

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

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

COUNCIL:

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

* Absent

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

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that no executive session was not needed and suggested that it be deleted from the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the agenda with Item 2. Executive Session being deleted. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 782 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff had provided members of Council with two worksheets. He stated that since the last meeting, staff had taken suggestions from Council and had gone back through the budget with sharpened pencils and made progress in closing the deficiency gap. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the budget which was discussed at the last meeting required \$557,000 from reserve funds and staff had always tried to show no more than \$300,000 to \$350,000 as being used from reserve funds to balance the budget in prior budgets. He stated that the numbers being discussed only pertained to the General Fund. He stated there were many funds in the county's budget that are "run-through" accounts but stated that the numbers being discussed dealt only with the General Fund.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the revised work sheet included numbers for a 2% cost of living increase for employees, a one mil increase of \$66,000 to recover the unfunded state mandate for state retirement which the state is requiring that we pay, and \$75,000 from solid waste fees for city and town residents which is estimated to be \$10 or so per resident. He stated that staff has found that many residents from Bennettsville and other towns were taking items to the convenience centers especially since the City of Bennettsville has stopped picking up residents' items from the roadsides. He stated that it was only fair that those residents that live in the municipalities pay a small fee in order to be able to take items to the convenience center. He stated by imposing this small fee on their tax bills, it would allow city and town residents to take items to the convenience centers for no additional charge and would make it easier for staff as well. He stated that commercial debris would be an exception and those folks would be charged when taking items to the convenience centers.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the revised work sheet reflects a total of \$283,000 to be used from reserve funds compared to \$557,000 as noted on the original work sheet. He stated that he would outline some of the reasons for the reduction in use of reserve funds for this proposed budget:

1. The initial filot fees on the budget was based on a number for filots for this year and other numbers that we have (one time money from state);
2. Staff has cut costs of \$125,000 in different areas of the budget when comparing expenses from last year. He stated the budget has funds that come in and are paid out, and used the library's budget as an example. He stated that the state gives money to the library but that the funds must go through the county's budget so it shows as coming in but then shows as going right back out;
3. Staff was trying to use every departments' source of revenue to offset the costs of the department. He used 911 as an example. He stated that every resident's telephone bill and all cell bills have a 911 surcharge listed of which a portion goes to the

county for a specific purpose. He stated that staff had squeezed and were able to replace some of the general funds money with those types of fees.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated these were highlights of the budget but that staff had worked on it until about 3:00 today. He asked that council consider having a called meeting later in June to approve the final reading of the budget in order to allow staff additional time to look at the numbers and to allow council to consider additional deputies, etc.

Chair Prince stated that she appreciated the time and effort that staff has put into working on the budget to provide services to the citizens of the county and appreciated the fact that the amount needed from reserve funds were cut from \$557,000 to \$283,000. She stated those numbers looked much better.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated that he agreed that the numbers looked much better and he appreciated staff's work on the budget.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked about the dump truck which Public Works had requested during the last budget meeting. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Mr. Doug Carabo had many conversations with the FEMA folks and that the dump truck for Public Works would be purchased with FEMA funds.

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

ORDINANCE # 783 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2020-
2024

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this document has been a wish list type document in the past but that staff had recently met with Enterprise about a program to lease vehicles for the Sheriff's Department and stated that it initially sounded too good to be true but after lengthy meetings it appears to be a good program. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that other counties such as Darlington, Marion and Kershaw were using this program and it seemed to be working really well for them. He stated that the lease would allow about \$125,000 to \$150,000 to be used for the purchase of around 14-18 new police cars. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that typically the county would purchase vehicles and run them until they were basically worth nothing before new ones were purchased. He stated that the Enterprise lease program would provide vehicles for about two to three years and then sell them and purchase new ones. He stated that after two to three years, the vehicles would still be in pretty good shape and the vehicles could be sold for funds to purchase more vehicles. He stated that the Sheriff's Department was really excited about this lease program. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that funds for this Enterprise lease program were included in the budget which was just discussed and stated that it may be a program that would work for other departments such as the Public Works and Public Buildings and Maintenance but that would be looked into at a later time.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff would have an updated Capital Improvement Plan for the called meeting in June for council to consider.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2019 – Budget Work Session Meeting

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the Budget Work Session meeting minutes from May 14, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 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. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from May 14, 2019 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 781 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FRANCHISING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN MARLBORO COUNTY – THIRD READING

ORDINANCE # 782 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 – THIRD READING

ORDINANCE # 783 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2020-2024 – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that based on the County Administrator's recommendation to give staff more time to review the numbers of the budget again, she recommended that council table Ordinances # 781, # 782, and # 783 to a called meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to table the third readings of Ordinance # 781 – an Ordinance to Provide for the Franchising Procedures and Standards for Private Ambulance Services in Marlboro County; Ordinance # 782 – an Ordinance to Adopt the Annual Budget and to Make

Appropriations for Marlboro County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020; and Ordinance # 783 – an Ordinance to Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the Period of FY 2020-2024, until a called meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6 pm. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 784 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PURCHASING POLICIES OF MARLBORO COUNTY – THIRD READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that a revised copy of the Ordinance had been provided to each member of Council. He stated there had been some changes that he would highlight. He stated that the part that members of Council may be most interested in was that purchases under \$1,500 could be made without quotes or bids which was in line with what other counties were doing but anything over that amount and up to \$25,000 would require two written quotations.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that any amount over \$25,000 would require bids and the former policy required anything over \$10,000 to require bids.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that these purchasing policies were formed from the model Purchasing Policy provided by the Budget and Control Board and that it covers all kinds of things that the county may need. He stated that it also included a local preference so that any local business may benefit and would be given a discount of up to 10% for a quote or bid up to \$10,000 and the scale for local preference would decrease by the amount as set forth in the document. He stated that council adopted the local preference some time ago to assist local folks who have businesses here.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that there were many other housekeeping type changes and that things were moved around to a different order so that it would read easier.

Chair Prince recommended that since this policy was just made available to council that they be allowed time to review for any questions or comments and suggested that the third reading of the Ordinance be tabled to the called meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24th.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to table the third reading of Ordinance # 784 – an Ordinance Establishing Purchasing Policies of Marlboro County until the called meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6 pm. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 785 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the second reading of this Ordinance and that it was in line with the Ordinance that was passed a few months ago. He stated this Ordinance would allow for one to ten School Resource Officers and the cost would be based on a per officer basis. He stated staff was awaiting comments from the School District and stated that staff may have this document in final form in order to place it on the agenda for the called meeting later in June.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 785 – an Ordinance Authorizing Marlboro County to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Marlboro County School District and the Marlboro County Sheriff's Department and Marlboro County for the School Resource Officer Program. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRASH COLLECTION OPTIONS

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff had three community meetings, one in Bennettsville, one in Clio, and one in Wallace. He stated that more folks attended the meeting in Wallace. Staff feels that from information gathered from folks that attended the meetings, that folks want roll carts and would prefer that fees be included on the tax bills and that most felt that if the tax bill could be split into five equal payments that it would benefit those that could not afford to pay the full amount at one time.

Chair Prince stated that from listening to folks she agreed that most wanted the roll carts. She stated that some could not afford to pay a large tax bill and a large fee for trash service at one time and stated that it would certainly help to be able to allow folks to pay the bill in five installments and that option would be her preference.

Mr. Anthony Woods stated that he felt that folks in Clio agreed with having the roll carts and having the fees added to the tax bills but allowing the installment plan as well. He stated that by providing the installment plan, it would take the burden off of folks having to pay the full bill at one time. He stated offering a payment plan would certainly be a change but that he felt that sometimes change was good.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he felt that folks liked the fact that the County was more involved and actually asking for input from the citizens. He stated that many folks that he talked with liked the idea of offering the installment payment plan and that the county would be the one to contact when citizens have concerns with the service being provided.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that he felt that folks from Wallace provided good input about the fees on the tax bill being broken down into five payments and were in favor of that option. He stated that one citizen really liked the idea of having the convenience centers but then

realized that many folks may not have transportation to haul the trash. He stated that he agreed that most folks in Wallace wanted the roll carts with the fees included on the tax bills.

Mr. Steve Blackmon stated he had private containers on his farm and asked if folks with businesses that have this same type service would be required to pay for the roll cart service. Mr. Munnerlyn stated other folks had voiced that same question and he stated that if folks have a business and a legal way to dispose of their household trash, he felt those folks should be exempt but that would be something that staff would have to consider and work through.

Mr. Blackmon stated he wanted folks to know that council and staff were working to resolve the trash problems in the county and he felt that this was a good start.

Mr. Verd Odom stated that he felt that all three meetings were very positive meetings and that folks were glad that council and staff went out and tried to let them know what was happening and invited their input.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that from the folks that attended the meetings and completed forms that were provided with the options, he found that 81% of the folks wanted the roll cart service with fees on the tax bills, 9% of the folks wanted convenience centers only; and 9% of the folks wanted roll cart service with the contractor billing and collecting directly from citizens. He stated folks really like to be communicated with. He stated that staff has a hard deadline to meet in order to get the fees on the tax bills. He stated that Doug Carabo has worked on a formal quote to obtain two options which would (1) tell us what the company would charge if they billed directly to the citizens; and (2) what the company would charge if the county would collect from the citizens and pay them directly. He stated that this would be handled by Request for Proposal which was different than bid. He stated that with RFP, staff could judge on a list of specific requirements, credit rating, etc. He stated that staff would have that information available for council to review. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if Council would approve, that staff could move forward on this in order to get some quotes back by the middle of July in order to meet the deadline to get tax notices issued. He advised that Council may want to consider moving the July Council meeting back a week or so in order to allow staff to have all of this done by that time.

Chair Prince suggested that the regular council meeting for July be moved from July 9th to Tuesday, July 16th at 6 pm. She thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his report and stated that citizens really appreciated the opportunity to voice their concerns and input on this important issue.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 06-19-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE S.C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE FY 2019 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG) AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this grant is one that is applied for and usually awarded each year and helps pay the salary of the 911 Director.

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

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 06-19-01 – a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County to the S.C. Emergency Management Office for the FY 2019 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

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

Ms. Moore stated that for the month of May, expenses were at 89% of the budgeted amount which was approximately 2.5% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She stated that as shown on the bar graph provided that revenues and expenses continue to trend consistently for this fiscal year as they have in prior years.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Prince asked Ms. Moore if she had a bar graph of funds received each year for the Local Government Fund proceeds. Ms. Moore responded that she did not have that information available but that she would work on that. Chair Prince asked that she have the graph available at the next meeting if possible.

Chair Prince stated that the General Assembly continues to not provide the funds which they have promised to provide and that folks need to know that the county is not receiving the citizens' money back for services to be provided by the county.

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

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of May: Deborah Weldon (19 years); Johnny Fair (14 years); Charles Peterkin (12 years); Edward Odom (13 years); and Tonya Harmon (14 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The 52nd Annual SC Association of Counties Conference has been scheduled for August 3rd – 7th, 2019 at the Hilton Head Marriott with classes for the Institute of Government being available on August 3rd – 4th.

ECONOMIC

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REPORT

NESA Luncheon and Site Selector Visit

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff hosted a luncheon along with NESA for regional economic developers and partners. He stated the event was part of a visit from a national site selector. He explained that selectors were hired by companies to evaluate potential sites for new facilities. He stated that the site selector spoke to the group as a whole and also visited each county individually.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that for Marlboro County, staff focused on the existing industrial park on SC 38 and the Delta site. He stated that the site selector's feedback was that the Delta site with its heavy infrastructure and large size would definitely be a draw to industries looking to expand.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the site selector also commented about "quality of place" meaning quality of life in a community and discussed how his colleagues examine the quality of education/schools, amenities like restaurants and recreation and most importantly the available workforce in an area.

Solar Projects

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff continues to have inquiries regarding solar projects in the county. He stated that he has been working with the county's economic development attorney to develop an incentive package for consideration by county council. He stated these projects expect aggressive incentives and make the case that their projects do not require many, if any, tax funded services, and therefore they should be awarded tax reductions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County facilities – events-

Mr. Munnerlyn reported that over the past weekend the county had two very successful events in county facilities. He stated the first was a local church meeting at the Prince Center in Blenheim with approximately 300 people in attendance. He stated the second was the bicentennial concert at the Murchison Auditorium and stated that although there was no official count, the auditorium was full! He stated that rain forced the event inside.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that both of these facilities were important to the community and staff would continue its efforts to make improvements and better market their availability.

EMS License Received-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the most important news that he had to share was staff had received their license to run EMS and stated that the department would be up and running on July 1, 2019. He stated this had been a long and difficult process. He stated that soon after it is up and running that the Administrative Board which was organized would need to meet and be brought up to speed so they would be aware as to how staff would be moving things forward.

Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that Chair Prince and Vice-Chair Steen would be meeting with the Fire Board Monday evening to get their input on budget. He stated that it was time that this be done but stated that they were doing an excellent job.

Chair Prince stated that she felt that a ribbon cutting ceremony should be held for EMS and suggested that it be done on Monday, June 24 before the called council meeting. She suggested the parking lot at the Administration office. She stated that there have been a lot of man hours put into organizing the new EMS and stated that it was a time to celebrate.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

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

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that work to repair Highway 381 in McColl would begin hopefully during the last week of this month. He stated that having this road repaired and opened would help many citizens in Clio, McColl and the entire county.

Mr. Odom mentioned the Master Dog Retrieval competition which was scheduled for the month of July at the H. Cooper Black Park near society Hill. He stated that he toured this park with Mr. Chavis and that dogs and their owners from all around and Canada would be in the Pee Dee area for this event. He stated that about 15,000 dogs were estimated to be competing in the event. He stated that more information would be made available on this event.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that many citizens were pleased with County Council. He stated that the library staff continued to do a great job and that the Veterans office staff also continued to do an excellent job for all the veterans in the county. He stated that Voter Registration staff was talking about the very important election coming up next year and they are getting things ready for that. He stated that many exciting things were going on in Marlboro County and folks feel good about these things.

Mr. Gladden thanked the Sheriff's Department for all that they continue to do for all the citizens in the county.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that the Master Dog Retrieval National event would be a great event and something that folks would really enjoy seeing.

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Mr. Steen congratulated Mr. Odom on getting the repairs on Highway 381 moving forward. He stated that Old Wire Road was still out and stated that pine trees were actually growing up in the road. He stated that he spoke with someone from DOT and they hope to have something done during 2020. He asked that staff please contact DOT to try and get some feedback as to when all roads in the county will be back open. He stated that he would like to have an update on this by the next meeting if possible. He stated that a time-frame as to when the roads are expected to be open would be helpful.

Chair Prince asked about Academy Road as well.

Mr. Verd Odom stated that repair of Academy Road and Old Wire Road was advertised for bids and he understood Mr. Tim McGee from the local DOT office say that he thought they would begin work on this soon.

Chair Prince stated that maybe staff could find out the status of this roads as well.

Ms. Corrie Plato – mentioned Elliott Lane and stated that she had been receiving calls about the condition of that road. She stated that she thought that work had been done to this road in the past. Mr. Doug Carabo stated that Elliott Lane was a private road and the county could only do courtesy drags. Ms. Plato stated that she was getting many calls from folks that live on that road.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that the Public Works department employees had gotten to know the folks that live on Elliott Lane pretty well and they were good folks and that they understood that it was a private road. He stated that back in the 90's, council adopted procedures in order to get a road in the county road system and stated that there were many things that would need to be accomplished before it could be considered but that it may be that they could discuss the requirements with the folks and help them understand that if they are willing to do the work to get the road up to standards to be considered being adopted in to the county system, that maybe something could be done. He stated that right now, it was a private road and staff could not put rock or dirt on it but only perform courtesy drags which really do not help a lot.

Ms. Plato mentioned the trash collection and asked if she would be required to have the roll cart as well. Chair Prince stated that everybody would be getting roll carts.

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that men have two special days a year and those were their birthday and Father's Day. He wished all the fathers present a Happy Father's Day.

Mr. Woods mentioned a local citizen, Linda Parnell, who has a film showing on Saturday, June 15th at the Florence Little Theatre at 2 pm and 4 pm and stated that local citizens would be appearing in the show, including his daughter. He invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Woods stated that there was a lot of positive buzz going on in the county. He stated that the new EMS, the new company in Clio and new vehicles for the Sheriff's office were all great things and folks were talking about these things. He commended staff for all of their hard work with the budget and all that they do day in and day out. He stated that things were looking up.

Mr. Woods congratulated Dr. Carolyn Prince on her retirement and wished her well.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that there was new energy around for the things being accomplished by County Council. She stated that council and staff was continuing to make progress with getting free standing emergency departments in South Carolina. She stated that the EMS Task Force members met with City Council and that the Resolution would be put on their agenda for their next meeting. She stated that council would continue to be persistent in this.

Dr. Prince stated that members of county council continue to work well together and that folks were watching them. She stated that council gets feedback on what is being done.

Dr. Prince thanked the video staff for all they do and mentioned that some of them were newcomers and welcomed them.

Mr. Verd Odom mentioned that Mr. Tyron Abraham's son had been accepted to the US Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy and that this was a huge honor. He congratulated him on this great accomplishment.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS


There were no non-agenda items.

ADJOURN

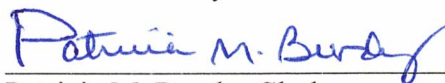
Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, she adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: July 16, 2019