

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL
MARLBORO CIVIC CENTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

5:30 PM

CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN
VICE CHAIRWOMAN	CORRIE PLATO
ADMINISTRATOR	RON MUNNERLYN
CLERK TO COUNCIL	PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	ANDREW MCLEOD

COUNCIL:	
JASON STEEN	DR. DAMIEN JOHNSON
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.	CORRIE H. PLATO *
KENNETH STROMAN	VERD ODOM
STEVE BLACKMON, AND	ANTHONY WOODS

- Absent

The Council meeting is being held at the Marlboro Civic Center in order to allow adequate space for an open meeting and to allow for social distancing.

Others Present: Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director; Ms. Doris Sumpter, Administrative Services Director; Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director; and Ms. Jackie Hough, of the Herald-Advocate.

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

WORK SESSION AT 5:30 PM (Discussion of Compensation Study Recommendations for Law Enforcement Personnel)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, suggested Council enter executive session for the work session to discuss the compensation study recommendations for law enforcement personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO SC CODE SECTION 30-4-70)

Motion made at 5:35 pm by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to enter executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made at 6:40 pm by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Steen advised that no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

PRESENTATIONS

BROADBAND INITIATIVE UPDATE – MR. LEE CHAMBERS, SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Lee Chambers of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative for the Broadband Initiative Update.

Mr. Lee Chambers thanked Council for allowing him to provide a brief update on the broadband project. Mr. Chambers stated in the past five years, Sandhill Telephone Cooperative had been investing about \$1 million each year in Marlboro County. He stated back September the State, with a great deal of help from Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, the County Administrator, provided grant funds in the amount of more than \$3 million to run fiber lines for broadband in Marlboro County. Mr. Chambers stated the goal was to provide fiber optic cables along the intrastate then along the state roads and then to county roads and private roads.

Mr. Chambers stated the 1st phase included installing lines from Laurinburg, Cheraw, and Rockingham. He stated since that time, Sandhill has been installing lines along state roads for the last few months and great progress has been made. Mr. Chambers stated Phase 2 would include applying for additional grant funds with a notice to proceed by July 15th. He stated he hoped to get the additional grant funds since only 14 counties in the state would be eligible to apply. He stated the total grant funds were estimated at \$30 million. Mr. Chambers stated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, had provided Sandhill Telephone Cooperative with a list of secondary roads in Marlboro County which was a great help. He stated the grant funds, if received, would continue the work to provide funding for installation of lines along the secondary roads of Marlboro County.

Mr. Chambers announced that the Bennettsville Sandhill Cooperative headquarters would be relocating to their new location on Highway 15-401 ByPass, Bennettsville, SC soon. He stated

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the plans were to move next Friday and schedule a grand opening hopefully sometime in March. He stated after that time, Sandhill would begin taking applications for fiber network customers. He stated more information on this could be found on their website at www.mysandhill.com.

Mr. Chambers asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked what the yellow lines on the map represented. Mr. Chambers responded that the yellow lines indicated where fiber lines had already been installed and Sandhill is currently capable of providing service to those areas at the present time.

Mr. Verd Odom asked if the \$3.1 million grant funds received for Phase 1 had been spent. Mr. Chambers responded the funds had been spent.

Mr. Odom then asked if the new grant funds would be coming from the State and Mr. Chambers confirmed it would.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, thanked Mr. Chambers and his staff for all the hard work they have put into this project. He stated workers were seen at many odd times and places, but the workers did what needed to be done in order to meet the deadline of mid-December. Mr. Munnerlyn stated he was impressed with the work that has been done by Sandhill. He stated Sandhill had a plan already in place and was ready when the funds became available. Mr. Munnerlyn stated Mr. Steve Akers, Director of E-911 and Emergency Management, had provided much help in getting needed information for Sandhill. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the County will continue to work together to get things accomplished.

Chairman Steen stated this was a good foundation and we now have a plan in place. Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Chambers for all the work he has done and continues to do for Marlboro County.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no recommended changes.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the regular council meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Kenneth Stroman, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Verd Odom, and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Dr. Damien Johnson (not physically present at the January 12, 2021 meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 806 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND SHORTHORN HOLDINGS, LLC, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”), WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AT A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Ordinance and its companion Resolution, as noted under New Business, item 6, relates to incentives to be provided for a new solar project. He stated more information would be made available at the third reading, but recommended Council approve the second reading of this Ordinance.

Chairman Steen 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 approve second reading of Ordinance # 806 - an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina (the “County”) and Shorthorn Holdings, LLC, Acting for Itself, One or More Affiliates and/or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, the “Company”) with Respect to the Construction of Certain Facilities at a Location in the County (the “Project”) and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 807 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT COUNTY ROADWAYS FROM UNNECESSARY OR ADVANCED DETERIORATION AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS – FIRST READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was first reading of an Ordinance that Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director, is recommending. He stated the Ordinance would allow Codes Enforcement staff to fine folks for damages to county, state, and dirt roads. He stated damages are sometimes made by loggers and individuals. He stated other surrounding counties have a similar Ordinance and stated Mr. Carabo would provide more information on this Ordinance at the second reading.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, to approve Ordinance # 807 – an Ordinance to Protect County Roadways from Unnecessary or

Advanced Deterioration and Provide Penalties for Violations. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-21-01 – A RESOLUTION INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING AN INVESTMENT UNDER NAME OF SHORTHORN HOLDINGS, LLC AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated earlier this was the companion document to Ordinance # 806 to provide incentives for a solar project. He stated more information would be made available at the third reading.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve Resolution # 02-21-01 – a Resolution Inducing and Identifying an Investment Under Name of Shorthorn Holdings, LLC and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 02-21-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY BY MARLBORO COUNTY ON BEHALF OF WALLACE WATER COMPANY FOR RIF GRANT FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW WELL AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated Wallace Water Company has applied for a Rural Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$500,000 through the State of South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority. He stated the funds would be used for the installation of a new well and other infrastructure and the grant funds, if awarded, must run through Marlboro County. He stated the county is required to serve as the fiscal agent on these type of grants. He stated Marlboro Water Company was awarded the same type grant a few months ago and the county is currently performing the same duties on their behalf.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Resolution # 02-21-02 – a Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority by Marlboro County on Behalf of Wallace Water Company for RIF Grant Funds for Installation of a New Well and Associated Infrastructure in the Amount of \$500,000 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated Council members were aware that staff has conducted a compensation study review over the past four years but has not done much for law enforcement personnel which would include the Detention Center and Sheriff's staff. He stated in the past three months, staff has reviewed each position and the compensation paid for similar positions by surrounding counties. He stated he felt this was important to make sure we are fair and to allow staff to recruit new employees and keep them in these positions. He stated staff proposes to adjust various positions based on averages.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff proposes Resolution # 02-21-03 which is a budget amendment to the current year's budget to increase the Sheriff and Detention Center's budget a total of \$88,000 to be applied for salary increases for these departments. He stated the funds requested would come from the county's fund balance. He stated the Administration and Finance committee met with the Sheriff and this was the recommendation by that committee and the Sheriff also agreed this was a good starting point.

Chairman Steen stated there was much more work to be done in connection with the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center's salaries, but this was certainly a start. He stated Council is working hard to do what is right for all employees.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. to approve Resolution # 02-21-03 – a Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to the 2020-2021 Budget with Regards to Increased Costs for Salaries and Benefits for Detention and Sheriff's Department as recommended by staff as a result of the compensation study. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED JOINT COVID VACCINATION PROJECT 2021 WITH MARLBORO COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL CHARITY TRUST

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated as members of Council were aware, staff has been put in a position to take a leadership role to get vaccinations available for Marlboro County residents. He stated there have been zoom meetings with local leaders to push for vaccine doses for our county. Mr. Munnerlyn mentioned that the first problem was there is not a lot of vaccines available for any area of South Carolina but the vaccines that are available are being distributed to hospitals for distribution. Mr. Munnerlyn stated Marlboro County has been overlooked since we do not have a hospital and Council has had to speak up to be heard like we have done over the past 10-12 years. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that has been done and about 900 residents in the county have received their vaccinations. He stated that is 900 out of 23,000 but he felt that was good and more individuals would become vaccinated as doses are made available.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the item for consideration would allow for Marlboro County to join in with Marlboro General Hospital Charity Trust to provide funding and logistics to develop a plan to have in place for any healthcare providers to come to our area to provide vaccinations to folks. Mr. Munnerlyn stated a plan has been put in place to allow for a set date for a drive-through event or a building for inside service to be arranged quickly. He stated Marlboro County General Hospital Charity Trust would be providing funding and the county, with the help of Mr. Steve Akers, Director of E-911 and Emergency Management, and other staff would perform the coordination efforts. Mr. Munnerlyn recognized Mr. Steve Akers, Director of E-911 and Emergency Management for comments.

Mr. Steve Akers stated a 2021 Marlboro County Vaccination Project Coordination Agreement has been prepared and provided to members of Council for review. He stated this agreement would be presented to any medical provider interested in providing a vaccination clinic in our area. He stated the County, with funding assistance from Marlboro County General Hospital Charity Trust, would provide the following logistics of support:

- Site coordination
- 2 large drive thru tents (setup and takedown)
- Traffic control and security coordination to include traffic cones, personnel, and barricades
- Remote power (portable 6500w generators) with extension cords
- Two hotspot devices when internet is not available at the chosen site
- EMS personnel to monitor the observation parking area
- 3 golf carts for runners (when needed)

Mr. Akers stated the agreement would require the Medical Provider to provide the following:

- Vaccines (syringes/band-aids/wipes)
- Personnel to prepare, administer the vaccine, and maintain appropriate records
- Administrative personnel to enter all data in associated databases and provide vaccination cards to citizens
- Sharpies containers

Mr. Akers stated the plan was in place which would allow for an event to be scheduled very quickly. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated it has taken county effort to bring these actions together in such a quick manner. He stated he appreciated Mr. Steve Akers and he supported his efforts on this project.

Chairman Steen stated it has been a collective effort and he appreciated everyone's participation and hard work. He stated this plan will be in place if there should be a medical provider that has a huge quantity of doses available on short notice. Chairman Steen stated he felt the vaccine doses will come and this plan will be in place.

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

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Joint Covid Vaccination Project 2021 with Marlboro County General Hospital Charity Trust and the 2021 Marlboro County Vaccination Project Coordination Agreement as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any recommendations for Board and Commission appointments. There were none.

Chairman Steen asked members of Council to please review their list of Boards and Commissions and consider re-appointing or appointing someone to serve for expired terms and/or vacancies.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MR. WES PARK

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director, for his report.

Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director, stated the general fund revenues for the seven months ending January 31, 2021 total \$4,950,974. He stated general fund expenditures through January 31, 2021 total \$6,533,282 of a \$12,038,883 budget or 54.27% of budget year to date. He stated as of the same date, the County has \$3,022,390 in the four general operating accounts.

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

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of January: Tracy Polson (8 years); Lisa Herndon (5 years); John Lewis (5 years); Fred Knight (16 years); and Melissa Skipper (26 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen – Mr. Munnerlyn announced that Marlboro County would provide lunch at the Community Kitchen tomorrow. He stated Ms. Rhonda Frazier and others from the Recreation Department will be leading the group and the menu will include BBQ, slaw, chips and fruit cups. He stated the plates will be provided for take-out only.

CareSouth Carolina COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics – Mr. Munnerlyn stated CareSouth Carolina has scheduled several COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics by appointment only. He stated interested folks do not have to be a CareSouth Carolina patient but must call one of the CareSouth Clinics for an appointment time. The dates are as follows:

Date:
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Location:
Hartsville CareSouth Carolina Office

1268 South Fourth Street, Hartsville, SC
Telephone: 843-332-3422

Thursday, February 11, 2021

McColl Health & Wellness Center
3080 Highway 15-401 E., McColl, SC
Telephone: 843-523-5751

Friday, February 12, 2021

Latta CareSouth Carolina Office
122 Latimer Street, Latta, SC
Telephone: 843-627-6252

or

Chesterfield CareSouth Carolina Office
204 Perry Wiley Way, Chesterfield, SC.
Telephone: 843-623-5080

McLeod Health Cheraw COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Mr. Munneryn stated McLeod Health Cheraw will host a COVID-19 Vaccine Walk-In Clinic on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Pine Grove Baptist Church located at 393 Zoar Road, Chesterfield, SC. (A limited number of 1st doses of the vaccine will be available on a first come-first serve basis for the 1A Phase category which will include individuals ages 65 and up.)

COVID-19 Testing- Mr. Munneryn stated folks needing to be tested are encouraged to visit the local Health Department located at 711 S. Parsonage Street, Bennettsville, SC, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Palmetto Family Medicine Clinic located at 316 2nd Street, Cheraw, SC, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm; or contact their primary care provider.

Upcoming Blood Drive – Mr. Munneryn stated a blood drive has been scheduled for Thursday, March 4th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Kinney Meeting Room at the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library. He stated anyone interested in donating should schedule by visiting www.redcrossblood.org. He stated all donations will be tested for the COVID 19 Antibodies.

Filing of Statement of Economic Interests (Ethics Report) – Mr. Munneryn stated 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, 2021. He stated this form must be filed electronically with a \$100 late filing penalty if not filed by the deadline date.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Existing industry expansions

Mr. Munneryn stated staff was working on small expansions of existing industries. He stated it is encouraging to learn that industries are not just surviving but growing in our County.

Speculative Building

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff was close to making an announcement regarding the initiative to build an industrial speculative building. He stated he had received good news with regards to grant funding for the project and hopes to make public announcements in the coming weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Spring Sports – Mr. Munnerlyn mentioned Spring sports is tentatively scheduled for 5 weeks beginning March 29th. He stated there are several COVID-19 related restrictions and other changes and more details would be finalized this week.

Newsletter – Mr. Munnerlyn stated work is being finalized on the county government newsletter. He stated plans are to mail to each household in early March.

Railroad Crossing Closings for Repairs – Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff has been notified that some of the railroad crossings in McColl and Clio will be closed for repairs. He stated a listing of crossings to be closed and the expected close dates was attached to his report for members of Council.

New 4-Way Stop Intersection – Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff has been advised that the intersection of Beauty Spot Road and Wallace Road is now a 4-way stop, so everyone is encouraged to be cautious when approaching that intersection as some may not realize this yet. He stated he understood that the 4-way stop may no longer be in place. He encouraged citizens to be careful while traveling in that area.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated no citizens had signed up to address members of Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – mentioned the bridge on Academy Road that has been out for some time. He stated he had learned that the engineer on the project was in the process of drafting plans for the reconstruction of the bridge to be provided to SC DHEC for review. He stated he felt the project would be moving along soon once the plans have been approved.

Mr. Odom also mentioned those individuals that received their first vaccination on January 15th are scheduled to receive their second vaccination on Friday, February 12th at the Bennettsville Community Center.

Mr. Odom encouraged everyone to stay safe. He thanked Sheriff Lemon for all that he and his department do for the community.

Mr. Odom mentioned the heart bill and concealed weapon bills and stated he felt both would be passed in the next week or so.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – encouraged everyone to stay safe and thanked staff for all their help. He encouraged staff to continue doing a great job.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Mr. Steve Akers, Director of E-911 and Emergency Management, for their help in coordinating the vaccination program.

Dr. Damien Johnson – thanked everyone for the warm welcome as he assumed his duties as County Councilman for District 2. He thanked the citizens of District 2 for their support. He stated he would work hard to attend to their concerns, ideas, and possible solutions of issues in the county.

Dr. Johnson stated he had a lot of concern about the intersection of Highway 385 and 79. He stated that was a very dangerous intersection and there had been many accidents. He asked staff to see what could be done to help minimize the accidents at that intersection.

Mr. Kenneth Stroman – stated there had been a lot of violent activity in his district dealing with young people. He stated it was very bothersome to the elderly in the area. He thanked Sheriff Lemon and his department for all their help with the recent activity.

Mr. Stroman thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, for all his hard work with the COVID vaccinations. He stated he was doing a fantastic job and he appreciated the zoom meetings which provided much information.

Mr. Anthony Woods – encouraged everyone to give the youth recreation a chance. He stated none of us were accustomed to the new way of doing things, but he felt it was the new norm. He stated children needed to get out to enjoy activities and the parents needed it as much as the children. He stated nothing was like it use to be and encouraged everyone to have an open mind and understand that this is being done for the children on a five-week trial basis. He stated it may lead to something else, but everyone would have to wait and see.

Mr. Woods encouraged everyone needed to adapt to the new change.

Mr. Woods also encouraged everyone to get their COVID vaccinations. He stated he felt if folks would get vaccinated, we might could move forward. He encouraged everyone to mask up, get vaccinated and keep praying one for another.

Sheriff Charles Lemon – thanked everyone for all they do to help his department. He thanked members of Council for their time for the work session and stated he and his department could not do what they do without their help. He stated he was grateful to County Council and the Administration staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked Council for coming early for the work session.

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Mr. Steen stated he looked forward to seeing what Council would be able to accomplish this year. He stated things were not like they use to be, and everything has changed. He stated Council has a lot of new ideas to move things forward, but it would take a collective effort. He stated by working together, Council will be able to get the best results. He stated the goal is to make Marlboro County a better place.

Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Mr. Steve Akers, Director of E-911 and Emergency Management, for their efforts with the COVID vaccination clinics. He stated he knew that they were on the telephone with DHEC folks late Friday afternoon and had worked very hard in coordinating the clinic. Mr. Steen stated it may seem like a slow process, but staff and Council continues to move forward.

Mr. Steen encouraged Council to stay unified. He stated Ms. Plato was not present at the meeting tonight but had joined via Zoom. He stated Ms. Plato is exercising extra caution and he certainly did not blame her.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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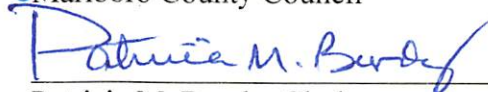
Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

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ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: March 9, 2021