

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR RON MUNNERLYN
CLERK TO COUNCIL PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, * WILLIE GLADDEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR. CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE, VERD ODOM,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Jackie Hough of the Herald-Advocate, Ms. Doris Sumpter, Marlboro County Administrative Services Director; Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director; Mr. Doug Carabo, Marlboro County Public Services Director; and Mr. Brian Watts, EMS Director.

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNiel of the Herald Advocate, and posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the county's website (www.marlborocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

PRESENTATIONS

STRATEGIC PLANNING – PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, stated that as a part of the strategic planning, council had mentioned that county-owned buildings should be discussed and they asked for

- possession and allows the CDC to operate 30% of the building. He stated the heating and air was in good working condition and the office was in good condition.
10. Prince Center (Blenheim Gym) – listed as number 30 on the overview - Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was proud of the work that had been done at this facility and stated that the bathrooms need some work. He stated money had been included in the budget for renovations to the bathrooms. He stated the facility had a lot of space, including three classrooms.
 11. Voter Registration office – listed as number 34 on the overview - Mr. Munnerlyn stated the folks at Voter Registration desperately needed more space.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that as members of Council could see, there are many buildings in many locations throughout the county. He mentioned the old jail on Wallace Road and stated that staff had discussed having the building demolished at one time but has since had the roof repaired and was utilizing it for storage by Public Works.

Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, addressed Council as to the condition of the counties' buildings and staff's recommendations.

Mr. Carabo stated that he listed items by priority numbers 1 – 4 with "1" being top priority.

1. Recreation was rated as "1" in that the area was in poor condition. He recommended relocating the recreation staff for a short-term basis in order to allow for renovation of the existing area. He stated that funds for renovation may be available from the bond funds.
2. Admin. Building – DJJ was rated as "1" in that it is also in poor condition. He stated that the offices needed some painting, additional lighting and minor repairs. He stated by law the county was required to provide DJJ with office space. He stated monies were included in the 2019-20 budget for some of these repairs.
3. Murchison Building was rated as "1" in that the building needed to be stabilized and some windows needed replacing. He stated that money was included in the 2019-2020 budget for some repairs to this building but that the building would be worked on as money was made available.
4. Prince Center – was rated as "1" in that the restrooms were in poor condition and needed renovating as well as the locker rooms. He stated that money was included in the 2019-2020 budget for these renovations. He stated that LED lighting was also included in the budget for the basketball court and stated that he hoped to have these lights installed by the end of the week.
5. Auditor's Office – was rated as "2" in that they needed space because of poor work flow and public access to the main room. He stated a new layout really should be considered for this office that may include removing some walls. He stated that money was included in the 2019-2020 budget for these renovations.
6. Emergency Operations Center – was rated as "3" in that it was in poor condition due to moisture issues. He stated it would be great if this office could be relocated and suggested money may be available from Emergency Management to assist in the relocation/repairs, etc.
7. Voter Registration was rated as "3" in that they needed additional storage space. He suggested that the Legislative Delegation office may be moved as long as office space is made available to them.

8. Museum Building was rated as "4" in that the current space is not ideal for exhibits and the office/area could not be expanded. He stated the museum could be moved to Murchison but that it would be a long-term move.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if the offices where recreation is currently housed was a health issue. Mr. Carabo stated it certainly could become one if nothing is done soon.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the leaks from the roof had been repaired but the office had a lot of mildew and musk from prior leaks and needed a heavy cleaning that could not be done while folks were in the area.

Chair Prince suggested that the recreation staff be moved from the area immediately so that repairs and cleaning could be done. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a place should be found for them to relocate and stated that it would be very costly to make the renovations needed and would take time.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked about the building across from the Prince Center. Mr. Carabo stated that building was owned by EOC. Chair Prince stated that she had a call into Mr. Sam Bass to find out what their plans were for the building.

Chair Prince stated she would like for Council to consider relocating the recreation staff on a temporary basis to the area in the back of the library. She stated the back part was paid for by Northeastern Technical College and the State and when the old Winn-Dixie building was transferred to NETC, the rear portion which was utilized by NETC became property of the county. She stated the library had opened up a bookstore/coffee shop but that could be worked around. She stated the area even had a back door access and was separated from the actual library. She stated it was very important that recreation staff be moved so that their health would not be at risk.

Mr. Woods asked if the area could be locked from the library area. Chair Prince stated that it could be made completely separate from the library. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the library and the area being discussed did share the restrooms.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he agreed. He also mentioned the Plaza building and stated that 50% of the building was being utilized by folks who did not pay rent. He stated the programs being offered were good but the downstairs was not being used at all and there was good space available in that building.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that all members of Council and staff were resourceful and careful with funds because all of them were from Marlboro County. He stated staff needed directions as to how to go forward. He stated if by chance the suggestion was to move recreation staff to the back of the library that it be noted the importance that their presence not cause any disruptions to the library staff and visitors. He stated the county did own the back portion being discussed and that recreation staff could be moved there without having any recreation programs in the area. He stated that all equipment could be stored at another location. He stated that the area could handle three desks to allow staff to sign up folks for sports and activities. He also stated that it would fit with the mission of the library which was to provide services to the citizens of Marlboro County.

Chair Prince stated that the Plaza building was a sound structure and possibly the Veterans Affairs office and Voter Registration staff could be housed there. She stated staff could look into having an elevator placed in the building for folks to access the upper level. She mentioned the basement had a nice large conference room.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the Veterans Affairs office staff was mailing files to Columbia due to no space being available in the existing building to house the files. He stated he had received complaints about this but understood that staff has no room left in the office.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had not heard that files were being mailed out. Mr. Gladden stated that he was concerned because the files contain personal information of veterans and the veterans are not being notified and are not signing off on these files being mailed out. Mr. Gladden stated he was not saying that staff was not doing anything wrong or not doing their job but he did have concerns.

Chair Prince asked if the Legislative Delegation had appointed a Director for the Veterans Affairs office yet. Mr. Gladden stated he did not think so but he understood that the delegation had until January to make the appointment.

Mr. Verd Odom mentioned the Voter Registration office and stated he felt it would be beneficial to expand the existing office area. He stated that the office was in good shape and felt it would be difficult for them to relocate the voting machines. Chair Prince stated the voting machines would not need to be relocated just the office space. She stated the voting machines could remain in the building where they currently are.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff would look to see what could be done with the Voter Registration office. Mr. Odom stated that they have large parking lots where they are currently and would not have that space available to them if they were moved to the Plaza building. He stated staff's issue was storage space not necessarily office space. Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. stated they could still have voting take place where they currently are.

Mr. Willie Gladden mentioned the Prince Recreation Center and stated that the building could be known as the Marlboro County Community Center.

Chair Prince stated staff should move forward with input provided and discuss again next month. She stated she felt that it was an emergency that recreation staff be moved immediately on a temporary basis to the large back area of the library.

Mr. Gladden asked if staff needed to look into this further to see if that could be done. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he would meet with the librarian to discuss this and she could talk with members of the library board. He stated the Library Board nor the librarian worked for the County Administrator. He stated the back portion which NETC transferred to the county was not under contract with the library. He stated he would meet with librarian and would report back to Council the outcome of the meeting.

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Chair Prince stated that the move by recreation staff to the back portion of the library would be for a temporary period only.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that the move would be a bigger problem than folks think. He stated notifications must be posted so that everyone will know where to go and that it could be frustrating to the public without proper notification. He stated it would be a big issue to have telephones moved to another location as well, and this should be done as quickly as possible. He suggested a move like this be made in steps so as to give folks plenty of notice about the new location.

Chair Prince stated the Director of Recreation had requested the move. She stated her position was that council should be proactive in protecting the health of their employees and suggested signs could be placed in both locations so as to notify folks of their location.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he felt that Mr. Woods' concerns were valid but felt that most folks would understand a quick move if they understood that employees' health was at risk.

Mr. Steve Blackmon asked what else was needed other than three desks to move the recreation staff on a temporary basis. He stated he thought the condition of the facility was one reason that the Magistrate's office was moved from that location. He asked if there was a place where the recreation department could be moved to permanently.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the library has ideal space for the recreation department. He stated staff should have taken possession of the classroom areas behind the library when it was first made available by NETC and when keys were made available.

Mr. Blackmon suggested that the recreation staff not be moved to one area and then moved again at a later date.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he would talk with the librarian and would report back to members of Council.

Chair Prince asked Mr. Doug Carabo to please see what the costs would be to have an elevator or tower for elevator shaft to be installed in the Plaza building.

Chair Prince thanked staff for their presentation and thanked members of Council for their input as to how county owned buildings could be used. She stated she was happy with the way Council and staff communicate to come up with ideas and possibilities to solve issues in the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 8, 2019 – Work Session Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no recommended changes.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the Work Session meeting minutes from October 8, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Charles P.

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Midgley, Jr., Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Verd Odom. Abstain: Mr. Willie Gladden (not present at the October 8, 2019 work session meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, 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 Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the Regular meeting minutes from October 8, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Verd Odom. Abstain: Mr. Willie Gladden (not present at the October 8, 2019 work session meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 788 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING CODES ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE LATEST AND FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUILDING, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, GAS, ELECTRICAL, ENERGY, AND RESIDENTIAL CODES AS MANDATED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Ordinance would bring the county's Building Code's Ordinance up to date as required by law.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve third reading of Ordinance # 788 – an Ordinance to Amend the Building Codes Ordinance to Adopt the Latest and Future Editions of the Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Gas, Electrical, Energy, and Residential Codes as Mandated by the South Carolina Building Codes Council. Vote was in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 791 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK – FIRST READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was a new project for the Dillon/Marlboro Park which was created in 2016 like other industrial park projects. He stated more information on the project would be made available at the next reading.

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 first reading of Ordinance # 791 – an Ordinance to Amend an Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2016 Park) of Dillon and Marlboro Counties so as to Enlarge the Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 11-19-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND HUMANE SOCIETY OF MARLBORO COUNTY, INC.

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County had entered into an agreement to allow the Humane Society to lease and operate the animal shelter last year. He stated the County agreed to give the same amount of money to operate the shelter that our staff used to operate it. He stated this arrangement appears to be working out well and stated the Humane Society solicits different types of grants that help keep their costs down and also helps prevent the need for euthanizing of the animals which is a win for everyone involved. He stated that he had reached out to the Humane Society folks and they were in agreement to continuing the arrangement as it is currently and he would recommend extending the agreement for an additional 18 month period. He stated the current budget was \$114,000 with the county maintaining the building. Mr. Munnerlyn stated he would have staff follow-up on insurance coverage that the lease requires the Humane Society provide as noted in the lease agreement.

Chair Prince stated the County has liability but she understood from reviewing the lease that the Humane Society staff were also required to have liability insurance for any accidents or damages that folks may incur while on the premises.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve Resolution # 11-19-01 – a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of the Lease Agreement and Operating Agreement by and Between Marlboro County and Humane Society of Marlboro County, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH CLEAN-UP PROJECT FOR COUNTY ENTRANCE IN MCCOLL FOR HIGHWAY 15-401 NORTH

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Carabo stated staff is requesting assistance for the clean-up of the mobile homes at the state line in McColl, SC. Mr. Carabo thanked Councilman Verd Odom and Attorney Andrew McLeod for their help in getting an agreement drafted which would need to be executed by the property owner in order to have an area of land conveyed to the county so that a county entrance sign may be erected and which would also allow county staff a right of way to access the entrance sign area for maintaining. He stated derelict mobile home funds could be used to cover the expenses incurred for this project which was estimated to be \$14,500. He stated the county's procurement policy would be followed to have the project work completed.

Mr. Carabo stated that all applicants that file for mobile home permits are assessed a fee which is known as the derelict mobile home fee.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to (1) approve staff's recommendation to proceed with clean-up project for County entrance in McColl; (2) that staff and Chair be empowered to accept title to property for County entrance sign and enter into agreement with surrounding land owner for the clean-up of derelict mobile homes for properties located on Highway 15-401 in McColl, SC; and (3) that staff be permitted to use derelict mobile home funds for expenses incurred for said project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF MCDANIEL SUPPLY COMPANY'S SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DETENTION CENTER INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was an annual agreement that is renewed each year. He stated Warden Kevin Thomas had reviewed the agreement and provided his recommendation that the agreement be renewed for an additional one year period.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve a one-year extension of the McDaniel Supply Company's Service Agreement for Detention Center Inmate Commissary Services. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the 2020 Holiday Schedule has been drafted by staff and is the standard schedule for years past.

Chair Prince 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 2020 Holiday Schedule as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for the finance report.

Ms. Moore stated for the month of October, expenditures were at 30% of the budgeted amount which was about 3% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated revenues were trending consistently with prior fiscal years and should increase over the next few months as staff begins to receive property tax revenue.

Ms. Moore stated the auditors were working on a few remaining parts of the annual audit and hoped to have a preliminary report ready for review soon.

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

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for his report.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of October: Mary Collins (6 years); Lori Davis-Moses (15 years); Christina Thompson (13 years); and Ricky Gooden (8 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Marlboro County employees and Council representatives would be serving lunch at the Community Kitchen tomorrow and Ms. Ainsley Moore would be leading the group. He stated the menu would include Stanton's BBQ, baked beans, slaw, rolls and dessert and invited assistance from any staff or members of Council.

2. **Veterans Affairs Dinner Party and Dance** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Veterans Affairs annual Dinner Party and Dance was scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the Bennettsville Community Center. He stated all those planning to attend should RSVP by calling Ms. Amber Goings at 843-479-5622.
3. **“Come to the Table for Children” Event** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated members of Council were invited by the Coalition for Family Enrichment in Marlboro County to a “Come to the Table for Children” event and luncheon scheduled for Thursday, November 14th from 12 noon until 1 pm at The Skye, 210 East Main Street, Bennettsville, SC. He stated the agenda would include a revisit of the 2017 Kids Count report which revealed that Marlboro County ranked the worst (46th) in the state for children, and discuss the progress that has been made since that time. He asked that members of Council please notify Ms. Joan Johnakin if they planned to attend.
4. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Marlboro County Public Employee Health Services** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was scheduled for the CareSouth Carolina Public Employee Health Services office for Friday, November 22, 2019 at 10 am at 100 Matheson Street, Bennettsville, SC. He stated this office was now open and they welcome walk-ins as well as appointments.
5. **MCEDP Holiday Drop-In** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Partnership’s annual Holiday Drop-In was scheduled for Monday, December 9th from 4 – 6 pm at the Partnership office.
6. **Drug-Free Marlboro Annual Luncheon** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Drug Free Marlboro’s Annual Luncheon was scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2019 from 11 am – 1 pm at the First United Methodist Church Gymnasium, 311 East Main Street, Bennettsville, SC and asked all those planning to attend to please RSVP by December 2, 2019 to Ms. Pam Ashwood.
7. **Town of McColl Christmas Parade** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Town of McColl Christmas Parade was scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 4 pm and a float had been reserved for Council.
8. **Town of Clio Christmas Parade** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Town of Clio Christmas Parade was scheduled for Friday, December 13th at 4 pm and a float had been reserved for Council.
9. **City of Bennettsville Christmas Parade** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the City of Bennettsville Christmas Parade was scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 4 pm and a float had been reserved for Council.
10. **Marlboro County Drop-In Luncheon** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the annual Marlboro County Drop-In Luncheon was scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 11 am – 1 pm at the Marlboro County Administration Building, 205 E. Market Street, Bennettsville, SC. He stated this was a time where everyone brings their favorite pick up food and dish. He stated Ms. Melissa Brock of 911 has asked everyone to please let her know what they plan to bring and that all goodies be delivered to the

Administration office by 10 am on the morning of the luncheon. He stated a prize would be given for the most popular dish!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Industry Appreciation Day Event – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Industry Appreciation Day event was held at Arris Manufacturing on October 30th with approximately 85 folks attending. He stated he appreciated the great folks at Arris Manufacturing for allowing staff to host the event at their facility and for providing plant tours which really impressed everyone that participated.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff had met earlier in the day with Waste Connections to finalize details of the implementation and get a progress report. He stated everything was progressing as planned.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that property tax bills were mailed last week. He stated residents should be reminded of the fees (\$170 for Homestead and \$205 for other) which includes the \$40 fee and represents a savings of \$110 for seniors and \$75 for others.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated citizens living in the City of Bennettsville or towns of McColl, Clio, Blenheim and Tatum would be assessed a \$10 fee which would allow them to take mattresses, electronics, wood, junk – anything but household garbage to any of the County's solid waste sites. He stated citizens residing in municipalities could begin taking those items (with the exception of household garbage) to any of the solid waste sites effective December 1st.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was excited about Waste Connections and the importance they emphasize in communicating with customers. He stated that there would be an app to track schedules and a website to allow customers to enter complaints or issues that would be followed up on by the company.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Grant from MC General Hospital Charity Trust-

Mr. Munnerlyn gave a big thank you to MCGHCT for providing a grant to fund Paramedic training for EMT's working for Marlboro County EMS. He stated in order to receive the grant an EMS employee must commit to working at least 2 years in Marlboro County. He stated while we most likely always need non-resident Paramedics and EMT's, the goal was to build a home-grown team of Marlboro County resident professionals.

New Recreation employees-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated Mr. Fred Lowery and Ms. Rhonda Frazier have both started their positions with the Recreation Department and are hard at work. He thanked Mr. Greg Leviner for holding things together while staff filled the two vacancies.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff would be focusing on communicating with citizens and hearing their ideas and concerns as well as modernizing their operations. He also stated that Mr. Carabo would be working with Mr. Lowery to focus on repair of the county's sports fields and facilities.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he looked forward to seeing the new ideas and improvements the Recreation staff would be developing soon.

Filling of council vacancy-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he and Attorney McLeod would be reviewing the process for filling the council vacancy which would be created by the impending resignation of Dr. Prince. He stated it appeared at first glance that there would be the need for a special election in the spring and then the regular primary and election in June and November. He stated the first special election would fill the vacancy from April to December, then the regular election would fill the seat for four years.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that no citizens had signed up to address council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – No comments.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked everyone for their support in the Trunk or Treat event which was held on October 26th. She stated there were more than 1,000 kids that attended the event and everyone put their differences aside and came together for a period to help make the event a huge success. She thanked Councilman Gladden, Mr. Doug Carabo, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and all those that participated. She stated she hoped that the event would be held again next year.

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

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that everyone that was given recognition for the Trunk or Treat event was great but no one mentioned all the work that Ms. Corrie Plato put into the event. He stated the speakers failed to mention all the hard work that Ms. Plato put into this event and it was very disappointing. He thanked Ms. Plato for all the hard work that she put into the event. He stated that next year things would be a little different with Dr. Prince being the new Mayor. He addressed Chair Prince and stated that she would be missed dearly by members of County Council but knew that she would do a great job as Mayor for the City of Bennettsville.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Mr. Verd Odom – thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Attorney Andrew McLeod for their work in helping get the state line area cleaned up. He stated that work in getting the entrance area into McColl from North Carolina had been worked on for

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more than three years. He stated the land owners, the McCormick Family, had been very helpful and that it would be a great day for everyone once the clean-up has been completed.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she received her property tax bill and was happy that it was so easy to read. She commended the person who drafted the layout. She asked folks to review the pie chart included on the tax bills and notice that approximately 28% of the total taxes are paid to Marlboro County for operating costs. She stated a total of 54.22% was paid to the Schools for operations in additional to 9.65% for the school bond. She asked that everyone keep in mind that approximate 64¢ of every tax dollar is paid to the School district on top of what the state provides to them. She stated Marlboro County collects taxes for other folks. She stated County Council remains good stewards of tax payers dollars and that Council's record speaks for itself.

Dr. Prince thanked everyone for their help with her Mayoral race and stated she would speak more on that at the December meeting.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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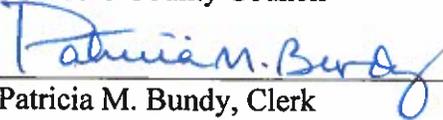
Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: December 10, 2019