

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
“CALLED MEETING”

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

6:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR

VICE CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN  
ADMINISTRATOR RON MUNNERLYN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL SUSAN RIVERS  
COUNTY ATTORNEY ANDREW MCLEOD

COUNCIL:  
JASON STEEN DR. DAMIEN JOHNSON  
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR. PEARLY LAWSON  
KENNETH STROMAN VERD ODOM  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND ANTHONY WOODS

- Absent

Others Present: Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director; Mr. Stephen Pollard, IT Director; Ms. Doris Sumpter, Administrative Services Director, Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director, and Ms. Jacqueline Hough, Herald Advocate;

A copy of the Called Meeting Notice and agenda were posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the Marlboro County Website. A copy of the agenda was provided to Ms. Jacqueline Hough, Herald Advocate prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to enter Executive Session for the discussion for Economic Development Matters. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Pearly Lawson, Mr. Charles Midgley, Mr. Jason Steen, Dr. Damien Johnson, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Verd Odom. Not present: Mr. Kenneth Stroman. Vote: 7/0/0. Motion Carried.**

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Mr. Kenneth Stroman came in during Executive Session.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Chairman Midgley advised no decisions had been made.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS – FIRE DEPARTMENT AIR PACKS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator advised the county only received 2 bids very close together. \$500,000 would come from Rural Fire Funds Reserve and the rest taken from a lease purchase agreement. Procurement procedures were followed and the lease purchase was completed through First Citizens Bank. Staff recommended the acceptance of the bid from Anderson Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$791,985.60 (lowest).

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to accept the bid in the amount of \$791,985.60 from Anderson Fire & Safety, Inc. for the purchase of the Fire Department Air Packs. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

#### DISCUSSION OF NAME FOR COUNTY-OWNED GOLF COURSE

Mr. Munnerlyn presented the names to council as recommended by the public per Council request. Names presented were:

- Marlboro Golf
- Lakeside Country Club
- Lake Wallace Golf Links
- Legacy Links
- Legacy Oaks
- Legacy Pines
- Marlboro Pines

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if the previous sign had been covered up yet. Mr. Munnerlyn responded “no”, he was hoping they would come up with a name for it and they could take care of it at one time.

Dr. Damien Johnson said in looking at the names suggested, his concern was that when council had previously discussed doing this project, they did not want this to be a golf centered project. That would be cutting out 90 – 95% of the population. If it were marketed as a golf complex, it would only be touching a small percentage of the population. They were spending an enormous amount of money to redesign the golf course that very few people in the county were going to get to participate in. He said when they originally discussed buying the land, it was with the stipulation that when they approached this project, it was not to be a golf course. He read out several of the suggestions which all were centered around a golf course. He said very few people play golf and

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that it was not being marketed as a Recreation Complex. He said they lied to the general public and to themselves about what they were going to do with this particular project, most of the money was going to this project and not to recreation.

Mr. Verd Odom said he had spoken with many people over the past few months. They (council) had discussed that the golf course would be the corner stone of the whole project. They had agreed to keep “Marlboro County” in the name. They were not marketing it as a golf course. His suggestion was to name it “Marlboro County Golf and Recreation Complex”. It’s simple. It takes everything they ever want to build in to account. The county can always add: tennis courts, racket ball courts, etc. The name will take care of the golf and recreation complex. That was just his suggestion.

Mr. Kenneth Stroman recommended “Marlboro County Golf, Aquatics, and Recreation Complex”. He said you have to let everyone know that golf, aquatics, and recreation are part of the aspects of the project. Mr. Odom responded they were getting into a situation where they could add aquatics, basketball, volleyball, etc. It needed to be kept simple. He said the name can get so long, will not be able to market it. Mr. Anthony Woods said he agreed with Mr. Odom. He said the sign currently there needs to be removed and replaced. Once they get to rolling they can cover everything recreation through the marketing. Mr. Steve Blackmon said he agreed with Mr. Odom and Mr. Woods in that the name needs to be short. The main thing is that it’s for the public, for the whole county. They need to keep “Marlboro County” in the name. Recreation in the name covers everything.

Dr. Damien Johnson recommended “Marlboro County Family Recreational Complex”.

Mr. Blackmon explained that having Recreational complex in the name changes everything. He also said that “Marlboro County” is included in the name.

Mr. Odom said the property was the cornerstone to build a complex around to include the various recreational activities. Mr. Stroman questioned the amount of money it would cost to inform the citizens. Mr. Woods advised that would be covered through Marketing a “Vision Sale”. He said once they see it, they will believe. But, right now council was just discussing the name and the sign. He said he felt Mr. Stroman’s passion, but they have been on first base for so long, they need to get on second base and get something done.

Ms. Pearly Lawson asked Mr. Munnerlyn if there were any organizations asking about using the golf course. She wanted to know what the county would get out of it. Mr. Munnerlyn advised that currently the golf course was being run as it was before. A new Golf Course Manager had been hired and he is currently working to see what improvements can be made. Any monies coming in currently are going back into the program. Changes will be made as it grows.

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Mr. Midgley read the three names that had been proposed:

Marlboro County Golf, Aquatics and Recreation Complex  
Marlboro County Golf and Recreation Complex  
Marlboro County Family Recreational Complex

**Motion made by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Dr. Damien Johnson to rename the Marlboro County Country Club “Marlboro County Family Recreation Complex”. Vote in favor: Mr. Kenneth Stroman, Dr. Damien Johnson, Ms. Pearly Lawson, and Mr. Anthony Woods. Opposed: Mr. Verd Odom, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Jason Steen, and Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Chairman. Vote: 4/4/0. Motion did not carry.**

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to rename the Marlboro County Country Club “Marlboro County Golf and Recreational Complex”. Vote in favor: Mr. Verd Odom, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Jason Steen, and Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Chairman. Opposed: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Pearly Lawson, Mr. Kenneth Stroman, and Dr. Damien Johnson. Vote: 4/4/0. Motion did not carry.**

Mr. Jason Steen recommended the name “Marlboro County Golf Complex”. He said this was only a part of a grander scheme. He said they may decide not to put anything else at this property but the golf course. They may decide to put the other activities at another location. They still want the aquatics and other recreation activities, but, right now they just need to name it. Dr. Damien Johnson said this is not what they had initially discussed. The purpose of purchasing the golf course was to make it a recreational complex. Chairman Midgley and Mr. Blackmon both stated that Marlboro County needed to be a part of the name. Mr. Woods said that it was deadlocked and suggested they look at it again the following Wednesday at their upcoming work shop. Maybe they can learn to agree, come up with a name and move forward.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to table the decision for naming of the Golf Course until the next meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND ORDINANCES RELATED TO COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS.

Mr. Munneryn advised all council members received a packet of all the boards they need to go over at home. Then they can have a work session and discuss their concerns.

Ms. Lawson thanked Mr. Munneryn for the list. Mr. Woods suggested discussing them at the next regular meeting.

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UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

Chairman Midgley advised the “Find Great People” will begin interviewing each council member for their discovery process.

ADJOURN

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Chairman  
Marlboro County Council



Susan Rivers, Clerk  
Marlboro County Clerk

Adopted: June 13, 2023