

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

6:00 PM

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COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
VERD ODOM,
ANTHONY WOODS

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* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Jackie Hough of Marlboro Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director; Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director; Mr. Donald Hamilton, Planning/Zoning Director; and Mr. Brian Watts, Emergency Medical Services Director.

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Jason Steen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

PRESENTATIONS

AUDIT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 – SHEHEEN, HANCOCK & GODWIN, LLP

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized the firm of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP to present the results of the June 30, 2018 audit.

Mr. Marc Wood stated that he had provided each member of Council a copy of the audit report along with an Executive Audit Summary which he would explain that would highlight the results of the audit. Mr. Wood stated that the county received an unmodified opinion which was the highest rating that could be given and he congratulated Council on that accomplishment.

Mr. Wood briefly explained the Executive Audit Summary. Mr. Wood stated that section 1 listed the general outline of the audit which was self-explanatory. He stated that section 2 listed the types of funds the county has which are Governmental consisting of General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund and Capital Project Fund. He stated that the General Fund was the main operating fund.

Mr. Wood stated that section 3 listed the Analysis of Financial Position of the General Fund. He stated that the total assets were \$6,896,387 with total liabilities/deferred inflows of (\$1,447,232) which left a fund balance/net position of \$5,449,155.

Mr. Wood stated that section 4 listed the Analysis of Fund Balance/Net Position. He stated that Nonspendable funds totaled \$94,200, Restricted funds totaled \$949,980, Unassigned funds totaled \$4,404,975, leaving a total fund balance of \$5,449,155 as of June 30, 2018. Mr. Wood stated that the county has retained about four months of funds in reserve which is right on target as to what it should have.

Mr. Wood stated that section 5 listed the Analysis of Activity. He stated that the total revenues for the year were \$11,638,887 and expenses for the year were \$12,316,127. He stated that the excess/(deficiency) of revenues over expenses was (\$677,240) and transfers and other sources totaled \$634,090 leaving a change in the fund balance of (\$43,150). He stated that the county had originally budgeted for more than \$320,000 to be used from the fund balance but actually only used \$43,150. He stated that this was certainly the result of the county staff controlling the expenditures versus the income received.

Mr. Wood stated that there were no findings in the audit report. He stated that there were some findings in last year's audit but that those matters had been cleaned up as he expected they would have been. He thanked Ms. Ainsley Moore and Ms. Kaye Liner for their hard work, as well as Mr. Munnerlyn's, and stated that it was a pleasure to work with the county. He stated that the county has good staff that asked a lot of questions which was good because it proved that they wanted to understand the process.

Mr. Wood asked if there were any questions.

Chair Prince asked Mr. Wood to explain what "nonspendable" funds represented in item 4. Mr. Wood stated that those funds consisted of prepaid expenses and inventory and they were required to reflect the breakdown as they are shown.

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Chair Prince asked Mr. Wood to explain what “restricted” funds represented and Mr. Wood stated that those funds were mostly designated for special projects or for debt service.

Chair Prince also asked about bonds and how much the county was required to have in reserve funds. Mr. Wood stated that the county was in no danger with its debt limit or with the reserve limit. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he thought the debt limit was 8%. Mr. Wood confirmed that to be correct.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Wood and his staff for their work with the audit. She stated that she was happy to hear that the county only used a little more than \$43,000 from the fund balance even though about \$320,000 was budgeted to be used. She stated that the results of the audit show the dedicated service and hard work from the administration staff and finance and proves that the staff are good stewards of the county’s money.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to accept the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUANCE BY SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (HEBEL AAC EAST, LLC) (FEDERALLY TAXABLE), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES (THE “BONDS”), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000 TO HEBEL AAC EAST, LLC (THE “BORROWER”), A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, THE MANAGING MEMBER AND SOLE OWNER OF WHICH IS PROBITAS VENTURES, LLC (“PROBITAS”)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the public hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on the item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this public hearing was required for the company which is housed in the old spec building in the industrial park called Probitas. He stated that Council had previously approved tax incentives for the company but only after the company had obtained a certain level of assets due to the history of the project. He stated that the company is requesting funds through JEDA and a Resolution approving such funds by council, and a public hearing is required by law in order for the company to receive the funds. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that although the building is not a county-owned building and the action taken tonight in no way obligates the county, the laws requires the company to follow these procedures in order to qualify for the requested funds. Mr. Munnerlyn advised Council that staff had Attorney Sam Moses review the requirements for the public hearing and the Resolution to be presented under new business.

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

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RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE ESC (ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY) TO ERECT A 200' INTERNET TOWER AT 4211 BOWEN GROCERY RD., MCCOLL, SC

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Donald Hamilton, Director of Planning/Zoning to make comments on this item.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the proposed project would allow Electric Service Company "ESC" out of Hamlet, NC, to erect a 12 inch by 12 inch steel lattice construction antenna at 4211 Bowen Grocery Road between New Bridge Rd. and Trails Edge Rd. in McColl. He stated that the land on which the antenna would be erected was owned by Mr. Alan McDonald. He stated that there would be some guy wires but no lighting and would be used for wireless internet service.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the project meets all of the requirements of Marlboro County's Ordinance # 719 and that notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald Advocate on February 7th, 2019. He confirmed that letters were mailed to all property owners within the 1500 foot radius of the antenna's base per the Ordinance and that calls were received in favor of the antenna in hopes of possibly having the opportunity to receive high speed internet.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the law allows County Council to act as the Planning Commission to approve such applications for these type towers so as to not hold up these type projects until staff can seat a Planning Commission board.

Mr. Hamilton stated that staff recommended that the project be approved.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council.

Mr. Verd Odom stated that this proposed site would be in his district and he felt the project would be a great help to the folks in the Berea area of McColl. He stated that Council, as a part of their strategic planning, had supported efforts to obtain high speed internet service and broad band service to areas of the county and he thought this project would certainly benefit folks in the McColl area and that end of the county as a whole.

Chair Prince closed the Public Hearings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2019 - 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 Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from January 8, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Verd Odom, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. and Ms. Corrie Plato. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 6/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 778 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE MARLBORO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ADVISORY BOARD – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the third and final reading of the ordinance to establish the Marlboro County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board. He stated that the format had not changed since the second reading. He stated that the board would have the following serve on the board:

- 1) Greg Wood, CEO of Scotland Health, or his designee;
- 2) CEO or designee of McLeod Health;
- 3) CEO or designee of CareSouth;
- 4) Jane Rogers, Chair of Marlboro General Hospital Charities Trust;
- 5) Two (2) Physicians/Physician's Assistants, Registered Nurses or Nurse Practitioners with service areas encompassing Marlboro County;
- 6) Medical Control Director – Marlboro County EMS;
- 7) Fire Coordinator – Marlboro County;
- 8) Fire Chief – City of Bennettsville or his designee (ex-officio)
- 9) E911/Emergency Management Director – Marlboro County;
- 10) Public Citizen (residing or employed within Marlboro County, not directly or indirectly conflicted by affiliation);
- 11) Coroner – Marlboro County or designee (ex-officio); and
- 12) Sheriff – Marlboro County or designee (ex officio).

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 778 – an Ordinance to establish the Marlboro County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 779 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF A 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT TO DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Duke Energy has requested a right of way easement and lease for new lines to the substation near the Delta site. He stated that this would be a standard type

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of easement and lease and a draft would be provided for Council's review at the second reading.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 779 – an Ordinance to Approve the Conveyance of a 50 foot wide Easement and Lease Agreement to Duke Energy Progress, LLC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 780 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TRANSFER AND COSTS FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MCCOLL – FIRST READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the same type agreement that the County has with other municipalities in the county to handle their elections. He stated that Ms. Phyllis Hagan of the Elections Commission had brought this to his attention for review and consideration by Council.

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 the first reading of Ordinance # 780 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Municipal Election Transfer and Costs Fee Agreement between Marlboro County and the Town of McColl. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 781 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FRANCHISING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Council may have seen a lot of new ambulances in town. He stated that he felt that we needed to protect our citizens by requiring these folks to abide by certain procedures and guidelines in providing these type of services to our citizens. He stated that this was being considered for first reading in title only and a draft of the franchising procedures and standards would be provided for review at the second reading but he wanted to go ahead and get the reading process started.

Chair Prince asked if existing ambulance services in the area would be required to follow these procedures and standards and Mr. Munnerlyn confirmed that they would.

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 the first reading in title only of Ordinance # 781 – an Ordinance to Provide for the Franchising Procedures and Standards for Private Ambulance Services in Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-19-01 – 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 2019, 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 \$3,500,000

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the public hearing was held earlier in connection with this item and comments were made at that time. She 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 # 02-19-01 – 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 2019, Pursuant to 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 \$3,500,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-19-02 – A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING THE AMENDMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF HOSPITALS OR FREE-STANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA BORDER COUNTIES BY OUT OF STATE HOSPITAL SYSTEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that a revised copy of Resolution # 02-19-02 had been provided to members of Council which would replace the one included in the agenda packet. Chair Prince read aloud the Resolution and thanked the County Administrator for drafting the Resolution.

Chair Prince stated that the county was at the mercy of hospitals that currently operate in our area and hospitals that operate in North Carolina are currently prohibited from coming into our state and opening hospitals. Chair Prince stated that this Resolution would need to be presented to our Legislative Delegation in hopes of having them make a proposal to amend the laws to support this effort because they were the only ones that could accomplish this change in the laws. Chair Prince stated that staff would encourage them to act on this immediately.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 02-19-02 – a Resolution Advocating the Amendment of South Carolina Laws and Regulations to Allow the Establishment and Operation of Hospitals or Free-

Standing Emergency Departments in South Carolina Border Counties by Out of State Hospital Systems. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE ESC (ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY) TO ERECT A 200' INTERNET TOWER AT 4211 BOWEN GROCERY RD., MCCOLL, SC

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this recommendation was discussed during the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the recommendation of Planning/Zoning Department to Authorize ESC (Electric Service Company) to Erect a 200' Internet Tower at 4211 Bowen Grocery Rd., McColl, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

ANNUAL REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS ON APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that all members of Council had a spread sheet and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to break it down.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the spread sheet reflected all the boards and commissions to which members of Council appoint folks to serve. He stated that there were many terms that expired in December and staff wanted to make sure that all appointments were reviewed and changes made appropriately. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the names in green noted a vacancy and staff have provided some suggested names of folks willing to serve. He stated that the ones in tan referred to folks whose terms have expired and may simply need reappointing.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the suggested appointments and re-appointments were as follows:

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Reappointments:

District 4 – John Powers

District 7 – Elbert Page

District 8 – William Tatum

New Appointment:

District 1 – Frank Rogers

LIBRARY BOARD

Reappointments:

District 1 – Patsy Kimrey

District 4 – Brenda McCaskill

District 8 – Eva Chiphe

Chair – Ella Reese Hinson

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New Appointment:

District 7 – Natasha Pearce

FIRE BOARD

Reappointments:

District 1: Chuck Black (Fire Dept. Rep.)

District 7: David Rogers (Fire Dept. Rep.)

District 8: Bill Floyd (Fire Dept. Rep.)

District 2 – Randy Shepherd (Community Rep.)

District 7 – Jimmy Sanders (Community Rep.)

District 8 – Ricky Covington (Community Rep.)

New Appointment:

District 1 – David Sports (Community Rep.)

PLANNING COMMISSION

Reappointments:

District 1 – Butch Rosser

District 4 – Emma Bethea

At-Large – Robert Johnson

New Appointments:

District 5 – Pam Grant

District 7 – Lindsay Woodberry

District 8 – Doc Stillwell

RECREATION

Reappointments:

District 1 – Bryan Sweatt

District 4 – Thomas C. Brown, Sr.

District 8 – Ivor Miles

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Reappointments:

District 1 – Gwen Moses

District 7 – Jeff Dudley

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Reappointments:

District 4 – Marlon Prince

District 7 – Keith Cheek

District 8 – Lorenza McRae

Chair – Randall Malachi

City Appointment: Randall Malachi

City Appointment: Fred Thomas

EMS ADVISORY BOARD

New Appointments:

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Sylvia McCoy Watts (Nurse Practitioner w/CareSouth)
Dr. Jadene Lowery (Doctor w/Scotland Healthcare)
Greg Wood (CEO of Scotland Health)
CEO of CareSouth
CEO of McLeod Health
Jane Rogers (Chair of Marlboro General Hospital Charities Trust)
Dr. Doug Nderosteck (Medical Control Director)
Keith Hughes (Fire Coordinator)
Steve Akers (E911 Director) (ex-officio)
James Jackson (Bennettsville Fire Chief) (ex-officio)
Charles Lemon (Sheriff) (ex-officio)
Tim Brown (Coroner) (ex-officio)

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the appointments and re-appointments to Marlboro County Boards and Commissions as referenced above. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Moore stated that for the month of January, expenditures were at 57% of the budgeted amount which was actually slightly under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that revenues for the month of January increased significantly as it was one of the county's peak months for tax collections and actually doubled since last month.

Ms. Moore stated that staff would soon begin work on the upcoming fiscal year's budget and budget request forms would be distributed to department heads. She stated that they would begin scheduling meetings with department heads to discuss funding needs and any additional requests or capital needs.

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 Munnerylyn, County Administrator.

Mr. Munnerylyn stated that his report was as follows:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES - The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of January: Fred Knight (14 years); Grover McQueen (16 years); Tracy Polson (6 years); Nikki Pruitt (10 years); and Melissa Skipper (24 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. A benefit Plate Sale (chicken bog) for Deputy Sheriff Brian Genwright is scheduled for Friday, March 1st at the Bennettsville Community Center from 11 am – 7 pm and tickets may be purchased from Cathy Gardner at her flower shop, at her restaurant (Cathy's Too on Broad Street), or from Frankie Burgess at a cost of \$7/plate. Mr. Genwright was involved in an automobile accident and received serious injuries. Mr. Genwright was not on duty when the accident occurred.
2. The Statement of Economic Interests form "ethics report" must be filed by all elected officials and some employees not later than 12:00 noon on March 30, 2019. This form must be filed electronically with a \$100 late filing penalty if not filed by the deadline date.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Arris Project-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Arris, the company in the former Baldor building, was in the process of submitting their building plans for review and approval by the county's Building Codes office. He stated that this was the next step in the company making the changes and improvements needed to operate in the building. He stated that the company hopes to complete this work in the next couple of months and would begin recruiting employees in the next 90 days.

Delta-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that our consultants were currently undertaking a formal evaluation of the site for the DHEC required clean-up plan. He stated that the plan would guide staff as to remove all environmental concerns from the site. He stated that staff had two site visits by prospective industries interested in the location already. He stated that staff has an active prospect and was working to develop a plan that would accommodate this possible new company as soon as possible. He stated that this meant completing clean-up of the entire site and improving the section of building that staff does not plan to demolish.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

New employees-

Mr. Munnerlyn introduced Ms. Doris Sumpter – Administrative Service Director (includes Human Resources) who attended the meeting. He stated that Ms. Sumpter is a native of Marlboro County and worked for DSS for the past 29 year, serving as interim county director during the last months of 2018.

Mr. Munnerlyn introduced Mr. Brian Watts – the county's new EMS Director. He stated that Mr. Watts comes to our county from Brunswick County, North Carolina, having recently retired. He stated that when folks retire from a government system in North Carolina, they are not allowed to go back to work in that system. He stated that Mr. Watts was looking for his next challenge and that Marlboro County staff had found one for him

EMS-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was moving forward with activating the new County-operated EMS system. He stated that progress included the following:

- Purchase of four (4) new ambulances
- Ongoing recruitment of the Training and Compliance Officer
- Contracting with Dr. Doug Niderostek to serve as Medical Control Director
- Recruitment of EMT's and Paramedics beginning later this week.
 - Pay above average for region with full retirement and benefits.
- Determining station locations for the start of the service and optimal future locations.
- Launch of a staff team charged with implementing the new system:
 - Brian Watts, EMS Director
 - Steve Akers, E911 Director
 - Ainsley Moore, Finance Director with Kaye Liner serving in Ainsley's planned absence
 - Keith Hughes, Fire Service Coordinator
 - Doug Carabo, Public Services Director

Spring "Clean and Green" event –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff has suggested a date of Saturday, May 4, 2019 for the spring clean-up event. He suggested that staff structure the event the same as the event held in 2018 which he felt was a huge success. He stated that the event would be scheduled with a start time of 8 am and finish by noon. He stated that folks cherish their off time and this schedule would allow folks to do some good and be done by lunch. He stated that he felt that this played a large part in the turn out we had in 2018.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff would extend an invitation to municipalities in the county to participate and allow our staff to coordinate the volunteers for one big event. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the event held last year was a huge success and could be easily scaled up to include Bennettsville and the towns in the County.

Unpaved Roads-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff have begun work again on a comprehensive plan to manage our unpaved roads in the county system. He stated that the work had begun before the hurricane. He stated that the plan would prioritize the roads with a high ratio of residents per mile and would also work to identify roads that landowners may want to assume ownership of, removing them from the county system. He stated that once staff had the plan completed, they would seek funding to "rock" some of these roads completely.

SCCWCT Award for Low Lag Time -

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the staff has been notified that our county has been recognized as having one of the lowest workers comp lag times – meaning the time between an accident and the time of it being reported quickly to the South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission. He stated that he appreciated the department heads in providing the information to staff so that the reporting can be done in a timely manner. He stated that Mr. Van Henson, Risk Manager of the SC Association of Counties was scheduled to present the award at the April council meeting.

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated one citizen had signed up to address Council.

Keith Brewington – thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity to speak and commended County Council and the County Administrator for being good stewards of their funds.

Mr. Brewington stated that Crooked Creek which runs through the county has become exceedingly more devastating especially since Hurricanes Matthew, Florence and Michael. He asked that County Council consider contributing funds to be used towards obtaining a feasibility study to eliminate future problems from the creek. He stated that he was certain that there would be a collaborative effort of the state and city to accomplish such a study and in an effort to clean up the area. He stated that it would certainly be harder to clean up than to prevent further damage. Mr. Brewington asked that the county please consider putting some funds aside for this project.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that she and Ms. Doris Sumpter, the new Administrative Services Director, attend Sandy Grove Church and stated that Doris was a wonderful person and would do a wonderful job. Ms. Plato stated that Doris keeps them going and always has a thought for the week. She stated that she was happy to hear that she would be working with the county and that it was good for the county to have her on staff.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – commended staff on the great job with the audit and the work with EMS. He stated that it was good to have Mr. Brian Watts, the new EMS Director, on board. He stated that Ms. Ainsley Moore would be missed while she is out with her new addition. He asked everyone to keep up the good work.

Mr. Jason Steen – welcomed Mr. Brian Watts and Ms. Doris Sumpter to the county's great staff. He stated that staff does a great job with managing our money and he appreciated all of their good work.

Mr. Steen stated that he received on February 4th a list from the SC Department of Commerce, of rural counties that may qualify for about \$100 million in rural initiatives. He stated that Marlboro County did not make the list but that Marlboro was as poor as any other county. He stated that he hoped that Marlboro would make the list soon in order to get some much needed funding that we so desperately need.

Mr. Willie Gladden – thanked Public Works for the job that they are doing. He says that this group of folks have always done a great job but they have really stepped up to the plate recently with all the rain and problems with the dirt roads.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he would like to echo what everyone has said and thank everyone for their hard work, especially with EMS. He stated that things were moving fast but that he was happy with how well everyone worked together. He stated that he did not feel it could get any better.

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he had talked with the Governor’s office and stated that SC. Department of Commerce’s rural initiative list that Mr. Steen had mentioned earlier named the top 28 rural and poor counties that had made the list and Marlboro was #34 on the list. He stated that three counties would be coming off the list and Marlboro would hopefully move up to be included on the list soon.

Mr. Odom stated that the McColl Highway 381 bridge repair estimates and studies were received by DHEC and the Department of Transportation and they would hopefully begin the repairs in April and once that was done, Highway 381 would be opened back up. Mr. Odom stated that the folks at the Department of Transportation stated that it was a two week project once a crew was put in place. He stated that the repair of this bridge and highway was an emergency in that it caused problems with EMS being required to travel 4-5 miles out of the way to respond to calls.

Mr. Odom thanked Ainsley and staff for their hard work with the audit.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked staff for their work with the audit and other things and welcomed the two new members of the Administrative team.

Dr. Prince asked Mr. Doug Carabo and his staff to look into getting a budget together for renovating the bathrooms in the gym area of the Wade H. Prince Recreation center. She stated that the bathrooms should be handicap accessible and the building’s lighting should be upgraded. She stated that she had some folks that were willing to help with providing funds for the renovations. She stated that the center was a valuable asset to the community and she appreciated all the events that were being held there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS PURSUANT TO SC CODE SECTION 30-4-70

Motion made at 6:51 pm by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by 7:20 pm by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chair Prince advised that no votes were taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recommended that a motion be made to add a new item of business to the agenda under Non-Agenda items.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to add a new item of business to the agenda as item 12.a. under Non-Agenda Items as Discussion of Administrator's Contract. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair stated that Council had performed the evaluation of Mr. Ron Munnerlyn. She stated that based on all the wonderful things that have been done, Council agreed to extend his contract for an additional three year term and that it should be noted that he has not requested any increase in pay. She stated that all agreed that Mr. Munnerlyn would continue in his current position as the Marlboro County Administrator and Director of Economic Development.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. to extend the contract of the Administrator/Director of Economic Development for an additional three year term with no additional pay increase. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.


Chair Prince stated that it was a testimony to a person who is committed to the people and the community that he would want to continue to work with no additional pay increase. Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn and his family for the time that he has devoted to the county. She stated that much of that time should have been spent with his family.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn thanked members of Council for their vote of confidence and stated that he looked forward to continuing to move things forward.

ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

(SEAL)


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

ATTEST:

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

Adopted: March 12, 2019