

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 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

* ABSENT

* Mr. Harry Easterling, Sr. served as County Attorney during
The absence of Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr.'s absence.

INVOCATION – Dr. Carolyn Prince.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add an executive session for a contractual issue after Old Business. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to add Resolution # 06-09-07 to the agenda under new business as item b. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 656 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010. – THIRD READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator discussed in detail proposals for the FY 2009/2010 budget which he believed were necessary. These proposals included: a millage increase of 3.8% to be off-set with increased sales tax credit factor, Retirees paying an additional \$100 per month for medical insurance, employees paying \$58.43 per month for employee coverage in addition to existing pay requirements, transferring \$146,500 from Railroad funds to pay for the Economic Development Department, employees not being paid extra for working on holidays without written prior approval being required for any exceptions, reducing travel significantly, including six furlough days for employees beginning July and ending December – additional days will be revisited at a later date – advising furloughs do not include elected officials, magistrates, Sheriff's Department, Detention Center, and E-911 Telecommunicators except office personnel and others who could be furloughed without significant detriment to the department, \$200,000 added as a transfer with the exception that if revenues improve – council could approve a transfer to reduce the number of furlough days, requiring written permission by the county administrator before any positions can be filled. The proposal also included the cost to restore longevity @ 5 years - \$200, 10 years - \$250, and 15 years - \$350, and restoring Christmas bonuses to \$70 for full-time employees and \$30 for part-time employees.

Mr. Kimrey went over the various pages of the proposed budget discussing briefly. He advised on page one (1) Revenues to date – less is expected in fee-in-lieu, also expect approximately \$400,000 less in taxes, page three (3) Interest Revenue is \$160,000 less and transfers (04980) will only be used with council authorization. Mr. Kimrey summarized the revenues by stating that there is a drastic difference in revenues – approximately \$800,000 less. He stated that revenues are declining which included loss of funds in the local government fund.

Mr. Kimrey went over the various pages (Departments) discussing the expenditures and stated that every department was reduced substantially. Mr. Kimrey advised various items are increasing which the county can not control which include: utilities, postage, and workers compensations. He said the county has been lucky so far that health insurance premiums have not increased. Mr. Kimrey advised he had cut the outside agencies substantially, however, indigent care is mandated. He advised the Clerk of Court has control of his funds, Victims Assistance fines are mandated by State Law, however, the county may be able to look at putting the person part-time, local accommodations – some of the funds will be used to pay part of the expenses for the museum, the Marshall Street Housing Rehab funds may be used for various projects with approval by the State, no change to the NETC millage.

The funds from the sale of the Spec Building was questioned – the funds must go back into the railroad funds.

Some of the questions and suggestions made by various council members included: discussing with Department Heads ways they can cut back, how would the Stimulus funds affect the Sheriff Department, could the sheriff employees look at ways to

conserve fuel, could the Sheriff's drug funds be used to off-set some of the budget, could the building inspectors pay be put in the bond since he is working on the bond projects. The Administrator advised he would look into these items.

Mr. Kimrey was commended by council for his work on the budget.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair stated "We wish we could do more. We're a poor, rural, struggling county, and this is the best we can do at this time."

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 656 as amended – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Vote in favor: Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Anthony Woods, and Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote 6/0/0. Ms. Corrie Plato was out of the room during the vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 06-09-07 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE PARTNERS, INC. AND AQUA SKY, LLC. PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED ("CODE").

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve Resolution # 06-09-07 – A Resolution authorizing an inducement agreement between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Industrial Performance Partners, Inc. and Aqua Sky, LLC. Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("Code"). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to enter executive session for discussion of contractual issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Council agreed they would need to discuss the Waste Management proposal concerning the counties trash collection at the next meeting.

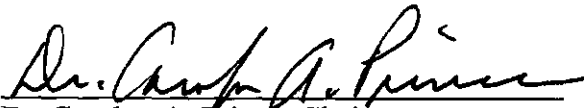
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Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised some PARD funds totaling approximately \$47,000 must be spent by October 2009. He requested council make some recommendations as to what the funds could be used for – he also advised a portion of this total belonged to the City of Bennettsville.

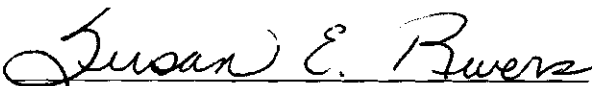
ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)


Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chairwoman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:


Susan E. Rivers, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: July 14, 2009