

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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

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\* 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, recognized Dr. Carolyn Prince and asked that she provide the invocation and asked that she please remember Mr. Verd Odom who has had knee replacement, as well as Mrs. Jackie Woods, the wife of Mr. Anthony Woods, who recently had open heart surgery. He stated that they were both improving but would appreciate the prayers.

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FY 2017 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AS REQUIRED BY GRANT AGENCY

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was an annual grant which provides equipment for the Sheriff's Department and requires no match. He stated that this grant was in the amount of \$11,640.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 14, 2017

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 Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of August 14, 2017 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince (not present at meeting). Vote: 5/0/1. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 761 – AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK WITH DILLON COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance related to the Harbor Freight expansion where new property was acquired and the new property is now being added to the Industrial Park which we have with Dillon County.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 761 – an Ordinance Enlarging the Boundaries of that Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Dillon County and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 762 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 753 TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER WINN-DIXIE BUILDING TO NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR THE NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Ordinance related to a previous Ordinance approved by Council to transfer the old Winn-Dixie property to Northeastern Technical College for a vocational educational facility. He stated that NETC wanted the option to put the property in the name of the foundation rather than the actual college so they would not have to go through the state regulations.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 762 – an Ordinance Amending Ordinance # 753 to Allow the Transfer of the Former Winn-Dixie Building to Northeastern Technical College or the Northeastern Technical College Foundation. Motion in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 09-17-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution would set the millage rates which were approved for the 2017-18 annual budget and is required by the Auditor in order to create the tax bills. He reminded members of Council that the law only allows an increase in tax mils based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other factors. He stated that there would be a total of 3 mil increase to be broken down as follows: a 1.3 mil increase of which .9 mils would be used to recover deficit from previous year and .4 mils would be used due to the reassessment valuation decrease. He stated that there would also be a 1.7 mil increase to recover unfunded state mandates such as the retirement increases required by state. He stated that the state continues to “short” fall our county by more than \$500,000 in local government funds. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the first year that Marlboro County has imposed done these types of millage increases and that these rates would be identified on the tax bill.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there would also be a 1.3 mil increase on NETC which was permitted under inflationary rules.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Resolution would also allow the County Administrator and the Auditor to make the determination of the Local Option Sales Tax Credit (L.O.S.T.)

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factor used to discount tax bills. He stated that the Treasurer recommended the amount to be around \$900,000 and that he and the Auditor were in agreement with that number. He stated that this money came from sales tax revenue shared by the state.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the 1.70 mil increase for unfunded state mandates was just for the increase in state retirement and Mr. Munnerlyn confirmed that to be true.

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

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 09-17-01 – a Resolution Establishing the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 09-17-02 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF SMOKE-FREE AIR LAWS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution has been passed in most local government entities and would basically prohibit smoking in any county-owned buildings or within 25 feet of any public entrance of said buildings. He stated that this Resolution would also prohibit smoking in any county vehicles or equipment.

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

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 09-17-02 – a Resolution Supporting Local Control of Smoke-Free Air Laws in the State of South Carolina. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 09-17-03 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR THE FY 2017 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,640.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that comments were made on this item during the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 09-17-03 – a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application by Marlboro County to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the FY 2017 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$11,640.00 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that a Proclamation had been prepared declaring September as National Recovery Month at the request of Trinity Behavioral Care. Chairman Steen read the Proclamation in its entire and presented the same to Mr. Phillip Trammel, Director of Community Services, of Trinity Behavioral Care.

Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Trammel for all that Trinity does for the community.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF MCDANIEL SUPPLY COMPANY'S SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES WHICH RENEWS ANNUALLY ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> UNLESS TERMINATED BY PROVIDING 60 DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that last year a new vendor, McDaniel Supply Company, took over in providing the inmate commissary services and Council approved the contract for one year to allow the new Sheriff and staff to see if they were happy with the services provided by the company. Warden Kevin Thomas and the Sheriff have indicated that they were pleased with the services provided by McDaniel Supply and have recommended that the contract be renewed for another year.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked where the 27% commission funds that McDaniel pays to the Sheriff's Department were deposited and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the funds were deposited into an account and subject to audit.

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 the one year extension of McDaniel Supply Company's Service Agreement for Inmate Commissary Services which renews annually on December 31<sup>st</sup> unless terminated by providing 60 days' written notice. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

BRIGHTSVILLE PARK WALKING TRAIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to discuss the bids received on this project.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that two bids were received for this project. He stated the county received a federal grant of \$75,000.00 which requires a 15% match but the match could be in-kind. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there was much to do around the park and that the in-kind part would be covered so as to not cost any cash out of pocket to the county.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Mr. Erwin from Darlington County specializes in Boy Scouts and recreational parks and he drew the specifications on this project.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that two bids were received, one from Furr Paving & Grading in the amount of \$97,000 and one from Hudson Paving of Rockingham in the amount of \$69,525. He stated that staff recommended that Council accept the low bid from Hudson Paving in the amount of \$69,525. He stated that Hudson Paving does a good bit of work in our area is and is a very reputable company.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to accept the bid from Hudson Paving of Rockingham in the amount of \$69,525.00 for the Brightsville Park Walking Trail Project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

AIRPORT HANGAR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to discuss the bids received on this project to construct new hangars at the airport. He stated that all current hangars were full and there was a need for new ones.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that two bids were received for this project. He stated that the Federal Aviation Administration has grant funds available for this project and would provide 90% of the cost with the 10% match which was required to come from Economic Development funds which were included in the budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that one bid totaling \$544,328.67 was received from Tungsten, LLC and one bid totaling \$599,894.00 was received from KMD Construction.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county's consultants, Talbert & Bright have recommended that the Council accept the low bid from Tungsten, LLC in the amount of \$544,328.67.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to accept the bid from Tungsten, LLC in the amount of \$544,328.67 for the Airport Hangar. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were appointments to Boards and Commissions.

The following appointments were recommended:

Airport Commission

District 2	Dr. John Nobles	Re-Appointment
District 3	Mr. Frank Shutt	New Appointment
District 4	Mr. John Powers	New Appointment

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the appointments to the Airport Commission as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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Chairman Steen asked if there were any other recommended appointments and 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 August, expenditures were at 17% of the budgeted amount and revenues were at 8%. She stated that revenue collections were generally low during the first few months of the fiscal year, but would normally even out with expenditures once tax collections begin.

Ms. Moore stated that salary increases which were approved by Council for FY 2017-18 for all county employees and elected officials would be effective on checks to be received on September 22, 2017. She stated that there would be a letter included with each pay stub acknowledging Council's awarding of the increase.

Ms. Moore stated that staff had completed all necessary requirements in connection with the \$770,000 GO Bond and all of the final paperwork was signed on August 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the funds were received on September 6<sup>th</sup> which would allow staff to continue with the ever-increasing list of building improvement projects on county facilities and properties.

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 Munnerylyn, County Administrator.

Mr. Munnerylyn 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 August: Steve Akers (19 years); Patricia English (9 years); Benetrice Ferguson (19 years); Glendora Johnson (5 years); Robin O'Tuel (5 years); Susan Rivers (17 years); Jeremy Steen (8 years); Janilla Williams (11 years); Sharon Wilson (17 years); Larry Meggs (15 years); and Beverly McIver (17 years).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS**

1. **Marlboro County Industry Appreciation Day** – Mr. Munnerylyn stated that Industrial Appreciation Day would be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Mr. Munnerylyn stated that this year there would be two concurrent activities hosted, a captain's choice golf tournament at noon with registration/lunch starting at 11:00 am; a dove hunt at 2:30

pm, with both groups gathering together for a casual outdoor BBQ “pig picking” dinner at the dove hunting site located at 2022 Neville Bennett Road in Clio, SC, where there would be brief remarks and recognition of the top golfers and hunters.

2. **CareSouth Carolina Ground Breaking of McColl Health and Wellness Center** – Mr. Munneryn stated that there would be a ground breaking of the McColl Health and Wellness Center located at 3080 Highway 15-401 East in McColl, SC, on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm. He stated that Council members were invited to attend.
3. **SC Association of Counties Fall Meeting of the County Council Coalition and Institute of Government for County Officials** – Mr. Munneryn stated that the Fall Meeting of the County Council Coalition is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia, SC. The Institute of Government will also have classes for County officials on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. He advised any Council members that planned to attend to please let Ms. Patricia Bundy, the Clerk to Council, know so that she could assist with making their arrangements.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### Prospect Activity

Mr. Munneryn stated that since the last meeting staff had received 2 prospect inquires representing a total of 1,000 jobs and over \$150 million in investment. He stated that a site visit with one of these prospects would be scheduled for early October.

Mr. Munneryn stated that a common complaint of the public is that we talk a lot about new prospects with catchy project names but never discuss what eventually happens to the prospects. Mr. Munneryn stated that since the last Council meeting we have “lost” two prospects:

- 1) Project Quantum Leap- this company had been considering the Baldor Building but has chosen to locate in North Carolina. We, along with NESAs, are working to receive feedback from the company as to why they chose North Carolina.
- 2) Project DAR - we learned that another prospect that had visited the county had ruled Marlboro County out. They are however still considering South Carolina. This prospect was a foreign company and felt they needed to be closer to an international airport.

### Meeting with Commerce

Mr. Munneryn stated that he met with three new project managers from the Department of Commerce this month as part of their orientation training. He stated that their feedback was in synch with his view that the county has no “product”, that is buildings suitable for large manufacturers and also that many of the sites the county has “pushed” are not very viable. He stated that staff was working to improve existing sites and develop new sites/buildings and this topic would be discussed during upcoming council strategic planning sessions.

## **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

### Vandalism at County Facilities

Mr. Munneryn stated that the county has experienced a rash of vandalism in the past month at county facilities. He stated that most notably, tens of windows that were broken in the middle portion of the County Administration building resulting in \$6,500 in damage. He

stated that the other damage occurred at the Blenheim Gym where a number of expensive windows were broken and a toilet was broken, flooding a portion of the facility.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a security camera system has been installed at both locations and staff was working with law enforcement to pursue charges against the individuals responsible once that is determined.

#### Facility DUDE and 311 Software

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff is excited that the county has purchased licenses for software to manage the county's maintenance departments – not just buildings and sites but also the county's vehicles and equipment. He stated that this software would allow employees to enter work order electronically where they would then be sent to the appropriate supervisor and on to the maintenance person doing the work. Workers would complete the work order, entering their time and materials. He stated that this system would allow folks to track the progress of their request and allow maintenance manager to plan their work and measure the performance of their departments

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that from a management perspective, we would now create records for each building, equipment or vehicle – tracking hours spent maintaining, costs – including labor and materials, as well as other important data. He stated that next year staff would be able to have an even more accurate budget hopefully reducing more costs.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county also purchased software called 311. He stated that this software would allow staff to track issues or requests submitted by CITIZENS. Examples of issues the system would track are trash pickup, litter complaints, animal control issues, dirt road problems, road signs and just about anything else staff set it up to track. He stated that as with the facility maintenance software, this would allow staff to track the efficiency of the county's organization resulting in the best use of taxpayer's dollars and cost reduction.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that once staff understood the system and its capabilities, this would be something staff could consider eventually expanding to partner with other local governments such as the City of Bennettsville, even creating a dedicated number, 311, for citizens to call.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the two systems together would cost the County about \$10,000 a year.

#### Hurricane Irma response

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he believed very strongly in the benefits of group meetings where issues could be discussed and plans made with the input of all involved. He stated that he along with 911 Director Steve Akers and with input from Chairman Steen organized and conducted meetings, with all agencies and organizations involved in a potential emergency response to the hurricane.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the meetings were held at the MWE Library and included law enforcement, the City of Bennettsville and towns in the county, utilities, SC Department of Transportation, DSS, Mental Health and the school district among others.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in the meetings, they focused on the formal emergency response plans and protocols. And, staff focused on improving the “weaknesses” observed during Hurricane Matthew. He stated that the most significant issue was to formalize a plan to keep the roads clear along designated routes to hospitals. He stated that during Matthew, this responsibility fell primarily on the fire departments. He stated that in the meetings, staff learned that the SC Department of Transportation basically would not respond at night, or during the storm. As with Matthew, the volunteer fire departments agreed to keep the roads clear with the Marlboro County Public Works committing to respond with heavy equipment as needed. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that while Marlboro County Public Works did an excellent job AFTER Hurricane Matthew, they did not respond during the storm so this commitment was a change.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the City of Bennettsville represents a large portion of the County’s population and under Max Alderman’s leadership was quick to commit to the need for personnel in our Emergency Operations Center. He stated that Mr. Steve Akers and Mr. Max Alderman were ready to assign a special phone number for City of Bennettsville utility calls which would have been a huge improvement over Matthew.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that some follow up items from the meetings were: establishing 2-way radio communications for situations with no cell phones, resolve issues preventing the use of the Marlboro County High School as a shelter, and better understanding what the SC DOT can and cannot do.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in closing he wanted to recognize publically the efforts of the Marlboro County staff. He stated that in-house department meetings were also held and every department head played a part in the county’s plans and most importantly knew what the plans were so they could share with their folks.

Mr. Munnerlyn specifically recognized Steve Akers in planning for the response to Hurricane Irma. He stated that Steve began fine tuning the county’s response just hours after his mother’s funeral, sacrificing his most personal time to be sure the county kept our citizens safe.

#### RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN’S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. John Jefferson who signed up to address Council.

Mr. Jefferson appeared and continued to complain about paying school taxes. He stated that he felt that it was unfair that he was a single man with no children but was required to pay school taxes.

Mr. Jefferson stated that he was attempting to sell his property located in the Wallace area and that the dirt road leading to his property was dirty with trash and no one will clean it up. He stated that he had called Chairman Steen to come look at the area but he was told that he did not have time but would have someone else come out.

#### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – mentioned the PARD grant funds for 2017-18 and stated that those funds were earmarked for the Blenheim district. She stated that she hoped that the County would receive these funds from the Legislative Delegation.

Dr. Prince thanked Mr. Steve Akers for all of his efforts with the response planning in case we were impacted by the hurricane.

Dr. Prince mentioned Ms. Jackie Woods, wife of Councilman Anthony Woods, and stated that she was feeling better since her surgery.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – stated that he wanted to thank the committee, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Ms. Susan Rivers, Mr. Munnerlyn, for all of their hard work for the Brightsville Trail Park. He stated that it is finally coming to be a reality and this will be completed soon.

Mr. Gladden thanked the Council Chairman and past Chair for the respect that members of Council have for one another. He mentioned the School Board and Bennettsville City Council and stated that these folks often show no respect for one another. He mentioned that the Bennettsville Mayor had given a key to the City to a church that recently opened on Cheraw Street without consulting with other council members. He stated that members of Marlboro County Council did not always agree but that they never disrespected one another.

Mr. Gladden thanked Sheriff Lemon and his officers for attending the meeting. He asked Sheriff Lemon to try and have an officer patrol the Marlboro Street area. He stated that folks travel to Oak River/Mohawk on that road and traffic travels very fast. He mentioned that the Highway Patrol monitored it for a short while but that he doesn't think they are very visible in the area anymore but that something needed to be done to slow the traffic down in that area.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the PARD funds and the \$20,000 that was given to the Lake Commission for recreation. He asked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, the County Administrator, to see if that was done in a legal manner. He stated that those funds should have come back to Marlboro County to be used for our children.

**Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr.** – asked that staff check into what would be required to allow retail sales to include the purchase of beer and wine on Sundays. He stated that he felt it would be worthwhile to check into this keeping the money here locally.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – addressed Mr. John Jefferson and stated that he did go up and look at the area in Wallace and he found no trash on the county road.

Mr. Steen commended Mr. Steve Akers and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn for meetings preparing for emergency response for potential impact of Hurricane Irma. He stated that the meetings went great and that this was the first time anything like that had been done to attempt to

have a plan in place for impact. He stated that it was great to see everyone come together and be on the same page.

Mr. Steen stated that he wanted to have some strategic planning sessions to set some goals for Council and staff to implement policies and move things forward. He stated that this was done two or three years ago. He suggested that the meetings be held in a three part process and recommended that workshops be held after each of the next three Council meetings. He suggested having the first strategic planning session in October after the Council meeting to hear staff presentation of plans. He stated that the second strategic planning session in November after the Council meeting would allow Council and staff to set goals to work toward over the next 3-5 years. He stated the third and final strategic planning session in December after the Council meeting would be to allow staff to present a general plan to accomplish the goals discussed.

Mr. Steen stated that we needed a vision and referred to the Bible and stated that “without a vision, the people will perish”.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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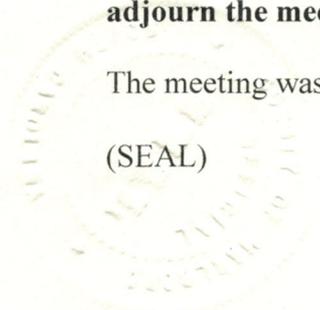
**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

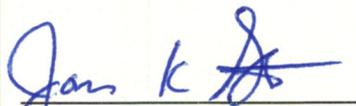
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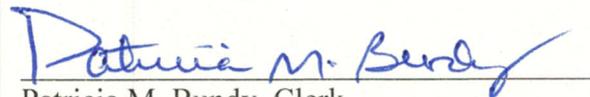
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ATTEST:

Adopted: October 10, 2017



  
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Jason K. Steen, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

  
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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council