

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILLIE GLADDEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

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

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

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Marlboro Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that there were a couple of changes that needed to be made to the agenda. He stated that a new item of business needed to be added as item f – Ordinance # 765 regarding a FILOT for Project Tom. Chairman Steen stated that item 2, Resolution # 12-17-02 under New Business needed to be amended with a new title.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr, to amend the agenda to add a new item “f” under New Business as “Ordinance 765 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and a Company to the County at this time as Project Tom with Respect to Certain Economic

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Development Property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to Certain payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; and Other Matters Related thereto” and to also revise item 2 under New Business to read “Resolution # 12-17-02 – A Resolution Identifying a Project to Satisfy the Requirement of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures incurred by a County Known to the County as Project Tom, its affiliates and Related Entities and Certain Sponsor Affiliates to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Arrangement with Marlboro County, South Carolina; Providing for any Other Necessary Agreements with the Company to Effect the Intent of this Resolution; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the agenda with the changes as noted above. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 763 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance was related to the Joint County Industrial Park with Marlboro County has with Dillon County and this simply adds additional property to the park to enlarge the same. He stated that this was routine.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 1, 2017 – Strategic Planning Session 2, and November 14, 2017 – Regular Council meeting

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, 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 Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the Strategic Planning Session 2 meeting minutes of November 1, 2017 as well as the Regular Council meeting minutes from November 14, 2017 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 763 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK – SECOND READING

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munneryn stated that this Ordinance simply adds additional property to the Joint County Industrial Park which Marlboro County has with Dillon County for a new project. He stated that this was the same Ordinance for which a Public Hearing was held earlier.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 763 – an Ordinance to amend an Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2016 Park) of Dillon and Marlboro Counties so as to Enlarge the Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 764 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND HUMANE SOCIETY OF MARLBORO COUNTY, INC. – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munneryn stated that staff continues to work with the Humane Society of Marlboro County, Inc. in an effort to move forward on an agreement for the Humane Society to handle the day to day operations of the shelter. Mr. Munneryn stated that some terms of the lease/operating agreement so far as noted in the packet but that a final draft would be made available for Council's review for the January meeting.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 764 – an Ordinance to Approve the Lease Agreement and Operating Agreement by and Between Marlboro County and Humane Society of Marlboro County, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 12-17-01 – A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 MARLBORO COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED FROM 2012

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munneryn stated that the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years pursuant to requirements of FEMA and which is also required to receive grant funding. He

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stated that the plan is basically the same as the one approved back in 2012 with updated contact names.

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

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 12-17-01 – a Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Marlboro County Hazard Mitigation Plan which has been Updated from 2012. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 12-17-02 – 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 TOM, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES AND CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPANY'S PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR ANY OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution was related to an existing industry expansion to provide for a fee in lieu of taxes. He stated that basic tax incentives were being offered. He stated that this was a great deal that an existing industry wants to invest more money with our county.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 12-17-02 – 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 Tom, its Affiliates and Related Entities and certain sponsor affiliates to qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Arrangement with Marlboro County, South Carolina; Providing for other Economic Development Incentives in Connection with the Company's Project; Providing for Any Other Necessary Agreements with the Company to Effect the Intent of this Resolution; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO PROVIDE PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS COVERAGE UNDER THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that during the budget process, six part-time firefighter positions were approved and some of these firefighters are also firefighters in other places like Horry County. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this application will approve to provide them police officers retirement through the county which is a good thing for them and a little better than the standard state retirement system.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the County's Application to Provide Part-time Firefighters Coverage under the Police Officers Retirement System. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP PROGRAM (YELLOW DUMPSTER)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that an employee committee has met and prepared a draft of program guidelines for the neighborhood clean-up program (yellow dumpster). He stated that the guidelines were included in the agenda packet for Council's review.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this program would be available to all citizens who pay the \$40 fee and that some flexibility may be provided to folks or groups in the city for some fee if the need arises.

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

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Program Guidelines for Neighborhood Clean-Up Program (Yellow Dumpster) as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED REGULATIONS AND PRICING FOR SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTERS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the employee committee also provided revised regulations and pricing for the Solid Waste Convenience Centers for Council's review and approval. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that these revised regulations and prices were included in the agenda packet for Council's review. He stated that these regulations and prices would become effective on January 1, 2018.

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Mr. Anthony Woods asked Mr. Munnerlyn how much negative feedback he had received since the \$40 solid waste fee was imposed. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that members of Council probably received more than staff has received but stated that there were many calls when the notices were first sent out but after staff explained what the fees would be used for most folks were ok with it.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Revised Regulations and Pricing for Solid Waste Convenience Centers as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 765 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT TOM WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance was the companion to the Resolution # 12-14-02 for an existing industry's expansion project. He stated that more details would be provided for the second reading in January, 2017.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 765 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and a Company to the County at this time as Project Tom with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, Whereby such Property will be subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; and Other Matters Related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. JEREMY STEEN TO SERVE ON THE MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AS A WATER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TO REPLACE MR. JAMES QUICK

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Partnership Ordinance states that two water company representatives serve on the partnership and two electric company representatives serve on the partnership and Wallace Water has nominated Mr. Jeremy Steen replace Mr. James Quick has recently retired.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeremy Steen to serve on the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership as a Water Company Representative to Replace Mr. James Quick. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any other appointments. There were none.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Moore stated that for the month of November, expenditures were at 39% of the budgeted amount and revenues for the month had increased significantly from last month, as tax collections have begun to come in. She stated that budgeted revenue amounts were now more in line with budgeted expenses.

Ms. Moore stated that she expected the annual financial audit to be completed this month, as the auditors were now writing their final report.

Ms. Moore stated that the County recently had a surplus sale, and a total of \$19,600 was received. She stated that staff had received positive feedback on the ease of using the Gov World Auction group and that most likely this firm would be used in the future for future surplus sales.

Ms. Moore stated that the Finance Department had processed Christmas bonuses and they were distributed with the regular Payroll on December 1st. She stated that staff had heard positive feedback about the bonuses as well as the employee Christmas dinner, and she felt that employees were very appreciative and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. She stated that she had seen many employees wearing their new County jackets, which were getting rave reviews.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Moore for the financial report.

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

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that his report was as follows:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES - The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of November: Channing Covington (13 years); Lisa Hood (11 years); and Kenneth McLain (19 years)..

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The Marlboro County Annual Employee Drop In is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Administration office.
2. The McColl Christmas Parade is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Council has a float for this parade and line up will begin at 2:15 – 3:00 pm on Highway 381. If anyone needs help finding the location, they may call Jeffrey at 843-544-6229.
3. The Blenheim Volunteer Fire Department will be having their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at the “We Get it Together” facility on Highway 38 South in Blenheim, SC. They have asked that members of Council and their guest join them.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

MCEDP Meeting and Drop-in

Partnership held its December meeting yesterday followed by the group’s annual drop-in. The board meeting was very well attended and the Council’s strategic initiatives and the Partnership participation in those initiatives was discussed.

Prospect Activity

Prospect activity for the past month has been very slow as is expected this time of year. Staff still has several active prospects and also some projects involving existing industries.

2017 Prospect Activity Summary - Marlboro County								
Source	# of Inquiries	% of Total Inquiries	Potential Jobs	Potential Investment \$MM	Actual Jobs Announced	Actual investment Announced \$MM	Announced	Still Active?
NESA	7	32%	1,669	\$ 219.5				6
Existing Industry	5	27%	30	\$ 52.4	30	\$ 10.4	1	4
Direct	4	18%	275	\$ 162.0				3
Commerce	2	9%	180	\$ 16.5				2
RM connections	2	9%	50	\$ 10.0				0
Total	22		2,204	\$ 460.4	30	\$ 10.4	1	15

Harbor Freight Groundbreaking

The Harbor Freight Tool Groundbreaking is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 11:00 am at 430 Farley Drive in Dillon, SC.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mid-Year Financial Review

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as we approach mid-year for our fiscal calendar, staff would begin reviewing in detail their financial performance year to date. He stated that once the review was completed staff would make adjustments and begin to think about the budget process in early spring. He stated that preliminary review does show that expenses are well under control and revenue is on track at this time. He asked that everyone keep in mind that staff will be entering the period where most tax revenue is received.

Council Initiatives

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was working to create action items for the Council initiatives developed during strategic planning and stated that once staff has the items that they will bring to Council for final tweaking and action where appropriate.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Clean-up initiative was in full swing as evidenced by the 2 items that were on the agenda tonight. Some other related items include:

a) County-wide joint effort –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he continues to meet with a Partnership committee to develop a county-wide, City of Bennettsville/town effort. He stated that they were working to develop a cost estimate of dealing with ALL of the derelict houses/mobile homes as well as the Firestone and Delta sites. When a budget is developed for such an effort, staff intends to seek grants and other funding to address the issues

b) Tires-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there was a huge amount of tires improperly and illegally disposed of in the County and in the towns/City of Bennettsville. He stated that staff was working to come up with a program to do a one time “amnesty period” to collect all of these tires and properly dispose of them. It costs about \$800 to dispose of a tractor trailer load of tires. Staff is also working to understand what law enforcement means we have to stop illegal dump sites.

c) Convenience Centers-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that an employee committee has been formed to come up with a plan for improving our convenience centers. The committee has toured sites in Richmond County and Scotland County, NC. We are looking into the possibility of a centrally located “super center” to receive material from citizens but also run a commercial operation to allow contractors and others a place in the County to dump items such as shingles. We would charge for this commercial service. We feel it is important to look at population density and traffic counts to determine the best location for sites. More as it develops. . .

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 two citizens had signed up to address Council. He recognized them as follows:

Britany Stuckey – talked about the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 9 and Old Wire Road due to the Wallace School. She stated that folks drive thru this area at 75/80 mph in a 45 mph zone and that it was not safe for the children. She stated that there had been several accidents at this intersection and one resulted in the death of a bus driver.

Ms. Stuckey also asked what stood in the way with the county getting a hospital up and running. She stated that a hospital would certainly attract industry. She also mentioned abandoned properties in the county and stated that they needed to be cleaned up. She also stated that there was a great need for a YMCA or something for children to do.

Ms. Stuckey also mentioned recycling and refurbishing computers to bring in revenue.

John Jefferson – wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He stated that he has heard many things that are being planned but that it all costs money. He stated that someone has to pay to have these things done. He stated that he refused to pay the ransom note.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that Clio had their parade on Saturday and that everything went great in spite of the cold and rainy weather. He stated that the crowd was not as big as usual due to the weather but that it was still good.

Mr. Woods mentioned that ribbon cutting ceremony of the Clio Eastside Fire Station which was held on December 5th and stated that it was really nice. He stated that the open house which was held on Saturday, December 9th was also real nice. He stated that the Fire Department does a great job and they step up when the need to. He stated that he appreciated their service.

Mr. Woods thanked staff for the Employee Christmas Dinner and stated that it went very well.

Mr. Woods wished every a happy and safe holiday.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that the Employee Christmas Dinner was really nice and commended staff on their efforts in pulling everything together.

Ms. Plato stated that she participated in the Christmas Parade earlier and that it was really nice and they had plenty of candy to throw out. She stated that Mr. Gladden had a big box of candy and there was more than enough.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – thanked staff for a wonderful employee Christmas Dinner and stated that he really enjoyed the fellowship with the employees.

Mr. Midgley thanked the Sheriff and his staff or all that they do and thanked them for attendance at the meeting tonight.

Mr. Midgley thanked the two scouts that attended the meeting from Throop 625.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that this year was a great year. He stated that all employees looked really happy at the employee Christmas Dinner and that meant a lot to him. He stated that county staff works hard and they always get the job done.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the Brightsville-Adamsville Walking Trail and stated that it was almost completed and ready to be used. He stated that he and staff had been working on the trail for years but it has finally been completed and looks great.

Mr. Gladden stated that the Brightsville Fire Department on Family Farm Road would be completed in about a month or so and that having a fire station in that area would result in lower homeowner insurance rates for those citizens.

Mr. Gladden stated that he has enjoyed working with members of Council this year and that they may not always agree but they do work it out without falling out.

Mr. Gladden mentioned Toys for Tots and stated that every kid deserved a gift. He stated that anyone that was willing to help with this should do so and deliver their gifts to Ohanesian Law Firm or to the County Administration office.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she had a school commitment the night of the employee Christmas Dinner and she was unable to attend but heard that all employees enjoyed the dinner and the jackets provided by the County. She stated that she had received her jacket and loved it.

Dr. Prince stated that this was the second year that she and Ms. Corrie Plato and others would be sponsoring a Winterfest at Marlboro School Center and Saturday, December 30th from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. She stated that there would be games, bingo, Toys for Art, and there would be all kinds of prizes to be given away including tablets. She also stated that there would be 50 family boxes available for those less fortunate. She stated that all are welcome to come out and help with this event.

Dr. Prince mentioned the DSN Giving Tree that they have for senior citizens. She stated that this was a great idea and that she had taken the last name off of the tree earlier that day. She stated that it was much better to give than to receive.

Dr. Prince thanked Ms. Brittney Stuckey for addressing her concerns to Council and stated that she was happy that Ms. Stuckey was taking a stand for issues in the county that concerned her.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he has enjoyed working with members of Council and stated that they work together well. He thanked staff for all that they do and stated that things were getting better. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he wanted to remember two of his co-workers, Mr. Al Graham, who had died the day before while working at a Firefighter training event in Columbia, as well as Trey Martin who had died earlier in the day. He stated that he wanted

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to remember these families and stated that death is especially bad during the Christmas season.

Mr. Odom thanked Mr. Munnerlyn and staff, as well as all county employees for all that they do for the county.

Mr. Odom thanked Sheriff Lemon and his department for all of their hard work, as well as all fire and rescue folks. He stated that these folks have dangerous jobs and that we all should pray for them daily as they work hard to protect us.

Mr. Odom wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked everyone to be safe.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked his fellow Council members for the opportunity to serve as Chairman for the last two years. He stated that two years was certainly enough. He stated that he had learned a lot and thanked everyone for their support. He stated and there would be new Chairman next year. He stated that he felt that everyone worked really well together.

Mr. Steen mentioned the strategic planning and stated that council now has a foundation with a lot of work to do but that things were certainly moving forward.

Mr. Steen thanked Ms. Stuckey for speaking on issues that concerned her and stated that folks needed to get involved. He stated that it will take all 23,000 people in the county to move things forward.

Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Don Patterson and the video crew for all that they do during the year for Council and presented each one of them with a gift.

Mr. Steen asked that everyone remember the reason for the season is Jesus Christ. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

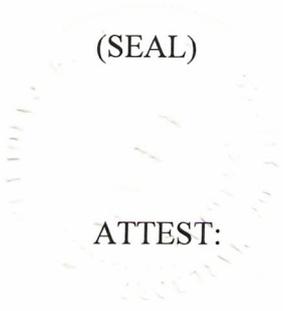
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Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

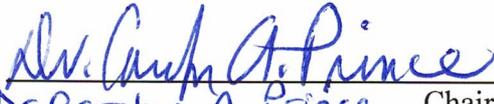
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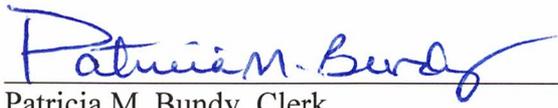
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ATTEST:



Carolyn A. Prince, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: January 9, 2018