

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

MONDAY , FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

VICE-CHAIR VACANT

ADMINISTRATOR CECIL KIMREY

COUNTY ATTORNEY DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL:

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

\* ABSENT

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ms. Jean Wallace McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to leave Executive Session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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

DISCUSSION OF WINN DIXIE BUILDING

A set of proposed plans for the Winn Dixie Building which is being considered for purchase by Council for the future County Administration Building were distributed. Mr. Andy Foshay and Mr. Yates Tiltson with Precision Contractors were present to

discuss the proposed plans. Mr. Foshay advised the plans were a first draft which needed to be revised. He estimated a \$44.95 per square foot cost for renovating the building which included: Architect fees, Permits & Fees, Demolition, Office fill in, windows, carpets, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc. Mr. Foshay stated there is insulation under the roof and a minimum amount in the walls. He advised insulation could be added when installing interior walls. He said there is a new roof on the building and the building overall is in pretty good shape.

Council members discussed the plans agreeing they thought the rooms were undersized. They questioned where various offices such as the Delinquent Tax Office, Treasurer, and Voter Registration Offices were located – they needed to be repositioned.

Council also discussed briefly the various offices which Marlboro must provide office space for such as DJJ.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned what the budget is for the Administration Office. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairwoman read the allocation from the bond for the new council members. Mr. Munnerlyn questioned whether the bond funds could be reallocated – Dr. Prince advised they could be.

Various discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of purchasing the Winn Dixie Building.

Mr. Steve Blackmon questioned what the cost would be in renovating the current Administration Building. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised it would take three (3) month to obtain the information per his discussion with the Architects the Bennettsville Downtown Association had asked to look at the building. He stated that to do the estimate – they must do inspections room by room. Mr. Kimrey stated that the current building was estimated by Jody Munnerlyn to be approximately 100,000 sq. ft. and portions of it probably needs to be tore down.

Mr. Hubbard McDonald, County Attorney advised the deadline for saying yes or no for the Winn Dixie Building is February 28<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the county must started spending the bond funds for the Administration building by June 2009 – when questioned what would happen if the county did not comply with these terms – Mr. McDonald stated it was an arbitrary problem and the county did not want to go there.

Various Elected Officials were presented and asked their opinion on relocating to the Administration Building. Ms. Delorice Barrington, Treasurer stated she had concerns – the Auditor, Treasurer, Delinquent Tax, and Tax Assessors Offices needed to be close to each other. She stated also that these offices needed to be close to the Clerk of Courts office. Ms. Barrington also had concerns on the cost to move the offices. She advised of various concerns she had. Mr. Benjy Rogers, Auditor stated that his office works with the Clerk of Court and Probate Office on a daily basis. He advised it would be a burden to go back and forths. Mr. William Funderburk, Clerk of Courts

stated that the Court system needed larger courtrooms and that the Probate Judge needed a courtroom. He stated some of the offices needed to be moved out of the Courthouse to the current Administration Building. He advised his office visits the administration regularly on a daily and weekly basis and it would be a lot of work traveling to and from the Winn Dixie Building. Judge Mark Heath, Probate stated that everything had pretty much been said and that whatever Council decided to do, he would be glad to cooperate.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey advised again the deadline to respond for purchase of the Winn Dixie Building is February 28<sup>th</sup> – he also advised an extension had been requested. He advised June 2010 is the deadline for the bond and the county is pressed for time. After June 2010 the funds must be placed in a yield restricted account.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to employ a firm to look at the current administration building to make an assessment. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

It was recommended the Public Works committee meet with prospective firms. Mr. Hubbard McDonald questioned who would have the authority to select the firm. Dr. Carolyn Prince advised an executive session would be held at the regular meeting the following week and discuss it. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn advised the committee would be meeting the next day and would make a recommendation.

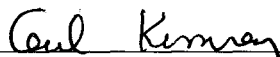
ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

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Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chairwoman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

  
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Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator

Date Adopted: March 10, 2009