

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

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: Jacqueline Hough of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNeil 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).

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Corrie Plato for the invocation and offered sincere condolences on behalf of Marlboro County Council to the Easterling family for the loss of Mr. Harry Easterling, Sr. Chair Prince stated that Mr. Easterling had a great legacy in South Carolina, Bennettsville and Marlboro County for the many things that he did for his state and community.

INVOCATION – Ms. Corrie Plato

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 766 – AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK WITH DILLON COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT UNIQUE)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public or members of Council. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 13, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor: Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Mr. Jason Steen, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Verd Odom. Abstain: Mr. Anthony Woods (not present at meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 766 – AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK WITH DILLON COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT UNIQUE) – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 766 –An Ordinance Enlarging the Boundaries of that Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Dillon County and Other Matters Related Thereto (Project Unique). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 767 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE FOR EXCHANGE SERVICES – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the drafted Ordinance was included in Council members' packets to approve an agreement for exchange services. Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that the agreement for exchange services with the City of Bennettsville was reviewed annually and that staff had recommended one change at this time. He stated that the City has requested that the County, in addition to

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collecting the city property taxes, also collect tax liens that may be applied by the city for the costs of demolition and other abatement of derelict properties.

Chair Prince asked if there would be an adjustment in fees. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there would not be an adjustment at this time. He stated that staff felt that things were moving forward and suggested no further changes at this time.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 767 – an Ordinance approving an Agreement by and between Marlboro County and City of Bennettsville for Exchange Services. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 768 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND DRUG FREE COALITION – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County has been providing services as fiscal agent for the Drug Free Marlboro for some time and that this Ordinance and agreement would renew those services. He stated that Drug Free Marlboro operates on grant funds that are processed through the county's payroll.

Chair Prince stated that she was familiar with the program and she knew the Director of Drug Free Marlboro, Ms. Pam Ashwood. She stated that Ms. Ashwood does many things for the youth in the community.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve second reading of Ordinance # 768 – an Ordinance approving an agreement by and between Marlboro County and Drug Free Coalition. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 769 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARLBORO COUNTY FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR BLENHEIM AND WALLACE SCHOOLS- SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this agreement was forwarded to the county by the School District and staff has reviewed with the Sheriff's office and sent back to the School District for any additional changes. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the School District would reimburse the county for costs.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked why School Resource Officers were only being provided for Wallace and Blenheim schools and not Clio and McColl. He stated that all children deserve the same protection and Clio has the School of Discovery and other schools and he felt that all schools needed School Resource Officers just as Blenheim and Wallace. He stated that if he were a criminal, he would go to the schools that had no law enforcement present.

Chair Prince stated that the City of Bennettsville was handling the School Resource Officers for Bennettsville. She stated that Wallace and Blenheim have no Police Department in their towns and suggested that Mr. Woods contact the Police Department in Clio about his concerns.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he understood that the Sheriff was working on getting School Resource Officers for all of the schools but stated that the Sheriff was not present at the meeting tonight. He recognized Mr. Warren McColl of the Sheriff's Department who was present and Mr. McColl stated that the Sheriff could not attend the meeting tonight because he was actually out working on this same issue. He reported that the Sheriff's goal was to get School Resource Officers in all schools in the county.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if all the details could be worked out prior to third reading of the Ordinance, that the agreement could be revised to include all costs associated with all School Resource Officers throughout the county. He stated that hopefully that would work out.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve second reading of Ordinance # 769 – an Ordinance approving an agreement with the School District of Marlboro County for School Resource Officers for Blenheim and Wallace Schools. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-18-01 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF I-73 (SUBMITTED BY MR. RONALD HENEGAN FOR CONSIDERATION)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this item was tabled at the last Council meeting. She stated that a group of folks had asked that Council consider adopting a Resolution in Support of I-73 but in response to that request Council had a revised Resolution prepared for consideration. Chair Prince read the revised Resolution aloud.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that he was asked to draft a response to the request. He stated that comments have been made by citizens about the impact of I-73 and the initiatives by Council to have SC Highway 38 to become a four lane highway. He stated that this response did not mean that that Council was against I-73 but stated that the reality of I-73 was a long way ahead in the future and the Resolution which Chair Prince read aloud restates Council's initiatives. He stated that Council is considering the revised Resolution based on what citizens have said we as a county needs. He stated that Council needed to learn more about I-73.

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Mr. Jason Steen stated that he had heard that I-73 was about 15-20 years or so out and stated that Council feels that we have existing needs now and improvements that need to be made before we take on something as big as I-73. He stated that he felt that other things should take top priority.

Mr. Verd Odom stated that with the Inland Port in Dillon, he felt that it was very important that Council work towards getting SC Highway 38 developed into a four lane highway for the trucks that will be coming from the Inland Port. He stated that this is something he felt that our Council really needed to push and make happen.

Chair Prince stated that at the Council on Government meeting last night concerns were expressed about the impact of truck traffic on Highway 34 near the Inland Port. She stated that there has been a large increase in truck traffic in the county already. She stated that she is out early each morning and there were many trucks coming through Bennettsville, even though the county has a by-pass.

Chair Prince stated that it was her sentiments that the Resolution was on target and that it represented a feel of fellow Council members.

Resolution # 03-18-01 – a Resolution expressing Marlboro County’s position with regards to the improvement to transportation corridor in the county and directing staff to pursue the strategic initiatives set forth by Council was passed by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 770 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the County Administrator and Finance Department have worked hard and would be working towards having some work sessions regarding the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that he and Ms. Ainsley Moore, the Finance Director, had met with all elected officials and department heads and have started to roll the numbers up. He stated that things that staff knew would change that would increase the budget was (1) the State increased the retirement portion last year that that will go up another percent this year; (2) staff has received conflicting information about health insurance information and that will need to be sorted out; and (3) the County would need to replace a number of vehicles as a part of normal rotation which is typical but this year there will be more than normal.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Railroad revenues to the county had gone down by \$50,000 which was a 13% drop in one year. He stated that some of that money was used to fund some things at the County. He stated that he felt the numbers were down due to companies using trucks rather than rail because fuel was so cheap. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the goal this year was to have no tax increase and to use no monies out of reserve. He stated that the

county used \$400,000 out of reserve for the current year. He stated that staff's ultimate goal was to lower taxes but that it would be premature to say that at this point. He stated that staff has begun to offset cost with better efficiency. He stated that the audit report stated that the county spent \$700,000 less than budgeted. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county would be going to a fuel card system for gas pumps. He stated right now the deputies and public works folks are having to unlock a gate and go in to gas up and we will begin using cards at the gas stations like the Highway Patrol does in order to keep deputies running without having to stop. Mr. Munnerlyn mentioned that the county was looking at a new payroll system which would help staff be more productive and cut out a lot of man hours it takes to look over and review time sheets. He stated that staff has looked at the different departments to see what cuts could be made. He stated that they were not looking to cut anyone's job out but to simply use employees' time better and when someone retires or leaves, staff would then have the option of rearranging and possibly not filling that position. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County was no different than a business and staff was trying to operate the county like a business.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that with the leadership of Council, some work sessions would be scheduled but he hoped that would not be as involved as they were last year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he would like one thing on the record. He stated they are stated that EMS is funded by special tax and he was unsure as to what Council may be looking towards but there may be an increase there since there are no other sources to increase EMS. He stated that staff was working to minimize that if at possible.

Chair Prince stated that she had usual concerns with the funding of the Local Government Fund. She stated that the House voted before their Easter break to amend and to suspend the 4% distribution of Local Government Fund. She stated that this may have been the 10th year this has been done. She stated that the Senate Finance Committee would discuss this issue this week. Dr. Prince stated that Council was being faced with the same method or less funding this year for unfunded mandates with increasing costs of health insurance and other benefits. She stated that it behooved Council to really make sure that the Legislative Delegation looks out for our County's best interest. She stated that Marlboro is a small rural county that depends on the citizens getting tax money returned to our County which is what the Local Government Fund consists of. She stated that many folks do not understand this and wonders why the county cannot do many things that need to be done and the lack of local government funding was the reason why. She stated that she would continue to reach out to the Legislative Delegation although it did not seem to do any good. She stated that when folks ask why Marlboro County does not have things to please refer them to the Legislative Delegation and ask them how they voted on the Local Government Fund. She stated that Marlboro County was not getting the help and support that they deserve.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 770 – an Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE # 771 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2019-2022 – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this type plan is done each year but has never been funded. He stated that the external auditors have suggested that the document could be used to see all of the needs for each department to help with budget needs. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff will work towards getting this document more in line with each department's needs.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Ordinance # 771 – an Ordinance to approve the first reading in title only of Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the Period of FY 2019-2022. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE # 772 – AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSESSION, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK TO BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE LICENSED FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALE – FIRST READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance came from the request of a local business that suggested that an Ordinance be adopted to allow alcohol sales to benefit from tourists coming through our area.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that this Ordinance was a step which was required in order to get the question of alcohol sales on Sundays on the ballot.

Chair Prince as if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 772 – an Ordinance ordering a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 04-18-01 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR 2018

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, read the Resolution aloud.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that this Resolution was done annually.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve Resolution # 04-18-01 – a Resolution designating the month of April as the South Carolina Fair Housing Month for 2018. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Moore stated that the expenses for the month of March were at 70% of the budgeted amount, which was approximately 5% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that staff did not receive the revenue figures until late yesterday afternoon, so she would send Council members an updated revenue report next week.

Ms. Moore stated that staff had begun inputting the fiscal year 2019 budget figures and would continue to work toward constructing a conservative budget, especially in light of the continuing shortfall in Local Government Funds. She stated that she and Mr. Munnerlyn had met with all department heads and reviewed their requests and the department heads were all very much aware of the decrease in the Local Government Fund and were working hard to budget their departments accordingly.

Ms. Moore stated that she was prepared to provide an update on the funding of the Local Government Fund but that Chair Prince had made comments and she did not feel a need to make repetitive statements. She stated that she would continue to monitor the matter.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments.

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore for the financial report.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, 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 March: Luther Brown (16 years); Patricia Bundy (5 years); Don Driggers (7 years); Harry Easterling, Jr. (9 years), Cathy Pearson (29 years); and Arnold Reese (5 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Cathy Pearson** - A Retirement Celebration has been scheduled for Mrs. Cathy Pearson, an employee at the library, for Thursday, April 12th from 3 – 5 pm in the Kinney Room at the MWE Public Library. Mrs. Pearson will be retiring after 29+ years of service.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Delta-

Mr. Munnerlyn reported that the Delta project continued to progress with county crews cleaning up the area around the site. He stated that staff was working with consultants to come up with a re-development plan for the site which would be announced soon.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Tri-County Industrial Park board anticipated that the original park in Dillon would soon be full and therefore the Board should look as to whether the park should develop additional sites. He stated that the agreement with Marlboro has with Marion and Dillion counties does say that the next site may be in another county other than Dillon. He stated that the board is beginning to investigate an additional site located in Marion County. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this regional approach had been very successful, generating property tax revenue for each of the three counties. He stated that he would keep the council informed as things progress.

Transportation

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as he meets with existing industries, it was clear than there was an issue with worker transportation in the county. He stated that often workers car pool and if a vehicle breaks down, more than just one worker misses work.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that based on this information, he was beginning to investigate the options for a limited bus or van route in the county. He stated that at first look it would appear that the line should include Mohawk, Harbor Freight and Ina in Cheraw. He stated that once he had more information, he would share the info and involve council and/or the Partnership members.

Firestone site-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there had been questions and media coverage regarding the Firestone plant. He stated that the site is in the City limits of Bennettsville and therefore under their jurisdiction.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clean-Up Day

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that final plans were being made for Saturday's County-wide Clean-Up Day.

- There were an estimated number of 600 participants
- Focus would be on gateways to community
- Folks would meet at Lindsay Park at 8:00 am or groups may pick up their packets prior and start on their own
- Event would end at Lindsay Park at Noon with a hot-dog lunch. The Marlboro Humane Society would be assisting with providing lunch.

Tire Amnesty Month

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Tire Amnesty Month was in full swing. He stated that residents were encouraged to take advantage of the program and he would ask that everyone listening tonight spread the word. He stated that up to 25 tires could be delivered by an individual for free but anyone with more than 25 or commercial entities were required pre-clearance, which could simply be received by calling the environmental control officer. He stated that businesses would be charged \$1 per tire, which was about what it costs the county to dispose of tires.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that to date the county had taken in almost 500 tires. He stated that staff had also identified almost 2,000 tires at commercial sites and were working to help get those cleaned up. He stated that the city residents could also deliver tires to the landfill.

Broadcast of meetings

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that County Council had been broadcasting its meetings on YouTube for a number of years now and had recently started broadcasting Live on Facebook. He stated that tonight better cameras had been added and the broadcast had been tied into the microphone system.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this move was a continuation of Council's directive to staff that meetings be public and that their business be conducted in the open.

Employee Step Count Program

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that March was the first month of the county's employee "Step Count" contest. He stated that employees logged their daily step count from their smart phones or fitness devices (Fitbit) and staff then averaged each participants count for the month.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that for March the winner for office personnel was Ms. Susan Rivers with an average of 16,904 steps a day and Ms. Melissa Skipper came in second with an average of 13,608 steps a day. He stated that for "outside" personnel, Ross Childers was the winner with an average of 7,985 steps. He stated that the winners received a penny for each average step.

Recreation

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that feedback from citizens and his own observations over the past year or so makes it clear to him that an evaluation of the county's recreation programs and overall recreation organization was needed. He stated that Council had filled the seats on the county advisory board and he would be organizing a meeting of this group in the next week.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as a first step, his goal would be to seek the boards input in developing an electronic survey to be sent to all persons involved with or participating in the county programs. He stated that the survey would be similar to the ones you received for hotel chains or other businesses but tailored to the subject of recreation.

He stated that with the results of the survey, the input of the county advisory board, council and staff, he would develop a plan to improve upon the department's weaknesses.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chair Prince stated that two citizens had signed up to address Council. She recognized them as follows:

James E. Smith – stated that he resided at 307 King Street in Bennettsville, SC. He stated that he was appearing before council as a representative of the Pee Dee Coalition. He thanked the council for adding Pee Dee Coalition to its budget. He stated that the Pee Dee Coalition was a nonprofit organization with a mission statement against domestic and sexual assault and child abuse. Mr. Smith provided some statistics of his organization and stated that one crime was too many.

Mr. Smith stated that Pee Dee Coalition had a great need for funding. He stated that the organization does things to raise money but the need for assistance was still there. He announced that the Pee Dee Coalition would have their 2018 Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 18th at the Marlboro Country Club. He stated that teams would tee off at 9:00 am. Mr. Smith stated that the entry fee for individuals was \$50 per person or \$200 per team. He asked that anyone interested in participating should contact Ray Howe at 843-479-2967. He thanked council for allowing him to speak and wished them the best in their budget process. Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Delores Bess to everyone and stated that she was the Trauma Counselor for Chesterfield and Bennettsville. He stated that he would leave some cards and information for anyone that may be interested in picking them up.

Delores Bess – did not feel the need to speak.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that he was pleased with the new scoreboards in the county's recreation fields. He stated that the Clio was having problems getting kids out to participate in the recreation sports. He stated that Clio only had two teams this year and he was unsure as to what the reason may be. He stated that he was a big advocate of sports and getting kids

out of the house. He stated that the county was on a better path in upgrading its fields and facilities.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that she was looking forward the clean-up event scheduled for Saturday. She stated that there were a lot of folks excited about this event.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – thanked staff for organizing the clean-up event. Mr. Midgley also congratulated Ms. Cathy Pearson on her retirement after 29 years with the county.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that he was looking forward to the clean-up event on Saturday and stated that it says a lot when you have 700 folks or more willing to participate. He stated that the event has been well received.

Mr. Steen stated that he was excited about recreation and the new scoreboards. He stated that when folks see those type of improvements they really appreciate it and can actually see where their tax dollars are being spent. Mr. Steen stated that small things mean a lot to folks.

Mr. Willie Gladden - -stated that this was the first year that Brightsville has been able to have teams for softball/baseball. He stated that they have 14 kids signed up to date and he was very excited about this.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he had a neighbor on his street that is very excited about the clean-up event. He stated that his neighbor actually adopted the road by his house and cleans it up continuously but says that he is planning to help with the clean-up event scheduled for Saturday too.

Mr. Blackmon thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for visiting the Mohawk boat landing. He stated that Mr. Munnerlyn confirmed that the county does own the landing and now the county can have staff look at getting it cleaned up so that folks in the area can enjoy it. He stated that other areas have nice landings to use and it was great that we will be able to clean this one up for our county folks to enjoy. He stated that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, the County Administrator, could not search for funds to make this landing nice for the folks in the county.

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he was looking forward to the clean-up event on Saturday. He stated that the entire county wanted a cleaner county. He stated that he was in Laurinburg by Belk earlier in the week and saw a group from Scotia Village picking up trash. He stated that it may be that getting folks involved will inspire groups to volunteer to clean-up areas on a regular basis. He stated that he appreciated everything that Ms. Brandi Ritter had done to organize the event.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that the clean-up event had been a long time coming. She stated that good things did come to those who wait. Dr. Prince stated that she was still awaiting the sign-up list from the High School Football team.

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Dr. Prince stated that recreation was a critical issue for many folks and stated that there were not enough things offered for our children to encourage participation. Dr. Prince stated that the county has a good advisory board now and a nice building in Blenheim, the Wade H. Prince Recreation Center. She stated that the building should be utilized in providing programs and activities for folks of all ages and girls.

Dr. Prince thanked Mr. Ron Munneryn, the County Administrator, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for their work with the budget last year and stated that if we waste not, we want not.

Dr. Prince thanked council members for all of their hard work and stated that everyone continues to work together regardless of what district they represent. She stated that their working together sets a good pace for leadership in the county.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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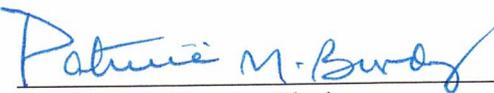
Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since there was no other business that the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

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