

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM &

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were added.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES - January 13, 2011

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 663A – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE – THIRD READING

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 663A – An Ordinance to amend the franchise agreement**

**for the collection and disposal of household solid waste. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 681 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH J.T. KENNEDY FOR FARMLAND AT THE AIRPORT. FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 681 (Title Only) – An Ordinance to approve the lease agreement with J.T. Kennedy for farmland at the airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 682 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK ENTERED INTO ON NOVEMBER 13, 1997, BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND DARLINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN MARLBORO COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY).

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 682 – An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement for development of Joint County Industrial and Business Park entered into on November 13, 1997, by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina, and Darlington County, South Carolina, providing for the inclusion of additional property in Marlboro County as part of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park, and other related matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION # 02-11-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIRST CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, INC. AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administration advised the resolution authorizes the lease agreement in the amount of \$40,000 for a dump truck for public works. The lease agreement would be paid back over a period of three years. Mr. Kimrey also advised First Citizens was the lowest of three bids. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised the bid for the truck had been approved at the January meeting.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve Resolution # 02-11-01 – A resolution authorizing a lease purchase agreement between**

**First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Inc. and Marlboro County, South Carolina for the purchase of a Public Works truck. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 45 FOOT RESTRICTIVE COVENANT EXEMPTION FOR CAROLINA AAC FOR PURPOSE OF A SILO TOWER.

Mr. Ron Munnery, Chairman advised there was a restriction in the deed to the Spec Building limiting height to 45 feet. Carolina AAC wished to build a 80 foot Silo and requested an exemption from the restriction covenant. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., County Attorney advised the request was to waive the restrictions for this lot only.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the request for approval of 45 foot restrictive covenant exemption for Carolina AAC for the purpose of a silo tower. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

SELECTION OF ENGINEER FOR WALLACE WATER COMPANY GRANT ROAD WATER LINE EXTENSION – HPG.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised he had met with two representatives of Wallace Water to rank the engineers. The recommendation is to award the project to HPG for engineering services for the Wallace Water Company Grant Road Water line extension. Mr. Kimrey advised the recommendation is contingent upon approval by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve HPG for the Engineer for the Wallace Water Company Grant Road Water line extension. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR BENNETTSVILLE PRINTING (HOLDING) FOR \$38,987.26 USING RAILROAD FUNDS.

Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised this is the second payment. The county had previously paid the deposit on the utilities.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the request of payment for Bennettsville Printing (Holding) for \$38,987.26 using railroad funds. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Construction Board of Appeals

It was clarified the new board members could not hold a position on another county board. The following appointments were made:

District 1 (Jason Steen)

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Mr. Charles Ashburn to the Construction Board of Appeals.**

District 6 (Ken Allen)

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Mr. Ray Grier to the Construction Board of Appeals.**

Other Boards & Commissions

District 2 (Willie Gladden)

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to appoint Dr. John Nobles to the Airport Commission Board.**

District 1 (Jason Steen)

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to appoint Mr. David Sweatt to the Recreation Board, Mr. Bobby Roberts to the Airport Commission Board, and to re-appoint Ms. Patsy Leviner to the Library Board.**

**For all appointments the vote was cast. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

**Library Parking Lot** – Bids received were: **Furr** - \$50,500.00, **Plowden** - \$55,308.90, **Kirven** - \$58,268.95, **Herrington** - \$59,560.17, **Henley's** - \$58,392.75, **Industrial** - \$62,776.50, **Four S** - \$69,256.95, **Dawkins** - \$73,271.58, **Evans** – 476,158.50, and **Hudson** - \$79,769.65. The lowest bid was from Furr. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised for clarification the property originally had the Lintner house on it which was torn down and the City of Bennettsville graciously gave the vacant lot to the County for additional parking for the new library. Mr. Munnerlyn also advised the CTC (County Transportation Committee) provided the funding for the parking lot. Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned whether the lot would be where citizens could drive through. Mr. Kimrey advised it could not be driven through, there would be a side walk. Dr. Prince also questioned the lighting for night time parking. Mr. Kimrey advised the county would have to look into it.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the bid as presented by Furr in the amount of \$50,500.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised he was trying to help Mr. Kimrey to set up committee meetings, there were several issues which need to be addressed. Mr. Munnerlyn requested council members speak with Mr. Kimrey before leaving to try and set up meeting dates.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Administration/Finance Committee** - had met and had discussed sending letters out to the Department Heads and Elected Officials requesting their budget proposals and requesting they reduce. The committee felt they know their departments better than anyone and if the county has to make reductions, they prefer the Department Heads and Elected Officials make the recommendations. The committee is also recommending to take all of the departments in the general fund and split them out as they apply to certain committees. An example is the Recreation Committee would review the budget for the Recreation Department. The appropriate committee can meet with the department heads to hear their concerns budget wise and to evaluate what is going on. This way if it comes down to State Department of Revenue, the county has a more educated point of view as to what it can do to tighten our belt.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CECIL KIMREY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Kimrey advised if any council members have any questions concerning the weekly report, he would be glad to answer them.

**Expenditures** - were at 53% of the budget through the end of January 2011 for the general fund budget. **Revenues** were at 38% of the budget through the end of January 2011.

**Employee Recognition** – employees with at least five years service through the end of January included: Susan Alderman (6 years), Leigh Boyd (6 years), Timothy Brown (26 years), Dwayne Byers (7 years), Shirley Dunsford (10 years), William Funderburk (14 years), Mary Herndon (10 years), Fred Knight (6 years), Ronald McDonald (18 years), Grover McQueen (8 years), Kenneth Polson (5 years) and Melissa Skipper (16 years).

**Budgets** – Department Heads and Elected Officials are to prepare two budget; one with totals of no more than their existing budget and one with a 5% decrease.

**Redistricting** – in the SCAC newsletter, Bobby Bowers, Executive Director of Research and Statistics with the Budget and Control Board states their office will be able to assist the county to reapportion districts within the county after the state adopts the census. Census data will be available in February or March of this year. A county employee should be designated to be responsible for coordinating the various aspects of the redistricting and preclearance process. The county will be billed for some of these expenses. Since the state population increased by 15.3 percent and Marlboro County's population did not, the amount

the county receives from the Local Government Fund will be decreased. County redistricting generally must be completed before filing or any other action of the 2012 general election process begins.

**Airport** – a proposal for a new hanger at the airport will be referred to committee when received.

**Taxpayers** – a list of the ten largest tax payers in the county was obtained from the County Treasurer and presented to council. The list included school taxes, etc.

**Annual report** – a copy of the annual report for 2010 was presented to council. Mr. Kimrey went over the report with some of the highlights for the year.

**Attorney Fees** – the Parker Poe bill for December was \$3,923.31.

**Probate Office** – Susan Cloer was assigned to work part-time at the Probate Judges office due to an employee being out indefinitely.

**Funds** – the county received an EMS grant in the amount of \$9,725.26.

**Courthouse** – next phase of construction is Family Court. The Administrator also advised there are old desks and chairs left in the Tax Assessor's Office he would like to sale before the construction begins. He advised there are so many old desks stored in the administration it is not feasible to move them.

**Blues Landing** – there was vandalism at Blues Landing and will cost approximately \$450 to repair.

**Audit** – Mr. Jordan will present the Audit report at the March Council Meeting if council is agreeable.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman recommended giving a copy of the annual report to Ms. Lynn McQueen, Marlboro Herald (advised she had received a copy). Mr. Munnerlyn also advised there was a different version of the financial report with the Administrator's report, which he had requested. He advised it gives a quicker version to where each individual department is with expenditures.

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned the EMS grant and whether it was ear marked for anything in particular. Mr. Kimrey advised it was ear marked for EMS and had to be used for them.

Mr. Kimrey advised he did not mention it, but, Marlboro County won the second place award at the South Carolina Association of Counties for Workers Comp. He wished to recognize personnel and the group responsible including department heads for getting the accident reports in as quickly as they have been.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

**Mr. Roderick Hancock** – addressed council concerning Stubbstown Road. He advised one end is paved, while the other end is dirt. Mr. Hancock stated only four or five families live on the road. He said he lived on the dirt end and a problem getting out during the ice storm. When he got out on Tuesday, he went to both the County Administration Building and Courthouse which were closed. He advised he also went to the Public Works Building which was also vacant. He tried again on Wednesday afternoon and both were still closed. He was upset after speaking with a county employee at Public Works on Thursday who informed him the employees did not work during the ice storm. He was advised he needed to speak with Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director. He was advised that Mr. Wallace was already gone for the day, however, he left a message. Mr. Hancock said he received a message from Mr. Sidney Wallace on Thursday morning advising him the county was not allowed to do anything on private property. Mr. Hancock stated that everyone knew the storm was coming and on the North Carolina side they were prepared.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised him his time limit was up. He also pointed out the State of North Carolina maintains the dirt roads, not the county. Mr. Munnerlyn pointed out Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director and advised Mr. Hancock he may wish to speak with them.

**Mr. Tom Wood** – referred to the Town of Cheraw annexing in the Delta property and said he thought that was great. He asked County Council to support the project. Mr. Wood also thanked Mr. Steen saying he knew Mr. Steen had been involved in the project well before he was elected to council. Mr. Wood also addressed the Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Wood stated he was very confident that the change to the Solid Waste Plan and the Comprehensive Plan for the County is taking shape and going forward in a professional manner. Mr. Wood stated he wanted to clarify that he was perfectly aware of the facts on the agenda under "Public Comments" saying that Council will not respond to public comment – however, he questioned the final date for completion of the Solid Waste Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Munnerlyn advised that Mr. Kimrey would get the information for Mr. Wood

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Anthony Woods** – thanked the PDCOG engineer, Mr. Sidney Wallace, and Mr. Cecil Kimrey for meeting with him and the citizens concerning Quail Run. He advised the citizens are now aware of what they have to do before the paving can begin.

**Corrie Plato** – requested a replacement for the sign at the end of Westwood Circle and Redhill. Mr. Cecil Kimrey, County Administrator advised he would handle it.

**Jason Steen** – referred to the article in the Link Newspaper in which he had numerous calls. He advised the paper was wrong in the way it was written, the Town of Cheraw

had not annexed the Delta Plant into the City of Cheraw as yet. He questioned the lawsuit. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman stated the issue is sensitive and have been advised by the attorneys not to discuss at this time. Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr., Attorney advised there are a hearing on two of the other issues in March. He also stated their is currently a motion before the judge to rehear the hearing that was held in September in Florence. A date has not yet be set.

Mr. Steen also advised that in reference to the Silo for Carolina ACC, both Clio and Blenheim fire departments have ladder trucks which will reach to the top of the eighty (80) foot silos.

**Willie Gladden** – advised he, along with Sidney Wallace, Cecil Kimrey, and the engineers from Florence met at Norwood Acres the previous week. There were a lot of good ideas on how to clean out the ditches. He said there were still a few issues to work out. He said there are a couple of drains located near houses where there are children which are approximately ten (10) feet deep and need to be built up.

Mr. Gladden stated he wanted his area involved in the recreation activities which start in April. Mr. Gladden advised he wanted his area involved, meeting one time a month would work, time was running out and he wanted his area top priority. Mr. Gladden said it had been two weeks since he had spoken with Mr. Kimrey and time was running out. It needed to be done now and he wanted priorities straight. Mr. Gladden also advised they needed restrooms.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised the committee needs to meet and make recommendations based on the funds which are available.

Mr. Anthony Woods, Chair of the Recreation Committee stated he had not heard from Mr. Gladden. He stated they had spoken about the PARD funds months earlier. At that time an application was put in for a shed and picnic tables. He also advised Mr. Gladden the PARD funds is a grant and can only be used as they were written down in the application. Mr. Woods advised the PARD funds were suppose used as specifically stated as stated. Dr. Carolyn Prince also advised the PARD funds are available for the Brightsville area, however, they must be used as allocated.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman stressed again that the committee needs to meet and work out their issues. If they can't, he advised Mr. Gladden to bring it back to council.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – referenced the Public Safety Committee and requested Mr. Kimrey let her know when the information from the hospital is obtained. Mr. Kimrey advised that he along with Mr. Harry Easterling, Jr. had spoken with attorneys with SCAC and obtained advice.

**Steve Blackmon** – stated he appreciated everything everyone had done to support him over the years.



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**Ken Allen** – no comments.

**Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman** – no comments.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS


No items were heard.

ADJOURN

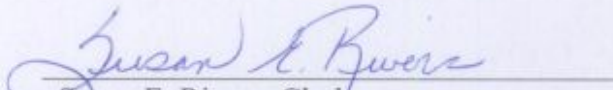
No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned

**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: March 8, 2011