

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

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CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN PRINCE
ADMINISTRATOR	CECIL KIMREY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.
COUNCIL:	
JASON STEEN, RON MUNNERLYN, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, STEVE BLACKMON, AND	WILLIE GLADDEN, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, ANTHONY WOODS

\* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - JULY 12, 2011 & JULY 18, 2011

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 and July 18, 2011. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, and Mr. Steve Blackmon. Abstain from July 18, 2011 meeting: Mr. Ken Allen (not present at meeting). Vote: 7/1/0. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 692 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND 5-STAR USA CORPORATION. – THIRD READING.



Grant funds from the S. C. Department of Commerce will be used to purchase the property.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 692 – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement by and between the County and 5-Star USA Corporation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 618B – AMENDING ORDINANCE # 618A ENTITLED “ AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO” IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THAT RENOVATIONS OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; OFFICES CURRENTLY PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY; RENOVATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING; AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. – SECOND READING

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the architects are working on the design for the Economic Development Building. Mr. Anthony Woods questioned what they were working on. Mr. Kimrey advised the floors and council podium.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 618B - Amending Ordinance # 618 A entitled “ An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding four million dollars (\$4,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of Marlboro County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto” in order to provide that renovations of the Current Administrative Building; Offices currently providing administrative functions to Marlboro County; renovations of the Economic Development Building; and to provide funds for the construction of a new animal shelter shall be an additional use of proceeds of the Bonds authorized therein, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 693 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE AIRPORT GROUND LEASE FOR HANGAR USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND RARE AIR, INC. – FIRST READING.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised a lot of details had to be worked out before final reading. He also advised the agreement must be submitted to both the State of South



Carolina and FAA for approval. The agreement will allow the building of a new hangar and will also generate additional revenue for the county.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 693 – An Ordinance to approve the airport ground lease for hangar use agreement between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Rare Air, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 685A – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE # 685 TO ALLOW MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE MILLAGE RATE BY RESOLUTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012 IF NECESSARY DUE TO TAX REVALUATION. – FIRST READING.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised it was mandatory to adjust the millage rate accordingly after reassessment. The Auditor will make the recommendation.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 685A – An Ordinance to amend the budget ordinance # 685 to allow Marlboro County Council to change the millage rate by resolution for the fiscal year 2011 – 2012 if necessary due to tax revaluation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 08-11-01 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR MARLBORO COUNTY.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator stated the resolution amends the personnel policies to state that employees who work for the county may not receive supplemental pay which includes bonuses, gratuities, or any monetary compensation for their salaries from third parties including boards and commissions. First offense would be a written warning, then subject to termination.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 08-11-01 – A Resolution amending the personnel policies and procedures manual for Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 08-11-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER FOR THE WALLACE AREA.

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned if there was a map available of the property. She questioned how many acres and at what price. She advised she would like a tax map in the future for any possible purchases. Mr. Kimrey advised the property was next to the new recreation park property. The county wished to purchase up to three (3) acres at \$4,182 per acre. Mr. Jason Steen advised they had looked everywhere in the Wallace area and this was the only property available.



**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve Resolution # 08-11-02 – A Resolution approving the purchase of land for a solid waste convenience center for the Wallace area. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 08-11-03 – A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MULTI-JURISDICTION AGREEMENT WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET.

Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr. discussed briefly. He advised by statute, the Sheriffs Departments of Marlboro and Chesterfield counties must have a multi-jurisdiction agreement approved by County Council in order to help each other out in situations such as riots and other issues.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve Resolution # 08-11-03 – A Resolution ratifying the Sheriff Department multi-jurisdiction agreement within existing budget. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 08-11-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE A VACANT LOT ADJACENT TO THE FORMER “BORO WOOD” PLANT NEAR BENNETTSVILLE, SC.

Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr. discussed briefly. He advised it was a piece of property the owners contacted him about on 15/401 between Causeys and Williams Tire. It is 100'X300' (2/3acre) and the owners are willing to sell it for \$12,500 which is the tax value.

Mr. Ron King, Economic Development Director advised it would allow better access to the Boro property.

The property would be bought using Railroad funds. Once the county owns the property, public works can clean it off. There are no buildings on the property.

Dr. Carolyn Prince requested that in the future staff provide plats and tax maps on all future potential purchases. She also requested the resolutions contain more descriptive details such as tax numbers.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve Resolution # 08-11-04 – A Resolution authorizing the county to purchase a vacant lot adjacent to the former “Boro Wood” plant near Bennettsville, SC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR I-95 GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK SPECULATIVE BUILDING PROJECT.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised he along with Ron King, Economic Development Director went to Columbia and met with S. C. Department of Commerce to discuss possible funds for I-95 Gateway. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman stated council did not approve the request for funds by Dillon County at the previous meeting due to the

amount. He stated that Marlboro Electric Cooperative have since that time approved a \$240,000 Grant in funds (RDA) for a portion of Marlboro County's funds. The county could provide a one time amount of \$50,000. Mr. Kimrey provided a recommended proposal:

- \$240,000 in Marlboro Electric Co-operative (CRDA Funds) upon receipt from Marlboro Electric and \$50,000 from Marlboro County (Railroad Funds) will be transferred to the I-95 Gateway Fund for the construction of a Spec Building. This commitment is contingent on no additional debt being assigned to Marlboro County that would affect it's ability to incur additional debt in the future.
- The proposed budget for the project is therefore:

\$290,000 each (Marlboro, Marion, & Dillon)	\$ 870,000.00
Transfer of existing funds	100,000.00
Department of Commerce Match of Funds	<u>750,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,720,000.00
Estimated Cost to be revised	\$ 1,620,000.00
Contingency	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total of Proposed Budget	\$ 1,720,000.00

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the terms of the proposal funding the I-95 Gateway Industrial Park Speculative Building contingent upon county debt not being changed. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY, MARLBORO COUNTY, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR BEAVER CONTROL.

Costs to the county annually is \$27,500.00.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the cooperative service agreement between Darlington County, Marlboro County, and United States Department of Agriculture for beaver control. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF INCENTIVES FOR UNDISCLOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Ron King discussed briefly. He advised the incentives had been previously discussed in executive session. The incentives included (1) a 6% Fee-In-Lieu of tax agreement with a millage rate of .3158 locked in for the twenty (20) year life of the agreement, (2) a Special Source Revenue Credit Grant for three (3) years based on actual investment, and (3) Use of a building until their building is complete up to one (1) year. He advised the company



would be investing \$3.78 million in total . The project has been approved for incentives by the SCDOC. Mr. King requested the county have the ordinance required ready for first ready for the next council meeting.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the incentives for the undisclosed economic development project. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF SCDHEC GRANT – WASTE TIRE REMOVAL – BILLY JACKSON PROPERTY.

SCDHEC has offered a grant to the county for cleanup of the property if the county will accept it.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to accept the grant from SCDHEC for the waste tire removal on the Billy Jackson Property. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING.

Carolina Millwork of Rockingham, Inc. a sub-contractor for Carolina Construction Co., Inc. submitted Change Order Request # 3 in the amount of \$6,444.00 for the proposed Council Chambers in the Economic Development Building to include:

1. Unfinished paint grade plywood low walls with unfinished stain grade cap at Council Desk and Reporter's Desk. Wall framing included.
2. Plastic laminated countertops and support framing at Council Desk and Reporter's Desk.
3. Size of Reporter's Desk is 28 – ½" Deep and 36" Long X 36" High. Layout will equal side Reporter's Desk at Family Courtroom except size.
4. We EXCLUDE the painting/finishing of all low walls, caps, and trims.
5. Sales tax, delivery, and installation included.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised the total amount of the change order including overhead was a\$7,183.00.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the change order # 3 for the Council Chambers at the Economic Development Building for a total cost of \$7,183.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM CLIO RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF TANKER TRUCK & REPAIR OF A TANKER FOR THE BLENHEIM FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Clio Rural Fire Department received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$203,000 for the purchase of a new 3000 gallon tanker. The Fire department is responsible for 5% of the



grant amount which is approximately \$10,150.00. The cost of the truck is \$222,481.00 and equipment \$8000.00 for a total cost of approximately \$230,481.00. The Fire Committee met and unanimously agreed to providing up to \$40,000 if the funds were available in the fire budget. They have requested the county assist with the difference of \$40,000.00.

Mr. Keith Hughes was present to answer any questions. He advised Clio Rural Fire could not afford to purchase a new vehicle, so they applied for a grant through FEMA which was approved. They were requesting the difference in funds from the County's fire funds.

Also, present was Mr. David Rogers with the Blenheim Fire Department. He advised the tanker for Blenheim was down and needed to be repaired. He said the approximate cost for repairs were \$12,500.00 and was requesting the funds from the county's fire funds. A motion was made to add the request from Blenheim to the amend the original request of funds from the fire committee.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to amend item L under new business to include repair of tanker for Blenheim Fire Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the request of funds from the Clio Rural Fire Department for partial funding of a tanker truck up to \$40,000 and up to \$12,500 for repair of the tanker for the Blenheim Fire Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL AND STAFF.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised he would like to hold two to three sessions for strategic planning up to a period of three to five years. The sessions would last approximately two to three hours per evening. He advised the first session would be for council to come up with ideas of what they would like to accomplish, the second would be to meet with staff and go over the ideas and get their input, then the third and final session would be to come up with plans on how to put their ideas in force. Mr. Munnerlyn suggested the sessions be offsite possibly at Camp Pee Dee with a third party to help guide them. All council members were agreeable. Mr. Munnerlyn advised he would come up with some dates and present them to the other council members. He wished to make the dates workable for everyone.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

#### OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

**Entrance Sign Structure, US15/401 near Darlington County lines – bids received were:**



**G & W Masonary, Inc.** (Rockingham, NC) - \$4,780.00, **Carolina Construction, Inc.** (Cheraw, SC) - \$8,000.00), **Henley's Construction Co., Inc.** (Cheraw, SC) - \$8,900.00, **Ascent Construction** (Murrells Inlet, SC) - \$18,000.00, and **First Class Construction** (Lexington, SC) - \$52,500.00. Under Addendum 1, Item 2 stated that Marlboro County reserves the right to add additional structures at the same bid price. The lowest bidder signed off on the Addendum. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised he is trying to get additional approval of sign locations from SCDOT. Two of the possible locations are intersection of Highways 38/34 and Highway 1/Pegues. He is requesting approval for all of the possible locations up to eight to lock in the prices.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the bid as presented by G & W Masonary, Inc. in the total amount of \$4,780.00 for the Entrance Sign Structure and to lock the amount for seven additional structures at the same price. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### REPORTS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Expenditure & Revenue** report was provided to Council for the month ending July 2011.

**Employee Recognition** – Employees with at least five years service through the end of July include: Jacqueline Bright (11 years), Bobbie Coxe (34 years), Jeffrey Dudley (27 years), Raymond Hall (5 years), Eric Ivory (6 years), Tonya Jackson (14 years), Katherine Leggett (24 years), Tammy Perkins (24 years), Jackie Purvis (15 years), Lorenzo Baldwin (6 years), Lashawn Wheeler (9 years), Sandy Wilkes (17 years), Nehemiah Williams (15 years), Teresa Woods (11 years), and Carol Lilly (37 years).

**Ethics Reform Act** – was amended to add more family member relations which are capable of requiring a public official's recusing from considering a matter. Section 8-13-100 (15) defines a family member of a public official as: the spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchild, or immediate family member.

**Lester Community** – the road is being maintained as much as policy allows.

**Hood Road** – the CTC did not approve enough money according to the estimate of the PDCOG engineers.

**Industry Appreciation** – scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011.



**Civic Center Property** – has been transferred back to the County.

**Wallace Water Grant Road Project** – Environmental Clearance should be complete within seven (7) days.

**John Mack Street** – a petition was received from the residents requesting their road be paved.

**Donation Request** – Mr. Willie Gladden requested a check in the amount of \$50.00 made by Midgley Agency payable to him for school supplies be deposited into the County's bank account, then a county check be issued to him. He advised this will allow Midgley to claim it as a deduction.

I-95 Gateway Park – the proposed budget was:

• \$290,000 per county	\$ 870,000
• Department of Commerce	750,000
• Funds on Hand	<u>100,000</u>
• Total	\$ 1,720,000
• Estimated Cost to be revised to	\$1,620,000
• Contingency	<u>100,000</u>
	\$1,720,000

**Senior Catering** – interested in purchasing their portion of the building if a mutual agreeable price is determined.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

No comments were made.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – thanked the Fire Departments for coming in and explaining everything.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – no comments.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – thanked Mr. Keith Hughes (Clio Rural Fire) and Mr. David Rogers (Blenheim Fire) for coming in. He stated all of the fire departments were working well together. He stated he along with Dr. Carolyn Prince attended a meeting with Commerce concerning recycling. Mr. Steen advised there was a lot of money available for recycling. They had requested commerce to contact the county. He stated they were also looking at other ways to dispose of trash.



**Mr. Willie Gladden** – stated they needed to get together on the recreation program. Mr. Gladden stated he was working on a back to school project to provide supplies. The Back to School Bash he was hosting was scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. at the Brightsville Fire Department. Supplies and hotdogs would be provided until they ran out.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** - stated she met with the Fire Committee a couple weeks earlier. She stated they were looking at ways of making insurance rates go down.

Dr. Prince advised she is also concerned about redistricting. She said the state approved the required Voter ID which would place a burden on the citizens. It required the names on the Voter Registration Card and ID to be a perfect match. She requested staff have information available regarding redistricting for the next council meeting.

Dr. Prince advised she attended the COG meeting the previous evening. The name for SC One Stop has been changed to S.C. Works and will have a new logo.

Dr. Prince stated she also had some concerns on recreation which needed to be discussed in committee.

Dr. Prince advised she would be hosting a back to school event on Amelia Street beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – also thanked the Fire Departments for coming in and working together.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – no comments.

**Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman** – advised he had spoken with Mr. Bobby Bowers concerning Redistricting. Mr. Bowers promised him if the county contacted him the following week, he would provide the county with a first draft map. It has also been agreed to remove the State and Federal Prisons.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised information had been received from RALI requesting \$3,500 from the county to do a study of recreation. Mr. Munnerlyn advised it would be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Mr. Munnerlyn said there was a mix up of who had cut the Camp Horizon property. It was supposed to have been a collaborative project with the School District, City of Bennettsville, and Marlboro County cleaning the property. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the county cut the property. He also advised the school district did have the equipment to take care of the property.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised he would be joining Ms. Wilhelmina Pegues, City Council Member on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center to host a Back to School event and provide school supplies.



NON-AGENDA ITEMS

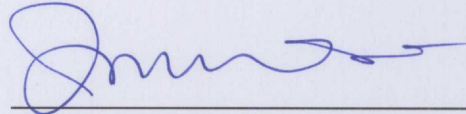
No items were added.

ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

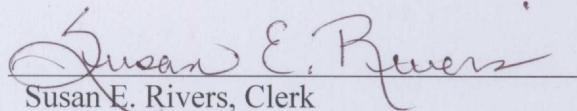
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J. Ronald Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



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Susan E. Rivers, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: September 13, 2011