

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, May 8, 2018

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR RON MUNNERLYN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL PATRICIA BUNDY  
COUNTY ATTORNEY 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](http://www.marlbocounty.sc.gov)).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUANCE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (HEBEL AAC EAST, LLC PROJECT) SERIES 2018, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES (THE "BONDS"), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 TO PROBITAS VENTURES, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 20,000 SQUARE

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ADDITION TO A 50,000 SQUARE FOOT EXISTING BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 166 INDUSTRIAL LANE, BENNETTSVILLE, SC

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the Public Hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on the matter.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Public Hearing was required by law in order for the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority to issue bonds to Probitas Ventures, LLC. He stated that this industry now occupies the old Carolina AAC building in the industrial park and Council approved late last year or earlier this year to provide incentives for the project that would kick in after a certain investment level. He stated that these bonds would assist the company in making some of the improvements and investments which will eventually allow the county to provide incentives which were earlier approved by Council.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 10, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. Chair Prince suggested a change to the last sentence of the second paragraph on page four. She stated that the last portion of the sentence should read “suggested that Mr. Woods contact the Police Department in the Clio area about his concerns”. There were no other suggested changes or additions.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting as amended. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was an agreement for exchange services which the County has with the City of Bennettsville. He stated that there was always a question about fair trade and staff has looked at the services that we provide to the City and the costs for those services. He stated that staff really focused on what we are currently providing. He stated that he would try to explain how they came up with the numbers. He first mentioned the Detention Center and stated that staff tracked who was in the jail, how long they were in the

jail, the costs to operate the jail, and the pay debt back for building the jail. He stated that the numbers were multiplied by the percentage of how much they were using the facility and came up with an amount of \$553,000 for the County to house the City's inmates. He stated that staff did the same thing with the 911 dispatch service and the costs came to \$207,948 after providing a credit of \$47,882 for the 911 fees paid by the city residents on their phone bills. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the total costs to provide services to the city was \$713,066.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the numbers provided in the agreement for City were old numbers as the agreement had been in place for some time.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if the agreement was not in place, the County would be required to build a fire station to provide fire protection for residents located within a 5 mile radius of the City of Bennettsville and the City of Bennettsville would be required to build a jail to house their inmates.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that also included in the agreement was the collection of city taxes by the county. He stated that this was done as a separate agreement in the past but staff thought it should be included in this agreement so that it would be in one place. He stated that the only change was that the City had approached the County to see if staff would collect through the delinquent tax process the costs for tearing down buildings and staff is ok with doing this. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was not a part of the exchange services and stated that the City would continue paying the County \$1 per bill for this service.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff recommends that this agreement be approved. He stated that it does let us see the value of services that we provide for the future.

Mr. Willie Gladden asked how long the term of the agreement would be for and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it would be for one year but would allow Council to approve for an additional three years by Resolution one year at a time.

Mr. Gladden asked Mr. Munnerlyn if he had heard anything about the City moving its police station and fire department. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he understood that the City's administration offices would be moving to the coop building once it was made available.

Mr. Gladden stated that he had heard that the fire department and the police department would be moving to the coop location across the bypass. He stated that if they did move, how would it affect the County or would it? Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if they moved the stations, the only thing that might affect the County would be insurance if they moved a certain distance away from homes. He stated other than that he did not see any impact but that he would be sure to look into it and would also have the County's Fire Coordinator look into the matter.

Mr. Gladden stated that if the City is making these type of changes that they should certainly notify the County especially since they would be moving out of the city and into the county.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked what the City's services value was and was there any way to estimate the numbers. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff did look at the City's budget and it

appeared to be pretty close and that the numbers were not enough to jump out at you. He stated that without working with them, the numbers could not be looked at closely. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the concern would be that if the agreement were not in place that we would have to build a fire station and the City would need to build a jail.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the third 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 – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this the third and final reading for the renewal of an agreement to allow the money for Drug Free Coalition flow through the County.

Chair Prince 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 third 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 - THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was an agreement which would allow for the School District to reimburse the County for School Resource Officers. He stated that Sheriff Lemon had already put two School Resource Officers in place. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff had not gotten the agreement back from the School Board but that he would push and get that back before the spots could be filled by the Sheriff's office for the two positions that have been vacated by placing the two School Resource Officers. He stated that he did not anticipate any problems with this being worked out. Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that the Ordinance included language that would allow the schools to place more School Resource Officers in others schools should they desire to do so as long as they met these same terms and that staff would be authorized to do that as long as the County is reimbursed for the costs.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve third 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.**

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 – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the second reading to approve the budget template and stated that a budget work session would be scheduled soon and numbers would be presented for Council's review. He stated that staff's goal was to create public confidence that the County is spending money wisely. He stated that he felt that Council and staff can only afford so much. He stated that staff was making every effort to cut costs but increase efficiency in services. He stated that an example of this was that the County had three separate departments that have their own lawnmowers, weed eaters and other grounds equipment and Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, has suggested combining all equipment for one department to be over all County-owned grounds.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was also looking into combining the two code enforcement officers, Animal Control Officer and Litter Control Officer positions, into one department in order that the two may help one another and become cross-trained to share responsibilities when the need arises. He stated that by doing this, money would be saved.

Mr. Munnerlyn also mentioned dirt roads and stated that staff was researching as to which county maintained dirt roads might be closed and passed to the landowners for upkeep.

Mr. Munnerlyn also mentioned a new payroll system for the County which would allow time sheet information to be entered remotely which would save a lot of time in chasing time sheets and it would also save time at the end of the year in helping prepare the W-2s for the employees.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that no matter how much staff seems to cut costs, something comes along and eats up the savings. He stated that staff is forced to look at things they cannot control such as the fact that there will be more unfunded state mandates that would require funding, and the retirement contribution has gone up again. He stated that more information will be provided on this during the budget work session.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there would be two more readings before the third reading to adopt the budget and that numbers would be discussed at the work session including some options provided for consideration such as EMS funding and making sure that employees are fairly paid. He stated that he felt that it was very important that as efficiency is increased

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and positions are cut that staff make sure that the employees left are compensated accordingly.

Mr. Munnerlyn requested that Council approve the second reading on good faith that the numbers would be worked out during the budget work session.

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

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading 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.**

Chair Prince suggested having the budget work session scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had hoped that the meeting could be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> which would be the day after Memorial Day. Mr. Munnerlyn suggested that we have the budget work session as early as possible and then have a called Council meeting at 6:00 to vote on several other things. All agreed to have a budget work session at 4:00 pm on May 29<sup>th</sup> with a called Council meeting to follow at 6:00 pm.

ORDINANCE # 771 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2019-2022 – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this plan would follow the budget and recommended the second reading.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 771 – an Ordinance to Approve the 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 – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was the second reading for this Ordinance.

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the second 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 773 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT HOBBIT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that most of the items listed under new business dealt with expansions of existing industries in Marlboro County. He stated that this Ordinance was the first reading in title only of a \$20 million expansion that will not come with many more jobs but means that the jobs the industry currently have would continue. He stated that more information would be available at the second reading.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 773 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Project Hobbit to Provide for Payments of Fees-in-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing Certain Infrastructure Credits; and Other Related Matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 05-18-01 – A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT HOBBIT, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, INCLUDING SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution was related to the same project as the previous Ordinance.

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 05-18-01 – a Resolution Identifying a Project to Satisfy the Requirements of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred by a Company Known to the County as Project Hobbit, its Affiliates and Related Entities, to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Marlboro County, South Carolina; Providing for Other Related Economic Development Incentives, Including Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous.**

ORDINANCE # 774 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT CLAY, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; (2) THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTY TO BE OWNED OR OPERATED BY PROJECT CLAY IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.– FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that this was a different project but an existing industry expansion that should create 5-10 jobs. He stated that the dollar amount had not yet been set but it would be in an amount of \$2.5 million or less. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that more information would be provided at the time of the second reading.

Chair Prince stated that these were signs of growth.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 774 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Project Clay, to Provide for Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) the Inclusion of Property to be Owned or Operated by Project Clay in a Joint County Industrial Park; and (3) Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 05-18-02 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (HEBEL AAC EAST, LLC PROJECT) SERIES 2018, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 41, CHAPTER 43, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000

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

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution was the companion item to the Public Hearing regarding the Probitas Ventures bond issue.

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 05-18-02 – a Resolution in Support of the Issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Industrial Revenue Bonds (Hebel AAC East, LLC Project) Series 2018, Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not Exceeding \$10,000,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE JUNE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TO JUNE 19, 2018 DUE TO JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> BEING THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the date of the Council meeting would have been June 12<sup>th</sup> and that the date of June 11<sup>th</sup> was listed in error. She asked if all were in favor of moving the meeting back one week due to the original meeting date being the day of the Primary Election.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to change the date of the June County Council Meeting to June 19, 2018 due to June 12, 2018 being the date of the Primary Election. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that there were two bids to consider and there had been some modifications to the bids that were included in the packets.

LIBRARY CANOPY

Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, stated that staff had specs prepared by Mabry & Associates so that the canopy would match the existing building and the bid received for the Library Canopy exceeded what staff had anticipated. He stated that the bid came in at \$78,000. He stated that only one bid was received so staff requested the bidder to submit a new bid without the brick lattice and that bid came back in at \$55,300. Mr. Carabo stated that the brick masonry could always be added later. He recommended that Council accept the bid in the amount of \$55,300.

Chair Prince stated that she glad that this was worked out. She stated that the skin on the bookmobile was very fragile and she thanked him for the due diligence in getting this done.

ADMINISTRATION WALL

Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, stated that staff had received two bids for the Administration Wall. He stated that Mabry & Associates provided specs on this and the bids came in way too much. He stated that there were two bids received and the low bid

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came in at \$106,800 but staff had thought it would come in around \$50,000. He stated that staff went back to the two bidders and asked that they re-bid based on doing the main wall only which was a hazard and the low bid came in at \$49,300. Mr. Carabo stated that he recommended that we go forward with having the main wall done at this time and do the other two walls later. He recommended that the low bid of \$49,300 be accepted.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to accept staff's recommendation to accept the low bid for the Library Canopy from Precision Contractors in the amount of \$55,300 and to also accept the low bid for the Administration Wall from Rosser Roofing in the amount of \$49,300. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

#### CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on the recommended appointments.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that three members were recommended to the Marlboro County Grievance Committee. He stated that this was an in-house committee and the recommendations were Ms. Beverly McKiver, Ms. Channing Covington, and Ms. Libby Baldwin.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Beverly McKiver, and the appointment of Ms. Channing Covington and Ms. Libby Baldwin to the Marlboro County Grievance Committee. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### 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 April were approximately 6% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that although expenses have been higher than revenues for some months this year, the revenue collections in peak months had compensated for the differences.

Ms. Moore stated that according to the SC Association of Counties, the House debated the Senate version of the budget again this week. She stated that the Chairman introduced a new amendment, which for the most part, amended the Senate version back to the House version. She stated that they did not suggest any increase to the Local Government Fund (LGF) and

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that the LGF would be funded at the same level as last year at \$222,619,411. She stated that both the House and the Senate funded the same 1 percent PEBA employer retirement credit that they funded last year and that counties would still be required to increase their employer contribution 1 percent for FY 18-19 as mandated.

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

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore for the financial report.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, 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 (16 years); Christopher Byers (14 years); Arthur Hamer (20 years); Brad Leviner (5 years); Curtiss McDuffie (21 years); Ainsley Moore (5 years); Brian Oxendine (5 years); and Sharon Thomas (13 years).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. **Newtonville Fire Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**- A Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Newtonville Fire Station in the Brightsville community has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm. More information on this will be provided to you next week.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Mr. Munneryn stated that this month had been busy with three expansions on the agenda. He stated that together they represent \$30 million dollars.

Mr. Munneryn reported that staff was very close on an announcement regarding the Baldor Plant in Clio. He stated that Final negotiations were underway and staff anticipated having an announcement in the next 60 days. He thanked the council persons representing that area, Anthony Woods and Steve Blackmon for their help with the project. He stated that folks need to know council people are pushing as hard as they can to be sure the county keeps our existing industries and that we do whatever we can to attract new industry.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Clean-Up Day**

Mr. Munneryn stated that approximately 850 folks participated with the County-wide Clean-Up day which was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated that they had beautiful day and all went better than planned. He reported that 24 tons of trash was picked up throughout the

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county. He thanked everyone again for participating and stated that he hoped to have another clean-up event scheduled in the Fall.

### **Tire Amnesty Month**

Mr. Munneryn stated that Tire Amnesty Month was also very successful. He reported that 4,046 tires were collected from residents with more than 4,000 more in process of being collected from businesses. He stated that businesses were required to reimburse the county for their tire disposal at the county's cost which was about \$1 per tire for regular tires and more for large tires.

He stated that staff planned to continue to offer businesses disposal at the county's actual cost. He stated that this part of the program would help by cleaning up tire dumps that lead to mosquito, snakes and other pests as well as looking bad.

He stated that staff would do this same program in the fall around the Fall Clean-up Day.

### **Blue's Landing**

Mr. Munneryn stated that last Fall, he talked with Councilman Blackmon about the need to improve Blue's Landing. He stated that there had been confusion over who owned the property and Mr. Blackmon and he were able to make contact in Columbia to determine that the County does in fact own the site.

Mr. Munneryn stated that over the past month or so staff begun working at the site, cleaning up the boat ramp and clearing brush. He stated that staff was delayed by the River being flooded but were returning this week and next to put sediment fabric and "rip rap" rock on the sides of the ramp to prevent it from eroding again. He stated that staff would be making other improvements in the coming month and would keep council updated.

Mr. Munneryn thanked the Public Works department for their work in improving the location.

### **Recreation**

Mr. Munneryn stated that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee met last week and worked to develop an electronic survey to be sent to all persons involved with or participating in the county's programs. He stated that the survey was close to being completed and would go out next week.

Mr. Munneryn asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munneryn for his report.

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

Chair Prince stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Verd Odom** – stated that everything was good in McColl. He mentioned the tragic accident in which five folks were involved and where two young girls were severely injured. He stated that a prayer vigil was scheduled for tonight on Main Street in McColl at 7:00 pm. He stated that the young ladies and their families needed a lot of prayers. He stated that they were all praying that the young ladies would pull through.

Mr. Odom stated that the clean-up event went great and a lot of work was done in four hours throughout the county.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – thanked everyone for their work for the clean-up event. He stated that his crew worked until about 3:00 pm and stated that everyone really enjoyed working and pulling together. He stated that it was nice that so many folks came out to help with the event.

Mr. Blackmon thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and Mr. Doug Carabo, and staff for all their work with the clean-up event and with the clean-up of the landing. He also thanked them for their work in looking at the county-maintained roads. He stated that if some of these roads could be turned back over to landowners that would help the county to be able to fix the roads that really need repairs.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – stated that during the work shop meeting coming up, he would like for Council to look at some of the committees that the County has and some of the back-road deals that were being made that affect the citizens of the county. He stated that we must remember that the city is in the county also. He asked that a committee review be listed on the agenda for the workshop so that this could be discussed in more detail.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – stated that he was happy that Mr. Willie Gladden was feeling better.

Mr. Steen stated that he thought the clean-up event went really well. He stated that many folks spent a lot of their time cleaning up the county and on Monday, there were couches and bottles thrown out everywhere. He stated that citizens were taking pride and being encouraged to watch out for those littering and he encouraged folks to take down the license plate numbers of those they find littering and report them. He stated that he was sure that the citizens that helped with the event were not the ones littering because it got pretty warm the middle part of the day. He suggested that staff consider having clean-up events once a month or extending it in some fashion. He stated that the tire amnesty program went very well and had also been a great help in helping with the clean-up of the county. He stated that the County has a great momentum and citizens were taking pride in cleaning our County. He stated that Council was going in the right direction and thanked staff for all of their hard work.

**Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr.** – No comments.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – stated that she really enjoyed the clean-up event and looked forward to the next event. She stated that the crew that she had were all young and she had to rest often.

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – stated that the clean-up event went very well and that the Humane Society did a great job with food and it was well organized. He agreed with Mr. Steve Blackmon and stated that folks gathered together and folks were sharing their ideas. He stated that Clio had many new land owners from up North in the Clio area and they have big ideas. He mentioned that there was some discussion about having a park in the town limits of Clio in the future.

Mr. Woods stated that he hoped that this team would be together for four more years. He stated that he felt that the Council worked together as a great team and that their meetings were efficient, well thought out, and well attended. He stated that they do not always agree but always stand united. He asked fellow Council members to support himself and Mr. Blackmon to folks in their districts. He also requested prayer and stated that he would in turn pray for them.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** - stated that she was pleased about the report from the Finance Department and the County Administrator in their work on the budget and increasing efficiency without reducing services to the citizens.

Dr. Prince stated that she was happy to receive the good report from Recreation Committee. She stated that this committee was one that Council has wanted to be proactive and this group was working towards getting input that would help with the recreational activities provided by the County.

Dr. Prince stated that she was happy that Mr. Gladden was feeling better.

Dr. Prince thanked Sheriff Lemon and Chief Deputy Weaver for their attendance at the meeting and stated that she appreciated their regular attendance.

Dr. Prince mentioned the City of Bennettsville's clean-up event which was scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. She stated that some of the County's Council districts were located in the City and encouraged participation.

Dr. Prince addressed Councilman Verd Odom and told him that a student approached and told her about the tragic accident first thing Monday morning. She stated that one the young ladies who was badly injured, Ms. Lauren Prevatte, was in one of her classes. She stated that she was a pretty young lady and an excellent student. She stated that not many folks had heard much about the accident but that she would be praying for their recovery.

Dr. Prince stated that she would see everyone on May 29th at 4 pm.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

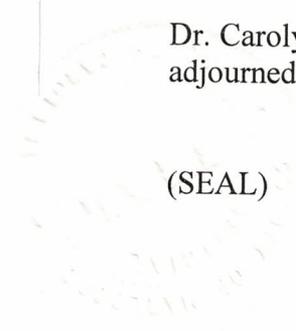
There were no non-agenda items.

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ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since there was no other business that the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Dr. Carolyn A. Prince  
Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy  
Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: June 19, 2018