

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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](http://www.marlbocounty.sc.gov)).

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the meeting and asked Councilman Woods to lead the invocation and asked that all please remember the family of the 8-year old girl who was missing as well as all those that are searching for her.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the amended agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 753 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO TO NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on Ordinance # 753.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this public hearing was required to transfer the property known as the old Winn-Dixie building to Northeastern Technical College which will be used for a vocational training facility. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance is on the agenda for third and final reading and he asked members of Council to allow the county attorney and himself as County Administrator to make sure all conditions of the agreement are met prior to the transfer of title to Northeastern.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this Ordinance. There were no comments.

ORDINANCE # 754 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROBITAS VENTURES, LLC PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on Ordinance # 754.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the public hearing required in order to allow the group from Carolina AAC to attempt again to make a go of the company. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the property was located in the industrial park and that certain stipulations and requirements were requested to be made by the company prior to this coming before Council for a third reading and those items have been taken care of. He stated that one of the requirements was that a new awning be placed on the building which has not yet been done but the old awning has been removed and a new one has been ordered and the company stated that they expect it to arrive any day.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this Ordinance. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2017

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 753 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY OF MARLBORO TO NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had made comments on this Ordinance earlier but asked that Council approve the third and final reading of this Ordinance and asked that he and Mr. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., the County Attorney, be allowed to insure that all conditions which Council approved earlier were met prior to the transfer of property to Northeastern.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the third reading of Ordinance #753 – an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a property transfer agreement for the transfer of property from the County of Marlboro to Northeastern Technical College. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 754 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROBITAS VENTURES, LLC PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had discussed this Ordinance earlier in the Public Hearing but did want to point out that no up-front incentives were being offered to this company and the County was not at risk with the final approval of this Ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Munneryn stated that the drafted Capital Improvement Plan was in the agenda packet for Council's review. He stated that this plan was a four-year capital needs outlook. He stated that the numbers would change prior to the third and final reading.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 756 – an Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2018 to FY 2022. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 757 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION DOLLAR (\$1,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munneryn stated that this Ordinance is a proposed continuation of the work that was done last year regarding the \$4 million which was borrowed through bonds that passed in 2007. He stated that the tax millage to repay the bond was set at the time the bond was passed. He stated that last year staff refinanced the bond to save money on the interest rate but now they have found a way to refinance the bond to free up the amount available, up to between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Mr. Munneryn stated that these funds would be used for building improvements and repairs and that this would in no way affect the tax millage already set and being paid by the tax payers and the bond would still be paid back in the ten year period as required.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if this new Ordinance would lower the existing interest rate. Mr. Munneryn responded that Council approved the refinance to lower the interest rate last year but this Ordinance would allow us to borrow back up to the original \$4,000,000 amount which will be about \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 in new monies to be used towards capital improvements to county properties. He stated that staff would need to have an updated list of improvements/renovations to be made but this would certainly not be a problem. Mr. Munneryn stated that the School District does this a good bit.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 05-17-01 – A Resolution to authorize Marlboro County to enter into an agreement with the City of Bennettsville to Provide for the exchange of services between the City of Bennettsville and Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 05-17-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDING PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this agreement has been in effect for several years and the County collects tax millage from all residents in the county to provide this service to its citizens. He stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held and Mr. Jeff Boan of Marlboro County Rescue Squad attended, as well as Ms. Jane Rogers of the Marlboro General Hospital Charities' Trust. He stated that last year the County paid the Marlboro County Rescue Squad the sum of \$690,000.00 for this paramedic level emergency service and transfer service and Council also gave them an additional \$50,000.00 in light of the hospital closing its doors. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that after discussion with the members of the Public Safety Committee and Mr. Jeff Boan, staff recommended revising the contract to indicate a payment of \$725,000.00 without the \$50,000.00 additional payment. He stated that he made it clear to Mr. Boan that if things got tough and the squad needed additional monies to run the service that they would contact the county and let us know so that additional help could be given to them.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that from the reserves which the county has from the revenue of tax millage, they propose to use \$50,000 to pay for a dispatcher at 911. He stated that everyone understands that the Rescue Squad is constantly running back and forth to Scotland and Cheraw transporting patients since the local hospital has closed.

Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that the agreement which is recommended requires the Marlboro County Rescue Squad to pay the sum of \$30,000.00 to Wallace Rescue to serve as a backup when Marlboro Rescue needs help. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in the past the Marlboro Rescue had paid Clio Rescue and Wallace Rescue somewhere around \$15,000.00 to serve as backup to them but now that Clio Rescue is no longer existing, the contract calls for a \$30,000.00 annual payment to be paid to Wallace Rescue for this service.

Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that Council allow staff (himself and Mr. Steve Akers of E-911) to establish a protocol regarding dispatch of Wallace Rescue in backup situations and Mr. Jeff Boan was in agreement with that.

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Chairman Steen stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet again soon and will reach out to the Marlboro General Hospital Charities' Trust to see if it can provide funds to the County to help with the services that we provide to the citizens of Marlboro County. He stated that Wallace Rescue was dispatched last week for backup service with the bad wreck that occurred on Highway 15-401.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 05-17-02 – a Resolution authorizing Marlboro County to renew the agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad providing paramedic level emergency service and transfer service throughout Marlboro County and also to allow staff to establish a protocol regarding dispatch of Wallace Rescue in backup situations. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND MARLBORO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TWO 5.5KW GENERATORS BY DHEC TO MARLBORO COUNTY TO SUPPORT SHELTER OPERATIONS

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the agreement for consideration requires Marlboro County Emergency Management to abide by the terms of the agreement in the upkeep and use of two generators which DHEC proposes to give the county to support shelter operations.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Memorandum of Agreement between SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and Marlboro County Emergency Management for the transfer of two 5.5kW Generators by DHEC to Marlboro County to support shelter operations. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to any boards or commission.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that he needed to appoint Ms. Miranda Ingram to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to represent Clio due to the declining health and age of Mr. Samuel McCollum. He stated that Mr. McCollum has stated that it was time to get someone else and he would support Ms. Ingram in this position.

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**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to appoint Ms. Miranda Ingram to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Chairman Steen asked if there were any other appointments.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. stated that he would like to recommend that Mr. Bill Jennings be appointed to serve as an industry member on the Economic Development Partnership Board and that Mr. Frankie Frazier be appointed to serve on the Economic Development Partnership to represent District 3.

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to appoint Mr. Bill Jennings to serve as an Industry representative, and to appoint Mr. Frankie Frazier to serve as a representative for District 3 on the Economic Development Partnership Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Chairman Steen asked staff to please provide him with an up to date list of vacancies on all County Boards and Commissions so that appointments may be made.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if a Council member could serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee. She stated that Council members have trouble finding folks willing to serve on these committees due to the training that is required. Mr. Munnerylyn responded that he would look into that and let her know to make sure that would be considered “dual office holding”. Mr. Gladden stated that they do have a lot of trouble getting folks to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee because it takes so much time for the training.

REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that he along with Dr. Carolyn Prince and Mr. Willie Gladden met with Mr. Jeff Boan of the Marlboro County Rescue Squad and Ms. Jane Rogers of the Marlboro County General Hospital Charities' Trust recently. He stated that they discussed the call volume and response times and how Marlboro Rescue was handling everything. Mr. Steen stated that Mr. Boan confirmed that 75-80% of the calls that are received are non-emergency calls. He stated that those present discussed pilot programs about transferring non-emergency calls to Urgent Care facilities. Mr. Boan was going to follow up on the pilot program and get back with staff on that matter.

Chairman Steen stated that Ms. Jane Rogers of the Marlboro County General Hospital Charities' Trust stated that they had stopped the nursing scholarship program since one of the requirements was that the nurses come back to our county to work at our local hospital. She stated that our county no longer has a hospital and there was nowhere for them to come back to work in the County. Chairman Steen stated that Dr. Prince had asked Ms. Rogers about paramedic training and monies that may be made available for that training in our area

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and Ms. Rogers stated that she would check into that possibility. Chairman Steen stated that Dr. Prince had a great idea in suggesting that since we currently need more paramedics available in the area since there is no hospital. Mr. Steen stated that Ms. Rogers reported that the Charities' Trust had purchased the old State Farm office on Tyson Avenue.

Chairman Steen stated that the Charities' Trust seems to be limited as to what they can pay for or will pay for from their funds. He stated that Ms. Rogers did mention that there was a dental program and prescription program for all those that would qualify and that those interested should go by the Charities' Trust office on Tyson Avenue (the old State Farm office) and speak to the caseworker on staff to see if they may qualify for any of these services.

Chairman Steen stated that overall the meeting went well and they will be planning another meeting soon to follow-up on matters that were discussed and to see if the Charities Trust can help us in any way financially. Chairman Steen stated that we have problems with 80% of our rescue calls being 80% non-emergency and only 20% needing level 2 care and we need to work to resolve some of these issues.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Moore reported that expenditures were at 78% of the budgeted amount and revenues were at 79% of the budgeted amount for the fiscal year. She provided a bar graph and stated that the county's revenues and expenses were trending consistently for the current fiscal year as they have in prior years. She stated that although expenses have been higher than revenues for some months this year, the revenue collections in peak months have compensated for the differences.

Ms. Moore stated that she and Mr. Munnerlyn have finished meeting with all department heads and reviewed their budget requests. She stated that they will begin making adjustments as staff strives to reduce the use of the county's fund balance in the upcoming annual budget.

Ms. Moore reported that according to the SC Association of Counties, there was little headway made last week concerning the state budget. She stated that the House funded 1% of the mandated pension plan increase for all non-state PEBA entities. She stated that the Senate instead, allocated money directly to local governments allowing the governing bodies to determine how to spend their allocation which includes a \$34 million increase to the LGF. She stated that the Senate's distribution to the LGF would allow counties to better meet the demands of mandated services, while also allowing the county governing body to decide how best to allocate its resources.

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Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

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

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

Mr. Munneryn 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 April: : Teresa Burgess (15 years); Christopher Byers (13 years); Arthur Hamer (19 years); Warren McColl (11 years); Curtiss McDuffie (20 years); and Sharon Thomas (12 years).

1. **SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Program** – stated that the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy was sponsoring and the Family Enrichment group was hosting an event on Thursday, May 11, 2017, with an informal meet and greet from 5:30 – 6:00 pm with a program to begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Bennettsville Community Center on Marlboro Street. Mr. Munneryn stated that all members of Council were invited to attend and the Proclamation which was discussed earlier will presented to the group at the meeting on Thursday.
2. **SCAC'S 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** – stated that the SCAC's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was scheduled for July 30 – August 2, 2017 at the Hilton Head Marriott. There will also be classes offered by the Institute of Government on Saturday and Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the conference brochure was attached to the Administrator's report for Council's review. He asked that anyone planning to attend the conference contact Ms. Patricia Bundy so that she could make the appropriate arrangements. He also advised that the Marlboro Electric Cooperative has invited Council members and their families to join them for dinner at Frankie Bones on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and that requested that they let Ms. Bundy know the head count for their party so that reservations could be made.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Mr. Munneryn stated that in the past month there have been 3 inquiries from economic development prospects with no visits.

Mr. Munneryn stated that in Partnership with NETC, an informative meeting for local industry at the Winn-Dixie building was held recently. He stated that the meeting was intended to receive input into the building layout as well as programs to be offered at the

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facility and the meeting was well attended. He stated that this was the first of a series of meetings focused on assisting existing industry and business.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Public Works has been working to clear several lots on 15-401 that offer access to the BORO complex. He stated that staff is working to make low/no cost improvements to the facility in hopes of selling or leasing the facility. He stated that he did show the facility to one local industry over the past few days.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as information to members of Council, a Proclamation was given for Peace Officers' Memorial Day which will be recognized on May 15, 2017 to honor the memory of all those that have served in law enforcement and also to honor those that continue to serve to help keep our community a safe place. He stated that the flags on county buildings will be flown at half-staff on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Marlboro County received "Best Renovation" award for 2016 from the Bennettsville Downtown Development Association (BDDA) for the creation of the Marlboro County Market Street parking lot.

Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that Marlboro County Recreation received "Champion of Young Children" award from the Marlboro County School District recently.

**Safety Committee-** Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the multi-department Safety Committee has been meeting and conducting Safety Audits in all areas. He reported that these audits were something common to industry and originated with the DuPont Safety program. Basically, teams fan out and tour facilities looking for Unsafe Acts, Conditions and Policy Violations. From these reports action items are generated and improvements/corrections are made.

**Administration Building Access -** Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the security door at the Administration office was now functioning with a telephone available in lobby for visitors to call the party they are visiting. He stated that if members of Council wished to have an ID that this would be unique to individuals and if lost would defeat the purpose of the security.

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

### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL**

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that two citizens had signed up to speak and he recognized them as follows:

**Mr. Van Quick, Jr.** – stated that he resided at 611 Summer Lane and that he wanted to complain about the property across the street from Lindsay Park where several mobile homes are located. He stated that the property is all grown up and that they recently killed

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two rattlesnakes in the area. He stated that there are small children that play in the area and the area needed to be cleaned up. He stated that he had talked with several folks and had not received any answers. He asked that someone please help in getting the property cleaned up.

Chairman Steen stated that Council does not respond to citizens during the meeting but that if he would speak to the County Administrator after the meeting, maybe this matter could be discussed further.

**Mr. John Jefferson** – stated that he had appeared before Council before and was back again to discuss property taxes. He stated that he did not understand why he should be required to pay school taxes if he had no children. He stated that he paid \$8,000 - \$10,000 in property taxes over the past 20 years and now the county has sold the property and kept the money from the sale. He stated that he needed an answer as to how he benefited from paying taxes.

Chairman Steen stated that he had discussed this in the past with Mr. Jefferson and he had nothing further to add.

### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – thanked Ms. Ainsley Moore, the Finance Director, and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for all of their hard work with the budget presentation which was presented earlier in the Work Session. He stated that they did a great job. He stated that the budget was not a simple matter and he understood that things needed to be done and that further discussions and planning would occur soon.

Mr. Woods stated that everything in Clio was good. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – stated that she had gotten her dog back that was missing and was very thankful. She stated that she enjoyed the work session and stated that she felt that the county was headed in the right direction. She stated that things needed to be changed and she felt that Council had the right person guiding them.

**Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr.** – he stated that he wanted to let all the folks in District 3 know that he is open to discuss any issues.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – mentioned the 8-year old girl that was missing and stated that law enforcement officers from all around the state were helping search for her as well as from North Carolina and Georgia. He stated that there were also many volunteers helping search for this child and stated that if one had any suggestions or ideas to help the search that they please give the Sheriff's office or Bennettsville Police Chief a call.

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**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – stated that she shared the same sentiments as Mr. Gladden. She stated that Bennettsville had made the national news but not in a good way. She stated that she continued to pray for the family.

Dr. Prince stated that she noticed the work on the clearing of the property next to Causeys Home Center and stated that the Boro warehouses were now visible from Highway 15-401. She stated that the other end of 401 was still an eye-sore and desperately needed to be cleaned. She asked if the properties could be condemned so that at least the overgrown grass could be cut down. She stated that many folks travel Highway 15-401 to the beach and no one ever knows when there may be an industry prospect that may be looking at the area.

Dr. Prince also questioned when the sign would be available for the Marlboro County Wade H. Prince Recreation Center. Mr. Munneryn, the County Administrator, stated that he was given a date for the installation and it was sometime for the month of May but he would get the definite date and let her know.

**Mr. Verd Odom** – asked that everyone please excuse his allergies. He wished every mother a Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Odom stated that the Marlboro County Sheriff's Office and McColl Police Department worked really well together and captured the escapee around 5:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon. He stated that the departments worked well together and got the job done. He stated that he understood that the escapee was the guy that broke into a 92-year old lady's home.

Mr. Odom mentioned the abandoned properties in the area and stated that he understood that if the properties could be proven to be a public health nuisance that Council might be able to get some help from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Steen stated that there were many law enforcement officers around searching for Iyana Lowery and that the County had made national news but not in a good way. He stated that all agencies needed to be working together on searching for this child because if it were his child, he would certainly want all the help he could get.

Mr. Steen stated that some dates would be picked and sent out to members of Council to try and schedule another work session for the budget so that all members of Council may attend.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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ADJOURN

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

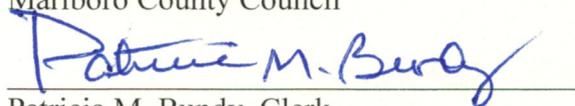
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: June 13, 2017