

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

6:00 PM

CHAIR

DR. CAROLYN PRINCE

VICE-CHAIR

RON MUNNERLYN

ADMINISTRATOR

JIM HAYNES

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since no one had yet appeared on behalf of the Brightsville Fire Department to receive the presentation, she would go forward with approving the agenda items and have the presentation from Attorney Kent Lesesne of the SC Association of Counties.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chairman, suggested that the Agenda be amended so as to delete any presentation by Mr. Ron King, Executive Director of the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership, for the Economic Development update since his report was actually included the council packets. Dr. Prince suggested that Council members review the information in Mr. King's report and refer any questions to him that they may have at a later date.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve the amending of the agenda to delete any presentation by Mr. Ron King, Executive Director of the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership, for the economic development update. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY KENT LESESNE, ESQUIRE, STAFF ATTORNEY, SC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – Attorney Kent Lesesne appeared on behalf of the SC Association of Counties to provide an update to Council as to the services that the Association of Counties offers. Attorney Lesesne thanked Council for allowing him to appear and stated that his comments would be brief.

Attorney Lesesne stated that the SC Association of Counties (SCAC) provides services to 46 counties in South Carolina. He briefly touched on a few of the services as follows:

1. Insurance Program – Attorney Lesesne stated that the insurance program is a part of their worker's compensation program. He stated that they are able to provide a cost efficient program to the counties in South Carolina at a reduced price. He also stated that the insurance department appreciates and enjoys working with Mr. Grover McQueen.
2. Legal Assistance – Attorney Lesesne stated that the SCAC stays on top of issues that counties may need assistance on.
3. Debt Set off Program – Attorney Lesesne stated that this program helps collect outstanding debts that counties are owed. He stated that as of June, 2013, Marlboro County has received \$13,000.00 from that program. This program is at no cost to the county
4. Publications – the SCAC offers information on revenue, surveys and research for all counties in South Carolina so that the counties may compare from county to county. Attorney Lesesne stated that they provide research on any project that counties may have questions on.
5. Education Opportunities – the SCAC offers various workshops and educational opportunities to benefit the employees and county officials of South Carolina counties. These programs are offered to help make employees' and county officials' jobs easier and more productive so that they can be of assistance to the citizens of their communities.
6. Legislative Sessions – Attorney Lesesne stated that this was his area and that the State House was his second home while in session. He stated that he had included in the packets for Council a list of 2013 Acts that Affect Counties that may be helpful to all counties throughout the state. He stated that the General Assembly continues to reduce the amount of Local Government Funding to counties and that the SCAC continues to try to stay on top on this to work for the counties to get as much funding as possible.

He stated that Governor Haley had created a Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force to solicit input and suggestions to reduce the burden on regulations required by individuals and entities. He included a website in the information provided to Council and stated that any and all comments and recommendations be shared.

Attorney Lesesne stated that the biggest challenge this year as been the flow control bill. He stated that several counties have passed Resolutions in opposition of this legislation and he knew that Marlboro County was one of them. He stated that this bill was one of the biggest threats to Home Rule as any that he has seen. He stated that the legislators supporting this bill are painting a pretty picture and gives the impression that it only affects one county, but this is not the case. This legislation, if passed, will affect every county in South Carolina. Although this bill not pass this legislative session, it will be right at the top of the list of bills to be discussed when the legislature reconvenes.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked Attorney Lesesne to elaborate on the implications if the Senate were to pass H.3290. Attorney Lesesne stated that if this bill is passed, it would void all of the counties' Ordinances as to how solid waste is handled and would cripple the counties' ability to determine what type waste and where the solid waste would be located. He stated that this is a complicated issue and the industry has lots of money to push the legislation through.

Dr. Prince asked Council if there were any questions or comments. None were heard. She thanked Attorney Lesesne for coming and providing all of this valuable information.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BRIGHTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE
MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn in behalf of Marlboro County Council to Alex McGovern for the Brightsville Fire Department for their efforts in making the Brightsville Park Opening Fun Day a great success.

Also, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, in behalf of Marlboro County Council to Sheriff Fred Knight and Mr. Charles Lemon for the Marlboro County Sheriff's Department for their efforts in making the Brightsville Park Opening Fun Day a great success. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this successful day could not have happened without their help. She was very pleased as to how the traffic flow was directed and reported that there were no incidents.

Mr. Willie Gladden thanked the Sheriff's Department and the Brightsville Fire Department for all of their efforts in making this event a great success. He stated that the Brightsville Fire Department had been very involved from the very beginning in making this park a reality and appreciated all donations made as far as the archery program to be offered. Also, there was a Back to School event scheduled for Saturday to provide school supplies to students for the upcoming school year. He says he is very excited about all these great things. He asked all of the committee members who helped with the forming of Brightsville Park join him up front of the chambers to show his appreciation and to be recognized. He stated that it was a great group of people that worked very hard to pull everything together to make the park a reality.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato (Ms. Plato was absent from the July 9, 2013 meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 719 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEE AMOUNTS, FOR SAID FEE AMOUNTS TO BE SET AS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF SUCH FEES AS PART OF THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance was recommended by the Administrator. Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that it had been brought to the county's attention that that one of the Ordinances, which was recently passed included fees that were previously amended. He stated that this Ordinance would allow the fees to be reviewed by Council and set on an annual basis with the annual budget. He stated that often times fees in the existing Ordinances are overlooked and never reviewed and this will allow the fees to be reviewed by Council annually.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the first reading (Title Only) of Ordinance # 719 – An Ordinance Amending the County Code to Remove References to Fee Amounts, for Said Fee Amounts to be Set as Part of the Annual Budget and to Provide for an Annual Review of Such Fees as Part of the County Budget Process. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 08-13-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated to Council that this amendment is a recreation carryover of funds in the amount of \$10,270.00 for park improvements in the 2012-2013 budget to be rolled over to the 2013-2014 budget for park improvements. He stated that one of the invoices for park improvements was actually received in the 2012-2013 year but could not be paid until the new budget year and that rather than have the contractor issue a revised invoice with new date, he thought the Budget Amendment would be the simplest way to handle it.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve Resolution # 08-13-01 – A Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to the 2013-2014 Budget as Requested by the Marlboro County Interim Administrator. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARLBORO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR THE PAVING OF ROADS IN EDGEFIELD SUBDIVISION (TUNNIE CIRCLE, EDGEFIELD LANE, DONNA LANE, AND DENNY CIRCLE)

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve recommendation to the Marlboro County Transportation Committee for the paving of roads in Edgefield Subdivision (Tunnie Circle, Edgefield Lane, Donna Lane, and Denny Circle). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Administration Retaining Wall – bids received were: **JMD Company** (Myrtle Beach, SC) - \$60,500.00; **Oxendine Masonry** (McColl, SC) - \$62,850.00; **Robin F. Rosser (Rosser Roofing)** (Blenheim, SC) - \$61,450.00; and **Henley's Construction Co.** (Cheraw, SC) - \$38,400.00 – this bid was withdrawn.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that the CTC has delayed any action pending Engineering plans to be provided by COG and he suggested that Council reject all bids until the Engineers report and suggestions are received that and maybe rebid once we have specific recommendations on the repairs to be made.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to reject all bids for the repair of the Administration Retaining Wall until the COG Engineer provides a report once inspection is completed. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Council Districts are as follow:

- District 1 – Jason Steen
- District 2 – Willie Gladden
- District 3 – Ron Munnerlyn
- District 4 – Corrie Plato
- District 5 – Dr. Carolyn Prince
- District 6 – Ken Allen
- District 7 – Steve Blackmon
- District 8 – Anthony Woods

The following board new appointments and re-appointments were made.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

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| District 8 | Willie McCoy (to replace Samuel McCollum) | New appointment |
| District 3 | Heath Harpe | New appointment |

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the appointments for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – JIM HAYNES, INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition of Employees – Employees recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of July included: Jacqueline Bright (13 years), Bobbie Coxe (36 years), Jeffrey Dudley (29 years), Pamela Galloway (6 years), Raymond Hall (7 years), Tonya Jackson (16 years), Katherine Leggett (26 years), Tammy Perkins (26 years), Jackie Purvis (17 years), William Rogers (6 years), Lashawn Wheeler (11 years), Sandy Wilkes (19 years), Nehemiah Williams (17 years), and Teresa Woods (13 years). Mr. Haynes stated that he would have to point out that Ms. Tonya Jackson is a great representative for Council every day in making sure that I get to work every day and stay until 5:00. When I get to work she gives me the eye motion to let me know that she's watching me and makes sure that I stay on track. She represents the Council well.

Expenditure & Revenue – The County expenditure and revenue report was distributed to County members. Expenditures were at 7%, while Revenue was at 4% through the end of July.

Administration Retaining Wall - The CTC has delayed any action pending Engineering plans on the administration retaining wall off Marlboro Street. As you probably have noticed, we have blocked off the parking on the uppermost area due to the dangers of caving of which we have been made aware of. He advised that he met with Sandy Watford, who is an engineer with COG earlier in the day, who surveyed the walls and parking area in order to give some idea as to the costs of doing the actual engineering. She pointed out that the second wall seems to have recently cracked and has bowed. She recommended restricting the parking on the third level down from street level.

Administration Building Construction – Construction is about complete in the Administration building. Furniture is expected to be delivered next week and once this is set up, we will move back to the front offices. The move will hopefully occur next week.

United Way – 3rd Annual “A Taste of Marlboro” - Information was included in Council's packets about the 3rd annual “A Taste of Marlboro” which has become a benefit for the United Way of Marlboro County.

Duke Energy Progress Grant – Duke Energy Progress has awarded the County a \$50,000.00 grant to be used at the Boro site. There is no match for these funds, only a commitment to use the funds on the project. Mr. Haynes reported that he would be talking

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with the Finance Department about possibly preparing a Budget Amendment to receive these funds into the budget.

Beaver Management Report – Included in your Council packets was a Beaver Management Report that shows over \$50,000.00 of property damage savings in Marlboro County alone.

PARD Allocation – We have received notification again this year of PARD allocations. The report shows total available to all the available recipients and Marlboro County in the amount of \$44,850.77.

Presentation by McCallum Sweeney Consulting – Since the last meeting, we have had a presentation by McCallum Sweeney Consulting paid by Duke Energy on the Certification of CW Love Industrial Park in McColl.

Mr. Haynes also reminded Council members to complete the registration forms which were placed on their desks before the meeting for Industry Appreciation Day which is scheduled for September 12, 2013 and leave them so that they could be delivered to Ms. JoAnne Jones Evans of the Economic Development office.

Mr. Haynes reported that the lighting repairs were now complete at Carroll Field.

After Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, provided his report, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, both stated that they did not think Marlboro County had \$44,000+ available in PARD funds. Mr. Haynes also agreed that he did not think that amount was correct.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized two citizens who had requested to speak.

TOM WOOD – Mr. Wood appeared before Council to speak concerning the Veterans Affairs Director position. He thanked Council for their time. He stated that he had attended a meeting of Veterans pertaining to the Veterans Affairs Director's position and he was appalled in how this matter has been handled. He stated that he knew Ms. D. J. Fox was capable of handling this position but that he felt the job was not publicized properly. He stated that it means a lot when a Veteran can sit and look into the eyes of another Veteran to discuss their problems, because that person knows exactly what you have been through. He stated that Veterans have a certain bond and they stick together. He stated that Veterans have each other's backs.

BETTY DAVIS – Ms. Davis stated that she resided on Maple Street and that she wanted to know if they could help her with cleaning the ditch out behind her house.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that she would ask Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to look into this matter to see if help could be given on this issue and thanked her for coming and speaking before Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Willie Gladden – He thanked Mr. Jason Steen for all of his work with the soccer program and referring children from his area to the Brightsville area. He also thanked Council for approving the recommendation to CTC for the paving of the roads in the Edgefield Subdivision. He stated that this area is in his district and he appreciates the efforts on this.

Mr. Gladden also mentioned the Veterans Affairs Director's position. He stated that Representative Elizabeth Munnerlyn did the best that she could do under the circumstances to move this matter along. He stated that she tried to get the other Senators and Representative from the Delegation to come together but that she has moved on. He stated that he had a great deal of respect for her. He also stated that Ms. D.J. Fox's position was a full-time position and that if she is appointed as the Director, that the assistant should also have a full-time position.

Mr. Gladden agreed with Mr. Tom Woods and stated that this was a back door deal. He stated that they may have lost the battle but the war goes on. He stated that they will file a complaint about unjust hiring with no reflection on Ms. Fox.

He stated that he had spoken to Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. about getting help from the Boy Scouts to find a certified person in archery to teach the class for Brightsville.

Mr. Gladden also thanked Ms. Lynn McQueen for all that she did for Council. He stated that she did a great job.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Representative Munnerlyn was suggesting in her letter that a full-time assistant be hired, as well as possibly a part-time Veteran Liason, so that there would actually be two full time positions and one part-time position.

Mr. Ken Allen - No comments.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – Stated that now that we have a full Recreation and Parks Advisory Board that he hopes meetings will begin to be held so as to move things along.

Mr. Jason Steen – Stated that Wallace Recreation does not have a soccer program and he has been referring a lot of the children in his area to the Brightsville Park to sign up for soccer. He is happy that Brightsville Park offers this sport and stated that it is all about the kids.

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Ms. Corrie Plato – No comments.

Mr. Anthony Woods – No comments.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair – Thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and stated that there was a 3rd annual Back to School event scheduled for Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Old Marlboro School on King Street. She stated that this event was sponsored by Mr. Waldo Pearson, Ms. Corrie Plato and herself.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

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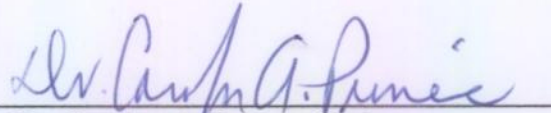
No further discussion was heard.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

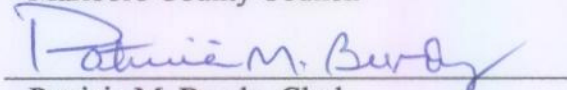
The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: September 10, 2013