORDINANCE # 751 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DATED AS OF MARCH 8, 2016, SO AS TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN DILLON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this was the required public hearing before the second reading and stated that this Ordinance would amend an existing Ordinance between Marlboro County and Dillon County by expanding the boundaries of the Industrial Park.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or members of Council regarding this Ordinance. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

PRESENTATIONS

SHEHEEN, HANCOCK & GODWIN, LLP – AUDIT REPORT ENDING FY JUNE 30, 2016

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director for Marlboro County.

Ms. Moore stated that Mr. Marc Wood and Mr. Shane Kirkley of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP were present and that Mr. Marc Wood would be presenting the results of the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Mr. Wood addressed the Chairman and members of Council and stated that he would make his presentation short and sweet. Mr. Wood stated that his firm has provided an unmodified opinion of the Financial Statements for Marlboro County and congratulated Council.

Mr. Wood provided members of Council with a one page Executive Audit Summary. He stated that item “1.” Dealt with management discussion and analysis, basic financial statements (government wide & fund), notes to the financial statements, supplemental information and schedules, and compliance section and made reference to the page numbers in the annual audit report which was provided to members of Council.

Mr. Wood stated that item “2” indicated that there were two types of funds, Governmental – General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Project Funds, as well as Fiduciary Funds which were agency funds and trust funds.

Mr. Wood stated that item “3” dealt with analysis of financial position and stated that the total of assets was close to \$7 million, with a total of liabilities and deferred inflows of close to \$1.3 million, with an ending fund balance/net position of \$5.5 million.

Mr. Wood stated that item “5” dealt with analysis of activity which revealed a change in fund balance of \$167,824.

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Mr. Wood stated that the last item “6” dealt with summary of significant issues and stated that the revenues exceeded the amounts which were budgeted by \$37,308, that the expenditures were under the amounts budgeted by \$518,120, and the transfers in/out were under budgeted amounts by \$723,252.

Mr. Woods stated that there were findings that were noted in the audit report that could be reviewed by members of Council at their leisure. He stated that one thing that staff wanted him to mention was the recreation accounts and the fact that several of these recreation accounts bearing the EIN number of Marlboro County. He stated that these funds must be reflected on the county’s books if they bear the county’s EIN number and this would need attention.

Mr. Wood stated that he would like to thank Mr. Haynes, Ainsley Moore, Kaye Liner and staff. He stated that these folks were put through the ringer for about two weeks but pulled everything that they were asked for and were very easy to work with. Mr. Wood stated that the staff worked really hard in getting their firm what they needed in order to get this report to Council in the timeframe that we promised.

Mr. Wood stated that if there were any questions as members of Council reviewed the audit report that Ms. Ainsley Moore had their contact information and members of Council were welcome to call or email him with any questions.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked where the findings that he mentioned might be located in the audit report and Mr. Wood stated that the findings started on page 73.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Wood for his time and work on providing the audit report.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTED BY BOBBIE JO GROOMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Bobbie Jo Grooms.

Ms. Grooms thanked Council for allowing her to address them with the annual report of the library.

Ms. Grooms provided members of Council with one page highlights of work done from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. She stated that a total of 11,484 or 39.84% of the citizens in the community were using the library. She stated that 44% of patrons visiting the library were using computers.

Ms. Grooms stated that the library had 41,819 physical visits which resulted in 34.47% increase from last year.

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Ms. Grooms stated that the staff weeded the entire collection, shifted fiction and large print fiction off the floor so that elderly adults could reach books, added more audio visual materials to the collection, added SOP for three audio books per month, shifted focus of collection development to a more customer driven approach and that all of this has heled to increase circulation annually.

Ms. Grooms stated that the library currently partners with Federal Correction Institution's library and circulates approximately 100 books per month.

Ms. Grooms stated that approximately 6,197 folks were served through the library and bookmobile from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. She stated that this outreach was as a result of a website with a homepage calendar of events. She stated that the summer reading program resulted in 1,017 participants in 2016.

Ms. Grooms stated that the library reaches out to assist with church events, as well as all schools in the county including AMI School of Infinity and AMI Kids Camp.

Ms. Grooms mentioned that they also provided seasonal programs for Christmas, Halloween, and Easter and have really enjoyed these events.

Ms. Grooms stated that the county has provide the library with the tools that they need to reach folks and they library staff was working hard to reach as many as possible.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked how often the computers in the library were upgraded. Ms. Grooms stated that they have tablets, smart readers/leap pads that are preloaded with early literacy and games and children learn really quickly and know what to do when these tools are provided.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that the report provided was excellent and thanked staff for stepping up after Ms. Virginia left. Dr. Prince stated that she did have one concern regarding getting a shelter for the new bookmobile. She stated that the skin on the bookmobile was very sensitive and they needed a shelter to protect it from ice and the weather. Dr. Prince stated that she thought the Historical Society or someone asked that the architect that built the actual library be contacted to have plans drawn for a shelter but stated that the contract is not available to provide such plans.

Ms. Grooms stated that City does not want to see a metal building for the bookmobile in the area due to the area being in the historical district. Ms. Grooms agreed that a shelter was needed for the bookmobile because the library has pecan trees on the property and these trees are not kind to vehicles especially one as sensitive as the bookmobile with the skin wrap.

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Dr. Prince asked Chairman Steen to please have Mr. Munnerlyn to look at this issue and see if some aid or assistance could be found to help with providing a shelter for the bookmobile.

Chairman Steen stated that he had talked with Mr. Munnerlyn earlier about this and this would be something that they would be giving some attention to. He stated that he understood the need to protect the bookmobile and that this would be worked on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 15, 2016

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 748 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 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 TAXES AGREEMENT, BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS “PROJECT CUSTOM”, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX INCENTIVE AND A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE MARLBORO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK TO PROJECT CUSTOM; THE INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason K. Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that the first reading of this Ordinance was held back in June regarding a company called “Project Custom” which is a high end tissue paper company which proposes to use materials from an existing industry to create the tissue paper.

Mr. Haynes stated that since the first reading back in June, that things were back on go and that the company is in a hurry to get things finalized. Mr. Haynes stated that things looked good and a public hearing on this Ordinance would be held hopefully as early as January along with the third and final reading.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the project would include land or any building and Mr. Haynes responded that they were requesting that the county transfer approximately 25 acres of property located in the Industrial Park which has been surveyed and is being considered. He

stated that the company has asked for an additional five acres to assist with financing and other terms with the filot and has suggested a solar energy component which this additional property might be able to accommodate. Staff has not ordered a new survey as of yet with the additional five acres. Mr. Haynes stated that the company planned to invest approximately \$50 million and hire somewhere around 150 jobs.

Dr. Prince asked if more details would be provided before the final reading and Mr. Haynes confirmed that everything would be completed for review by members of Council prior to the third reading.

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

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 748 – an Ordinance authorizing pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 14 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreement, between Marlboro County and a company known to the County as “Project Custom”, to provide for a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax incentive and a special source revenue credit; the execution and delivery of a property transfer agreement for the transfer of property located in the Marlboro County industrial park to Project Custom; the inclusion of the project in a multi-county industrial park; the approval of certain sponsor affiliates and other related matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 749 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that staff recommends second reading of this Ordinance as required to renew the Franchise Agreement with USA Waste d/b/a J. Davis Enterprises, Inc. with the same terms as the existing contract.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 749 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the Franchise Agreement for the collection and disposal of Household Solid Waste. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 750 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND

OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN DARLINGTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this was the second reading of an expansion of the Industrial Park with Marlboro County has with Darlington County as stated during the Public Hearing.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 750 – an Ordinance to amend the agreement for Development of a multi-county industrial and business park by and between Darlington County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park so as to include additional property in Darlington County as a part of the joint county industrial park, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 751 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DATED AS OF MARCH 8, 2016, SO AS TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN DILLON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this is the second of third required readings for this Ordinance and it authorizes the expansion of the boundaries of the existing Industrial Park between Marlboro and Dillon counties.

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

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 751 – An Ordinance to amend that certain joint county industrial and business park agreement entered into between Marlboro County, South Carolina, and Dillon County, South Carolina, dated as of March 8, 2016, so as to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain property located within Dillon County; and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 12-16-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX-ADVANTAGED BOND COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Resolution would approve a set of procedures that have been drafted by the attorneys who assisted us with the refinancing of our bonds which saved the county money. Mr. Haynes stated that one of the requirements to refinance the bonds was that we have a written policy regarding the pay back of the bonds and other items. Mr. Haynes stated that although staff has been following these policies, this Resolution confirms the policies in writing which makes it official.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 12-16-01 – A Resolution Approving Tax-Advantaged Bond Compliance Policies and Procedures for Marlboro County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-16-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND MARLBORO COUNTY

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that it seems that government rethinks everything after a disaster is experienced and this has been done since the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Haynes stated that this Resolution approves a Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of South Carolina and Marlboro which allows assistance from the state for fire, rescue and other state services as may be needed. He stated that Mr. Keith Hughes and Mr. Steve Akers have reviewed this Mutual Aid Agreement and suggests that we consider its approval. Mr. Haynes stated that it would not solve all of our problems would is a good start.

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

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve Resolution # 12-16-02 – A Resolution Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of South Carolina and Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-16-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY FOR 2016-2017 NESA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Resolution deals with a grant problem with Northeastern Strategic Alliance and allows staff to send them a check for \$25,000.00 and they send us \$50,000.00 in return to assist with various projects such as “Welcome to Bennettsville” signs and Industrial Park signs, and other like projects. Mr. Haynes stated that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn has been getting a plan in action for these funds but we need this Resolution to authorize the transfer.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 12-16-03 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County for 2016-2017 NESA Economic Development Grant Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-16-04 – A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT CUSTOM, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, INCLUDING SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS AND THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that Resolution is required by law and deals with the negotiation of a contact with the company “Project Custom”. This Resolution will allow us to negotiate a contract between the county and the company and then bring the contract to Council for approval which is what is done anyway but this makes it official and is required by law.

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

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Resolution # 12-16-04 – A Resolution identifying a project to satisfy the requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to allow investment expenditures incurred by a company known to the county as Project Custom, its affiliates and related entities, to qualify as expenditures eligible for a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with Marlboro County, South Carolina; providing for other related Economic Development incentives, including special source revenue credits and the transfer of real property owned by the county; and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECOGNIZING MR. KEITH ODOM OF USA WASTE D/B/A J. DAVIS ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked Mr. Keith Odom of USA Waste d/b/a J. Davis Enterprises, Inc., who was present at the meeting to come forward. Chairman Steen read the framed Certificate of Appreciation aloud and thanked him for all of his hard work with the sixth annual Turkey Giveaway.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MR. KEN ALLEN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked Mr. Ken Allen to come forward and read the Proclamation aloud. Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Allen for his services to the citizens of Marlboro County and stated that he would be missed by all.

Mr. Ken Allen stated that he would like to thank all the citizens from the sixth district. He stated that everyone had been really good to him and he appreciated their confidence.

Mr. Allen then stated that he wanted to thank all of the county employees. He stated that the county had good employees when he came on as a Council member and that many had left but the County has been fortunate to get new good employees. He stated that the County was very fortunate to have such good employees.

Mr. Allen stated finally that he wanted to thank members of Council. He stated that the Council worked well together but that there were disagreements. He stated that they all have different ideas but that they discuss their differences and are open to one another and everyone knows what the others will support. He stated that it did not happen overnight but after many years. He stated that it was good to have unison in public and it means a lot.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MR. JAMES E. "JIM" HAYNES FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, to come forward and read the Proclamation aloud. Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Haynes for his service to the County and stated that he would be missed.

Mr. Haynes stated that Mr. Munnerlyn with whom he had worked with in Richmond County convinced him to come over to Marlboro County as an Interim Administrator for about three months. Mr. Haynes stated that that interim arrangement turned into a term of more than four years and that it had been a good four years. Mr. Haynes stated that many good employees had left but that the county employees really get things done.

Mr. Haynes stated that he knew little about Marlboro County but has learned many things since coming on as Administrator. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve this area.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSION

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to be made to the County Boards and Commission.

There were no recommended appointments.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Moore reported that expenditures were at 40% of the budgeted amount for the month of November and this amount is slightly under budget. She stated that the revenues were at 21% which was a slight increase but stated that she expected tax collections to result in a significant increase for the next month.

Ms. Moore stated that the Finance Department has processed the Christmas bonuses and that these bonuses were paid on December 2nd along with regular payroll.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator.

Mr. Haynes stated that Ms. Kaye Liner had only attended two Council meetings since he was Administrator and one of those meetings was at the time that Mr. Cecil Kimrey left as

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County Administrator and tonight's meeting was his last meeting. He stated that when Ms. Liner attends meetings, staff better look out because it means someone is going home.

Recognition of employees - The following employees was recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of November: Channing Covington (12 years); Amanda Hill (8 years); Marie Hill (5 years); Mary Hood (10 years); and Kenneth McLain (18 years).

Animal Shelter Report for November, 2016 - Mr. Josh Cohoon, the Animal Shelter Director, provided a report for the month of November. A total of 76 dogs have been taken in with 71 being rescued, four being adopted, five being reclaimed by owner, and two being euthanized, leaving 55 currently at the shelter. A total of six cats were taken in with 24 being rescued, seven being adopted, and six being euthanized, leaving 82 currently at the shelter.

FEMA Report from Hurricane Matthew - We have a report from FEMA as to how many applications were received due to the damages caused by Hurricane Matthew. FEMA actually received a total of 477 applications of which 381 came from actual homeowners and 95 came from renters of property. Of these applications, total funds of \$293,770.73 were paid. A breakdown of the payout schedule is attached for your review and information.

Demolition of the Old Library and Old Jail/Animal Shelter - The bid package for the demolition of the old animal shelter/detention center on Wallace Road and the old library building on John Corry Road has been drawn up by Pee Dee COG's engineer, Sandy Watford, and the mandatory pre-bid meeting was held today at the Administration offices. Bids will be accepted until 10:30 am on Thursday, January 5th at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in public.

Statewide CTC Meeting - Chairman Jason Steen, Councilman Willie Gladden, and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn attended the statewide CTC meeting in Columbia on Thursday, December 8th.

Refund of Premiums for Workers' Comp. - Staff received a letter from SC Counties Workers Compensation Trust regarding the County's final 2015-2016 Worker's Compensation Audit and the premium has been recalculated resulting in a refund to the county of \$3,999.00. The Solicitor's Office also received a \$375.00 refund from the premium which was paid on their behalf. We appreciate Mr. Grover McQueen and all of his work with this as well as other staff members.

Fifth Annual Employee Christmas Dinner - The Fifth Annual Employee Christmas dinner went very well. We had more than 250 in attendance and this was by far our largest number. We thank County Council for allowing us to have this dinner again this year.

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City of Bennettsville Christmas Parade - As all of you know, the City of Bennettsville Christmas Parade which was scheduled for today was postponed due to rain and has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 17th 10:00 a.m. Line-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Jennings Law Firm on Broad Street and the floats will disassemble in the old hospital parking lot on North Marlboro Street. We have been asked not to throw candy from the float.

Blenheim Fire Department Christmas Party - The Blenheim Fire Department has invited members of Council to their Annual Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the “We get it Together Catering location on Highway 38 South in Blenheim, SC.

AMI Kids Drop In - AMI Kids will have a Holiday Drop-In on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at their offices at 620 Marlboro Road, Bennettsville, SC. They have requested that anyone planning to attend RSVP by contacting Tracy Bragg at 843-479-0420 or by email at Bennettsville-aa@amikids.org not later than December 16, 2016.

NACo 2017 Legislative Conference - The National Association of Counties’ (NACo) 2017 Legislative Conference will be held from February 25 – March 1, 2017 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. If any of the Council members wish to attend, please notify Ms. Bundy so that she may make the appropriate arrangements for you.

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN’S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that only one citizen had signed up to address Council. He recognized Mr. Keith Odom.

Mr. Keith Odom – Mr. Odom thanked Council for allowing him to speak. He stated that the turkey giveaway went really well and that they gave away close to 500 turkeys to citizens in our county. He stated that they hope to have about 750 next year. He stated that they partnered with McColl Police Department and gave away 20 turkeys. He stated that this was a good feeling and hoped to do these giveaways as long as possible.

Mr. Odom stated that J. Davis Enterprises, Inc. has had a contract with Marlboro County since 1999. He stated that they have two trucks and five employees. Mr. Odom stated that was the contact for any problems that residents of Marlboro County residents may have and that he has provided his card and contact information to many in the county, as well as posted his contact information on Facebook. He stated that if anyone had any problems, to please contact him and he would try to resolve the same. He stated that his company wanted to provide good service.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Woods – stated that it has been a great year. He stated that he wished Mr. Ken Allen all the best as he moves on. Mr. Woods stated that he had learned many things over the years and that Council members do have disagreements but try their best to come together in public. Mr. Woods stated that Council works hard and well together.

Mr. Woods addressed Mr. Jim Haynes and stated that it had been a real pleasure having him on as County Administrator. Mr. Woods stated that he had worked with two Administrators during his service and that Mr. Munnerlyn would follow Mr. Haynes as County Administrator and promised Mr. Munnerlyn to support him just as he has Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Woods stated that he looked forward to the new members of Council, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. and Mr. Verd Odom, coming on in January.

Mr. Woods also thanked Sheriff Elect Lemon for coming to the meetings and stated that he looked forward to working with him and supporting him in the years ahead.

Corrie Plato – stated that Mr. Ken Allen would truly be missed. She addressed Mr. Allen and stated that they had been together for a long time and have never had a cross word. She stated that Mr. Allen had taught her so much.

Ms. Plato addressed Mr. Jim Haynes and thanked him for all that he had done for Marlboro County. She stated that she appreciated him starting the annual Christmas dinners for county employees and it was nice to bring everyone together for an evening of fellowship. She told Mr. Haynes that he would be missed.

Willie Gladden – stated that he had sat next to Mr. Ken Allen on Council for four years and that he would be missed. He stated that he enjoyed their talks during Council meetings.

Mr. Gladden addressed Mr. Jim Haynes and stated that he had done a great job.

Mr. Gladden stated that many great things have been accomplished with the animal shelter, veterans' affairs and the list goes on. He stated that times have been great and that he has asked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn to put a package together highlighting accomplishments for 2016 for the January meeting. Mr. Gladden stated that January would be a very special meeting.

Mr. Gladden welcomed the new Council members who would begin in January.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she had worked with Mr. Ken Allen from 2000 forward and that it had been a wonderful time. She thanked Mr. Allen for his leadership and guidance.

Dr. Prince stated that she had lobbied for six years to get a good Administrator and stated that Mr. Jim Haynes came and really turned things around.

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Dr. Prince thanked county staff for the renovations to the Wade H. Prince Recreation Center and stated that the facility was bright and very inviting.

Dr. Prince mentioned that Ms. Mia McLeod, the daughter of Mr. Jimmy McLeod of Morris Funeral Home, had been elected as the new SC Senator. She stated that even though Senator McLeod will not represent our area, she is still from our hometown and wished her much luck in her service as Senator. She stated that Senator McLeod was sworn in on November 29th in Columbia and that she was fortunate to be present.

Dr. Prince stated that Sheriff Lemon's swearing-in ceremony would be held on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the Berea Center and that all were invited to attend. She stated that she liked the location and it was a perfect venue for such a special occasion. She stated that Sheriff Lemon would have her support and appreciated him attending the council meetings.

Dr. Prince gave an update on "Our Children, Their Future" and stated that for 2016 nearly \$46,000 was raised and approximately 35,000 weekend meals were provided to children in need which was only a fraction of the needs in the county. She appreciated how everyone in the community has rallied around this organization and appreciate all the support. She stated that it was not too late to make tax-free contributions to this worthwhile organization and encouraged all to do so before the end of the year.

Dr. Prince stated that she, along with Ms. Corrie Plato, Ms. Bernice Johnson, and Mr. Tyrone Abraham have been working together on an event to help children in the area after Christmas. She stated that it would be called Winterfest and that it would be after Christmas and before the children go back to school. She stated that more information would follow on this event but wanted the community to know that there are groups in the area that are assisting those that are not located as close to parks such as Blenheim and Brightsville.

Steve Blackmon – stated that he wanted to echo everything that had been said about Mr. Jim Haynes and county employees.

Mr. Blackmon stated that he would miss Mr. Ken Allen and Mr. Jim Haynes.

Mr. Blackmon stated that he looked forward to working hard next year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ken Allen – stated that he had said enough and would give him time to Mr. Willie Gladden. Mr. Willie Gladden responded that he had nothing else to say.

Jason Steen – thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and stated that this would be his last meeting of 2016 and as Chairman. He stated that being Chairman was nothing and that it took all members of Council to get things done. He stated that the entire Council was here for the citizens of Marlboro County.

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Mr. Steen stated he was the newest member on block with Council and thanked Mr. Ken Allen for all he had done. He stated that he had learned a lot from him.

Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Jim Haynes for all that he had done for the county.

He addressed Mr. Charles P. Midgely, Jr. and Mr. Verdi Odom and stated that they would be coming on in January and welcomed them both. He stated that he looked forward to working with them in January.

Mr. Steen thanked Sheriff Charles Lemon for attending the Council meeting and stated that he looked forward to working with him in the New Year.

Mr. Steen stated that he looked forward to moving forward in 2017. He stated that good things were happening with the library and recreation and that it was good to live in Marlboro County.

Mr. Steen stated that he hoped everyone would be safe and to not forget the real meaning of Christmas.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

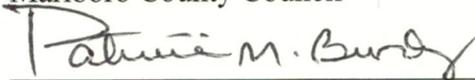
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ATTEST:

Adopted: January 10, 2017



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
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