

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

VACANT

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.
DISTRICT 5 - VACANT *
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

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

* Absent

Others Present: Mr. Dan McNiel 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 Ms. Kaye Liner, Accounting Supervisor.

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.marlbtorocounty.sc.gov).

Mr. Jason Steen, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 6 pm.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations & Election of Chair

Mr. Jason Steen, Vice Chairman, asked for nominations for Chairman of Council. Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. nominated Mr. Jason Steen to serve as Chairman. There were no other nominations made.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to nominate Mr. Jason Steen as Chairman to Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations and Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr. Jason Steen, Vice-Chairman, asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of Council. Mr. Willie Gladden nominated Ms. Corrie Plato to serve as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations made.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to nominate Ms. Corrie Plato as Vice-Chairman to Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jason Steen was recognized as Chairman and Ms. Corrie Plato was recognized as Vice-Chairman to County Council for FY 2020.

Chairman Steen continued the meeting. He thanked members of Council for their vote and stated they would continue to work together as a team as they have over the past years.

PRESENTATIONS

AUDIT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 – SHEHEEN, HANCOCK & GODWIN, LLP

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Shane Kirkley of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP to present the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Mr. Kirkley provided a copy of the audit, along with a one page Executive Audit Summary, to all members of Council. The County had received another good audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. He stated the audit was given an unmodified opinion which was the highest level they as auditors were able to give.

Mr. Kirkley stated item 1 of the Executive Audit Summary provided an outline of the audited financial report and provided the page numbers for the audit's reports and statements.

Mr. Kirkley stated that item 2 of the Executive Audit Summary provided an analysis of the County's financial position for the general fund. He stated the total assets of Marlboro County as of June 30, 2019 were \$8,061,004 and the total liabilities of Marlboro County as of June 30, 2019 were \$2,433,752. He stated that more detailed information could be found on page 14 of the audit.

Mr. Kirkley stated item “3” of the Executive Audit Summary provided an analysis of activity. He stated that operating revenues for Marlboro County as of June 30, 2019 were \$11,645,135, sale of capital assets were \$31,101, and transfers in were \$250,907 for total revenues as of June 30, 2019 of \$11,927,143. He stated total revenues versus the budget could be found on pages 56-57 of the audit. Mr. Kirkley stated the operating expenditures for Marlboro County as of June 30, 2019 were \$11,749,047 which provided an excess of revenues over expenses of \$178,096. He stated these funds would now be included in the county’s fund balance. He stated total expenditures versus budget could be found on pages 56-62 of the audit and summarized revenues and expenditures could be found on page 16 of the audit.

Mr. Kirkley stated his firm had been doing the audits for Marlboro County for a couple of years now and stated funds had been pulled from the County’s fund balance from those previous years. He stated the excess for the 2019 audit would help bring the County’s fund balance back to a better position.

Mr. Kirkley stated that he and his firm enjoyed working with the Marlboro County staff. He stated staff’s work in preparing for the audit was very consuming along with their other day to day work which must be performed and he felt they did a great job. He stated county staff does a great job managing the expenditures versus the budget and he felt members of Council should be proud of them.

Mr. Kirkley asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, asked about the county’s fund balance. Mr. Kirkley stated he felt a good fund balance would provide three to six months of reserves and Marlboro County’s fund balance currently represented five months of reserves. He stated he felt Marlboro County was in a good position moving forward.

Chairman Steen stated it was good to know that the County’s money was being used wisely and was happy to hear that good report.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he felt the audit should be accepted as presented even though it was not an item on the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to accept the Audit Report for FY Ending June 30, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2019 – 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. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from December 10, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – “Called” 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 Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the “Called” Council meeting minutes from December 19, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor: 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 December 19, 2019 “Called” meeting). Vote: 6/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD 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 – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Ordinance would amend the Park Agreement established in 2016 with Dillon County so as to enlarge the park which would allow Dillon County to provide incentives to a new industry. He stated Dillon provides Marlboro the same courtesies from time to time.

Chairman Steen 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 third 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.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 792 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MARLBORO COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was a board that has been around for some time but needed updating and revising. He stated the board would hear any tax assessment appeals that may be presented as needed. He stated a drafted Ordinance would be available for second reading.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve first reading in title only of Ordinance # 782 – An Ordinance Establishing the Marlboro County Tax Assessment Appeals Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 793 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MCCOLL TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE WITHIN A DESIGNATED UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was an agreement for fire services similar to the one the county has with the City of Bennettsville which will expire in April of this year. He stated that he would meet with Town of McColl Mayor Bobby Odom to discuss the agreement and a draft would be made available at the next reading.

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 first reading in title only of Ordinance # 793 – An Ordinance Authorizing Marlboro County to Enter into an Agreement with the Town of McColl to Provide Fire Protection Service within a Designated Unincorporated Area of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF STATE ROADS NOT YET REPAIRED FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that Old Wire Road and Academy Road were damaged during the Hurricane in September, 2018 and closed by the SC Department of Transportation. He stated it had been more than a year and a half and the roads still have not been repaired. Chairman Steen stated the closure of these roads continues to cause a burden and hardship on emergency responders. Chairman Steen stated State Representatives have stated that the landowners should pay to have these roads repaired and have even suggested that Marlboro County pay to have them repaired. Chairman Steen stated the County received \$587,000 in road maintenance fees and has already spent \$2,000 more than this amount to maintain the dirt roads in Marlboro County.

Chairman Steen stated the state collects gas tax to maintain the roads in the state and still has \$1.8 million in surplus. He stated the County Transportation Committee “CTC” has approximately \$2.4 million as of the end of July and is expected to receive \$1,000,000 more this year. He stated that the CTC provided funds to make improvements to the road to Jack’s Island at the lake but these main roads in the County have not yet been repaired. He stated that everything set aside, Council urgently needed Representative Henegan to have the state fight to get these roads repaired. Chairman Steen stated that he had heard that

meetings were being held between the landowners and representatives from SC DOT. He stated he has spoken to the landowners and that was not true. He stated no meetings have been held between SC DOT and the landowners.

Chairman Steen asked that the County Administrator please push to get something moving on the repair of the roads. He stated we needed to see if a meeting with the Legislative Delegation members could be arranged to discuss these roads and see if they could provide us with assistance.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any other comments from members of Council on this issue.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated he agreed with Chairman Steen. He stated that the County had two House Representatives and two Senators. He stated Council has asked the delegation members several times for a meeting but their schedules appear to be too busy. He stated it was time for the citizens to get involved. He asked citizens to please contact their Representatives and Senators and ask them to take the time to meet with members of County Council. He stated it was time that they be held accountable for their actions.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any other comments. There were none. Chairman Steen stated it was very important that Academy Road and Old Wire road be repaired due to the lifesaving measurements and safety of our citizens. He stated he was a fireman and it was very important to him, as well as the Sheriff's Department and EMS that these roads be repaired and stated the repair of the roads could result in saving the life of a citizen. He stated the state needed to take some of the funds that they have to repair these roads.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any recommended appointments.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked Ms. Patricia Bundy, the Clerk to Council, to please let him know of any vacancies on any boards and commissions. He stated his appointee for the Parks and Recreation Board had recently died and he recommended that Mr. Willie McCoy be appointed to serve as the Clio's representative on the Marlboro County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to appoint Mr. Willie McCoy, to the Marlboro County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board representing District 8. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

There were no other recommended appointments.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, for the finance report.

Ms. Moore stated for the month of December, expenditures were at 45% of the budgeted amount which appeared to be on target for this point of the fiscal year. She stated revenues exceeded expenditures, which was what staff liked to see and this was due to tax revenue that has started to come in.

Ms. Moore stated that staff was pleased with the audit report and thanked all county employees for the hard work that they do to ensure that the County stays in compliance.

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

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

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator, for his report.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employee was recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of December: Tajuana Jacobs (6 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen** – Mr. Munneryn stated some of the Marlboro County employees and Councilman Anthony Woods served lunch at the Community Kitchen this past week. He stated Councilman Woods and his wife provided shrimp and grits, potato soup, salad, and applesauce. He stated he appreciated Councilman Woods and his family's help with providing this meal.
2. **Scotland Health Care Community Meeting** – Mr. Munneryn announced that Scotland County Health System's Annual Community Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Berea Baptist Church located at 120 North Odum Street, Pembroke, NC. He stated he attended their meeting last year and it was very informative and suggested that folks attend if possible.
3. **2020 Legislative Breakfast** – Mr. Munneryn announced that the 2020 Legislative Breakfast was scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020 from 7:30 – 9:00 am at The Skye located at 210 East Main Street, Bennettsville, SC. He suggested that members of Council see Ms. Patricia Bundy for information on this.
4. **Filing of Statement of Economic Interests (Ethics Report)** – Mr. Munneryn announced that 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, 2020. He stated the form must be filed electronically with a \$100 late filing penalty if not filed by the deadline date and stated a copy of the requirements was attached to his report for Council's information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Arris is hiring

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Arris in Clio has notified staff that they will be advertising for more employees in coming weeks. He stated the company advised that they plan to have a total of 250 employees by next year.

Prospect visits

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he was excited to have a visit planned for tomorrow by a prospective new industry. He stated this was the first one of the year.

Strategic initiatives

Mr. Munnerlyn reported that staff has had a good response to the strategic initiatives that council introduced to community organizations and leaders. He stated there would be meetings scheduled in coming weeks to form committees to begin work on the plans.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Recreation Survey –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Recreation Department was in the process of conducting surveys to gather input on how to improve recreation programs in Marlboro County. He stated the link to the survey has been published on Facebook and the County's website and would be advertised in the newspaper and other places. The survey link is as follows:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RecMeasurement>.

Clean-up of state-line area of SC Highway 15-401 in McColl

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the clean-up of the old casino trailers near the state line in McColl has been completed and construction of a brick "Welcome to Marlboro County" sign would begin in the next few weeks weather permitting.

Solid Waste update-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Doug Carabo was present and would provide a brief report on the new contractor.

Mr. Carabo stated Waste Connections would begin providing service to all county residents on February 10, 2020. He stated carts would be delivered next week and would be delivered to residents prior to the start date of February 10th. He stated that although carts would be delivered prior to the startup date of February 10th, service would not begin until February 10th.

Mr. Carabo stated trucks were being delivered next week. And drivers were already in place and were learning the various routes in the county. He stated all county resident addresses have been entered into a software system and routes were being fine-tuned and would continue to be until the service start date.

Mr. Carabo stated letters would be mailed to all citizens receiving the new service which would include their service day of the week and the start date. Mr. Carabo also stated the letter would include a telephone number for any complaints that might need to be reported

and an app would be available for folks to report complaints via online or on their I-phones. He stated that citizens could also note compliments for service provided by the new company, Waste Connections, and compliments were always welcome.

Solid Waste law-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated it was also important to remember that State law requires that counties provide a lawful means for disposing of trash. He stated burning or burying trash was not allowed. He stated the county council chose to provide roll cart service and per law once the system was approved, it became the official, lawful way to dispose of garbage.

Response to concerns by Pee Dee Indians

Mr. Munnerlyn mentioned the article the newspaper recently ran outlining concerns by the Pee Dee Indians regarding the new roll-cart service. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the County was able to respond in the article but he wanted to touch on a few items.

He stated many folks know some of the people in the group and stated some were even our friends. He stated they certainly have the right to disagree with the decision made by county council but there were a couple of points that he felt he needed to make.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the letter received from the group states that the decision made by council was made “in haste and behind our backs”. He disagreed and stated nothing could be farther from the truth. He stated the following actions were taking as part of considering options and making a decision:

- There were at least 9 public meetings over 5 months before a decision was made.
- Meetings were broadcast on Facebook and on YouTube.
- There were 3 community meetings across the county where options were presented and citizens spoke about options.
- The newspaper published articles after each of the public meetings many of which were on the front page.
- An advertisement was published online and in the newspaper for bids for a new contractor. There were meetings with respective contractors that were open to the public.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in these meetings, Council struggled with the fact that the fee would have to be collected all at once. He stated council had hoped to find a way to split the fee up but the law required that if split up, it had to be paid this year for next years' service which would result in folks being required to pay two years in one year.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated with regards to their claim of discrimination against elderly or fixed income citizens, council actually did the opposite. He stated Council chose a new contractor that offered a significant discount to disabled and over 65 citizens. He stated the discount was \$35 dollars less than the regular yearly charge.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that three citizens had signed up to address council.

Mr. James Bostic – stated that he was district specialist for Marlboro County. He stated the Census start date would be April 1st with every living person being included in the count. He stated there was \$675 billion in funds available annually to be divided between all states and how the money was divided depended on the census count and numbers for all areas. He stated he would be working with Ms. Pearlie Lawson and Representative Pat Henegan to make sure all areas of the county were involved and everyone was included in the count.

Mr. Bostic stated that on March 1st residents would be receiving invitations to participate in the census. He stated it would only take 15-20 minutes to complete the census form. He stated folks would receive an additional four invitations before census representatives would be out knocking on doors to assist folks in completing the census forms. He stated that the census forms could be completed on computers or on smart phones and announced the library would serve as a location for assistance for folks in completing their census forms.

Mr. Bostic confirmed that all information provided on the census was confidential and would not be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies or the FBI.

Mr. Bostic also stated that there would be part-time jobs available with the 2020 Census. He stated that folks could apply online and also mentioned that a Complete Count Committee Training Session had been scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2020 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library.

Mr. Bostic stated that he had left some information with the County Administrator, along with his contact information for any questions folks may have.

Mr. Phillip Locklear – stated that he lived in the Berea section of Marlboro County and wanted to let members of Council know that he opposed the fee for solid waste collection. He stated that it was not that he did not want the service but he did not want it added to his taxes.

He asked members of Council if they felt they were doing folks justice in the way that they handled the decision that was made. He stated that he had been going from house to house with a petition for folks to sign and folks were disappointed with the action taken by members of Council on this issue.

Mr. Locklear mentioned that he had learned that the County Administrator was related to someone at Waste Connections. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that information was not true and Mr. Locklear could be held liable for slander.

Mr. Richard Labean - thanked members of Council for allowing him to speak. He stated that he felt that folks had not been properly notified of the decision made to collect the trash service fees on citizens' tax bills. He stated that he was not on Facebook and did not purchase a weekly paper. He stated he learned about the fees when he received the mailing notifying folks of the costs but by that time, the vote had already taken place.

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Mr. Labean stated when he received his tax bill he spoke with someone who stated if he did not pay the fee that he would lose his property. He stated he did not feel that anyone should lose their property because of nonpayment of a fee that had been added for service.

Mr. Labean asked members of Council to reconsider the action taken on collection of the solid waste fees on folks' tax bills.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – mentioned the state line clean up and stated it would be great to have a new “Welcome to Marlboro County Sign” in that area. He stated all members of Council have worked to get the county cleaned up. He stated littering in the county had to stop. He stated he had been serving on Council for three years and everyone was tired of all the trash and littering that has been done over the years. Mr. Odom stated that many folks did not have containers over the past few years and as a result about one-third of the county residents were not paying J. Davis Enterprise for trash pick-up service but the folks were still creating trash. He stated County staff had cleaned up a particular ditch in McColl on five separate occasions. He stated there was a \$500 fine that folks could receive for burning household trash or dumping trash on private property.

Mr. Odom stated that hopefully in the future staff could try and have it where folks could pay their property taxes in five equal installments but the fee and taxes for this year would need to be paid in full and there was no way around it. Mr. Odom stated he did not feel that Marlboro County could ever have any new industries take interest in our area until the county is cleaned up and folks take responsibility.

Mr. Odom stated that McColl was the worse entrance of Marlboro County as far as litter was concerned and it was a pure disgrace.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – mentioned the roads that have not been repaired due to the hurricane and stated that one and a half years was just too long. He stated the roads really needed to be repaired and stated that staff should talk to the Delegation members and get some help with the roads.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that he was glad to have folks from the Pee Dee Indian Association at the meeting tonight. He encouraged folks to come to the meetings to voice their concerns about things going on in the County. He stated that members of Council needed them and their comments all the time. He also suggested that folks talk with their House Representatives and Senators to let them know about concerns that they have. He stated that was the only way things were going to change and encouraged folks to bring their concerns to the table for discussion. He stated with the solid waste fee issue, that members of Council did what they had to do.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – stated that he wanted to reiterate what others have said about the trash issues and roads. He thanked folks for attending the meeting.

Ms. Corrie Plato – stated that she heard the concerns of the citizens that had spoken and she understood their concerns. She stated members of Council were working together to do

the right thing. She stated Council was trying to help and although they feel they made the right decision, it hurts her to see how the decision was affecting folks. She encouraged folks to continue to share their concerns with members of Council and to please attend the meetings.

Ms. Plato mentioned the solid waste collection fee and stated that folks would be saving money with the new service and understood that some folks disagreed with the way the fees were being collected.

Ms. Plato thanked members of Council for their vote for her to become Vice-Chairman of County Council and stated that she would do her best to do what she could to aid and assist the Chairman. She stated there was a lot of work ahead of them but that Council would continue to work together as a team and move forward.

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated a lot of folks did not understand that members of Council pay taxes and trash bills as well as all other citizens. He stated he felt that anytime there was a change, there would be confusion. He stated members of Council could not satisfy everybody but they do try to do what is best for all citizens in the county and not any particular race or color. He stated that Council would continue to do what they feel is best for the citizens in the county.

Mr. Woods mentioned the Community Kitchen and thanked Ms. Patricia Bundy for her work at the kitchen. He stated he and his family really enjoyed cooking and participating in serving others and stated it was an eye-opening experience. He stated Ms. Anne Griggs ran a tight ship but it was a great service to the community. He stated he and his family would serve again in the future.

Mr. Woods thanked God that everyone was present to see a New Year.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that the reason Council has a sign-up sheet was to simply keep order during the meeting. He stated that Council members work hard and listen to every citizen that speaks even though they do not respond. He stated members of Council pray and try to do what is best for the citizens of Marlboro County. He stated when they could no longer do that, they would step aside. He stated it was a huge task.

Mr. Steen stated members of Council were pushing hard to get the roads repaired that are still closed due to the hurricane.

Mr. Steen thanked members of Council for their vote as Chairman and stated he looked forward to moving forward as a team as they have in the past.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

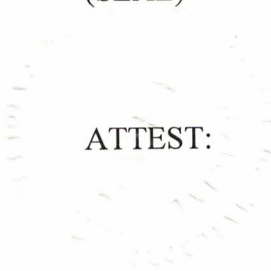
There were no non-agenda items.


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ADJOURN

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

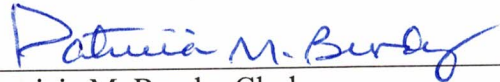
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Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: February 11, 2020