

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

“CALLED MEETING”

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

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CHAIRMAN	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
VICE-CHAIR	CORRIE PLATO
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING JR.

COUNCIL:

JEAN MCLEAN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS
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\* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair

BUDGET DISCUSSION FY 2009 - 2010

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the biggest issue is the loss of Revenue. He referred council to page 4 – last years budgeted revenue was \$9,616,557.00, this years budgeted revenue is \$8,688,000.00 with a total loss of 391,290.00. He said the budget presented for council’s consideration includes employee furloughs which decreases employee salaries and other cuts. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised there are various salaries which are mandated by the state (Treasurer, Auditor, Magistrates, etc) which can not be cut by the county.

Mr. Kimrey advised the taxes received to-date are lower than last year. He advised actual spending has not increased, the revenue is decreasing. Mr. Kimrey referred council to page one – Local Government Funds, he advised most counties are in the same shape as Marlboro County with the cuts by the state. He advised travel has been cut in most

departments with the exception of travel for positions which require training as mandated by the state to retain their job positions.

Mr. Kimrey advised a few pieces of equipment are necessary such as a vehicle for Mr. Lewis Cooper, Environmental Control Officer. Mr. Cooper's truck must be replaced or he will be unable to work. The vehicle is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr. Counsel will review to see if Railroad funds may be used.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned the Non-Departmental line item. Mr. Kimrey advised this line item includes two employees which work in two separate departments – Public Works and Recreation. Also included is the Fiber Optics which does not fit into any particular line item.

Council discussed mandates in the Treasurer, Auditor, and Tax Assessor's offices which may increase the professional services in their budget.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned the decrease in the State Health Premium. Mr. Kimrey advised more costs would be paid by employees.

Council discussed the fee-in-lieu for Weyerhauser (previously Willamette) would be coming off – the end result is not currently known.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned the direct assistance under Road Maintenance. Mr. Kimrey advised it was previously used for equipment – no longer use it. Mr. Kimrey also advised Road Maintenance and Transportation will be combined. Both departments are in Public Works and combined into one account.

Council discussed various line items: Economic Development, Rents and Royalties (Railroad funds), Clerk of Court ( controlled by Clerk), Victims Advocacy, Library, and Forfeited Land Commission (controlled by Auditor, Clerk of Court, and Treasurer).

Council received a copy of a letter from the Sheriff concerning grant funds and approval by council. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn suggested the Sheriff might be interested in putting one of his current employees under the "COPS" grant for three years, rather than laying anyone off. Council noted the grant must be maintained by the Sheriff after the three year grant program expires. Council agreed that since they can not be sure of future budgets, if the sheriff accepts the grant, it must be covered by his existing budget at the time.

Mr. Kimrey advised he has requested permission to spend the Marshall Street Funds, the county must come up with a project. Mr. Willie Gladden suggested tearing down a house used by gangs.

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Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned the status of furloughing employees. Mr. Kimrey advised the county is not at the point at present. He did advise it is included in the budget for the next fiscal year – it includes ten days per employee which equals four (4%) of each employees salary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUE

Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., Legal Counsel advised there was a legal issue also which needed addressing in executive session.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to enter executive session for discussion of both an Economic Development Issue and a legal issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised that based on information received in executive session, three items needed to be added to the agenda: Inducement Resolution, Purchase of Land, and Contract with T.E. Brown & Associates.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to amend the agenda to add the three items: Inducement Resolution, Purchase of Land, and contract with T.E. Brown & Associates. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 04-09-04 - A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF MARLBORO COUNTY TO GRANT OPTIONS TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND TO EXPEND CERTAIN MONIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY; AND EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A FILOT AGREEMENT AND AN AGREEMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDITS AND THE TERMS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman advised the specific points of agreement will be established in the separate session of county council. This includes the purchase of building and land at the Industrial Park.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden approving Resolution # 04-09-04 – Inducement Resolution expressing the intent of Marlboro County to grant options to sell real property and to expend certain monies for capital improvements within the county; and expressing the intent of Marlboro County to enter into a filot agreement and an agreement for infrastructure tax credits and the terms thereof; and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 04-09-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OVERSIGHT OF COUNSEL TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY-SEVEN ACRES ADJACENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK PENDING REVIEW OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS BY COUNSEL.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve Resolution # 04-09-05 – A Resolution authorizing the Economic Partnership in conjunction with the oversight of counsel to purchase approximately seventy-seven acres adjacent to the Industrial Park pending review of legal documents by counsel. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 04-09-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO ENTER INTO AND EFFECT A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF T. E. BROWN & ASSOCIATES FOR SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SHERIFF/MAGISTRATE OFFICE COMPLEX.

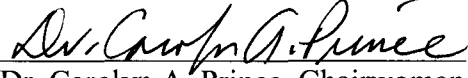
The contract is for 2% for oversight of the Sheriff/Magistrate Complex. Mr. Harry Easterling, County Attorney advised this is a separate contract from the library. Mr. Tim Brown will be on site and review the plans, insuring the building is built in accordance with the plans.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods approving Resolution # 04-09-06 – A Resolution authorizing the Chairperson to enter into and effect a contract with the firm of T. E. Brown & Associates for services relative to the construction of a new Sheriff/Magistrate Office Complex. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

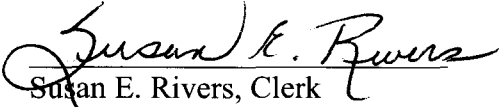
ADJOURN

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

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Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chairwoman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

  
Susan E. Rivers, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: May 12, 2009