

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Ms. Dana Moore had been most helpful with the annual turkey give away events and Council wanted to show their appreciation to her for her hard work on this project and stated that she would like to add an item to the to the agenda to present the Proclamation to Ms. Dana Moore.

ADD PROCLAMATION TO MS. DANA MOORE OF USA WASTE & RECYCLING D/B/A J. DAVIS ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY WITH THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TURKEY GIVE AWAYS. ADD AS ITEM 1. A.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the agenda with item added as Item 1. A. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATION TO MS. DANA MOORE OF USA WASTE & RECYCLING D/B/A J. DAVIS ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARLBORO COUNTY WITH THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TURKEY GIVE AWAYS

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the Proclamation to Ms. Dana Moore of USA Waste & Recycling d/b/a J. Davis Enterprise, Inc. for her Contributions to Marlboro County with the Annual Holiday Turkey Give Aways. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, Mr. Willie Gladden and Ms. Corrie Plato presented the Proclamation to Ms. Moore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2013

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #720 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND LANCASTER COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance terminates the Industrial Park Agreement between Marlboro County and Lancaster County because the counties are not contiguous.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 720 – An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve the Termination of the Agreement for Development for Joint County Industrial Park, by and Between Marlboro County and Lancaster County; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 721 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY FOR A SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was a four year renewal of the lease at a very competitive rate for the solid waste convenience center located in Blenheim.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 721 – An Ordinance to provide for the renewal of the lease of certain property by the County for a Solid Waste Convenience Center. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 722 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this Ordinance provides for the renewal of our existing Franchise Agreement with USA Waste for an additional three year period.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 722 – an Ordinance to Provide for the Renewal of the Franchise Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Household Solid Waste. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 723 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT JAKE AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading with amended title of Ordinance # 723 – An Ordinance Providing Economic Incentives for Project Jake and to Authorize County Officials to Take Such Action as Necessary to Effectuate the Purposes of this Ordinance. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 12-13-01 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County to the Bureau of Justice (BJA) for the Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$142,588.10 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that this was for a one year grant for the purpose of providing salary and equipment for two resource officers for the schools and stated that a 10% match was required and that Mr. Wes Parks of the School District had provided a letter stating that the School District would be responsible for payment of the matching funds. Dr. Prince stated that in the past when the County accepted these types of grants, the County would assume and continue to fund the future expenses for the officers hired with grant funds. She stated that the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center currently receives about 31% of the County's budget and the School District of Marlboro County receives about 78% of the tax dollars paid to County. Also, the Legislative Delegation has stated that there are funds that the School Districts can apply for to assist with school resource officer positions.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that he had spoken with Mr. Steve Akers of the Sheriff's Department and he reported that it was not required that we keep the two resource officers after the grant expired. He stated that he would entertain a motion to approve this Resolution with the stipulation that the County not be obligated to fund the two resource officers after funding of the grant has been exhausted and that this grant received be at no cost to the County.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 12-13-01 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County to the Bureau of Justice (BJA) for the Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the Amount of \$142,588.10 with the Stipulation that the School District of Marlboro County be responsible for providing the 10% matching funds and that should grant be awarded and accepted by Marlboro County, the County shall not be obligated to continue any funding of the two law enforcement officers hired after the grant has been exhausted. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FOR FY 2015 – NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this grant if awarded encourages that the County to keep the person hired with grant funds after grant has been exhausted but that this was not a requirement of the grant.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn asked if there were any matching funds required and Mr. Haynes confirmed that there was no match required.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that again that with our current budget, the County cannot take on any additional responsibilities.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the submission of an application by Marlboro County to the SC Department of Public Safety for Highway Safety Grant for FY 2015 with no matching funds required and with the County not being obligated to continue any funding on this project once grant funds, if awarded, have been exhausted. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL'S REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FY 2014

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the regular meeting scheduled had been drafted with the exception of the meeting date for November since the second Tuesday of November, 2014 is November 11, 2014 and is Veteran's Day which is a day that the County offices are closed. She inquired of Council members if they would be willing to meet on the next day, Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and stated that this could be changed later with the required notice provided if needed. All Council members agreed.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve Council's Regular Meeting Schedule FY 2014 to reflect the meeting date for November, 2014 to be November 12, 2014. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

- a. **Airport Fencing** - bids received were: **ACME Fence** - \$51,736.35; **Hurricane Fence** - \$44,897.00; **Maner Builders Supply** - \$59,760.00; **Guardian Fence Supply** - \$57,633.78; and **Henley Jones** - \$57,900.00. The lowest bid received was from Hurricane Fence in the amount of \$44,897.00.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this bid will pay for the fencing at the airport. He stated that the County was required to run these bids through Council due to the FAA requirements.

Mr. Ron Munneryn asked if there were any local bids received and Mr. Haynes advises there were no local bids received. He did state that there was some local interest but no actual bids.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to accept the low bid from Hurricane Fence in the amount of \$44,897.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

- b. **Macadam Base "Crush & Run"** – bids received were: **Furr Grading & Paving, Inc.** – 3,397 tons for \$50,000.00; and **Hudson Paving, Inc.** – 2,901 tons for \$50,000.00.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that the County knew how much money we had to purchase the crush and run and just needed to know how many tons could be purchased with that amount of money. Obviously, we are getting more tons for our money with the Furr Grading & Paving bid.

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to accept the Macadam "Crush & Run" bid from Furr Grading & Paving, Inc. for 3,397 tons for \$50,000.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**The Council Districts are as follows:**

- District 1 – Jason Steen
- District 2 – Willie Gladden
- District 3 – Ron Munneryn
- District 4 – Corrie Plato
- District 5 – Dr. Carolyn Prince

District 6 – Ken Allen  
District 7 – Steve Blackmon  
District 8 – Anthony Woods

The following new board appointments were made:

**Library Board:**

District 8      Ms. Rene Smith      New appointment

**Planning Commission**

District 8      Mr. Marion Smith      New appointment

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the appointments for the Boards/Commissions 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 November were as follows: Billy Cheek, Jr. (22 years); Channing Covington (9 years); Brittany English (11 years); Dorsa Fox (8 years); Amanda Hill (5 years); Mary Hood (7 years); and Kenneth McLain (15 years).

**Expenditure & Revenue** – The County expenditure and revenue report for the month ending November, 2013 was distributed to County members. Expenditures were 41% at \$3,859,514.66 while Revenues were 20% or \$1,948,542.05.

**Advertisement to be Published for Brownfields** – An advertisement is being prepared to be published in the local paper with regards to Brownfields Initiative Request for Qualifications. This will allow us to meet the first requirement of the grant and be ready to pick a professional group to guide us through a clean- up of certain properties. As a matter of record, we began this process thinking that the County might own a contaminated property (the old Firestone Building) due to a tax sale, but the Forfeited Land Commission did not accept the property from the Delinquent Tax Collector. The property is therefore not in the County's name. We have however been made aware that we may have a use for this type of grant on other properties owned by the County if for no other reason than to pay for a phase one study.

**Planning Commission Meeting** - The Planning Commission met on November 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and had a quorum present. They were able to conduct the much needed business at that time and we appreciate Council's help in contacting their district's representative to insure that a quorum was present.

**Reminders by Attorney** - Our County attorney, Harry R. Easterling, Jr., attended the SC Local Government Attorney's seminar back in November and wanted to remind us of a few things: (1) The ethics reporting date has changed to March 30<sup>th</sup>; (2) In the area of County Bonds, there is a continuing duty to report accurately information regarding financial condition and penalties if this reporting is not done; (3) Private roads cannot be maintained by the County due to a constitutional requirement that public money shall be spent for a public purpose; (4) Recommendation about affordable healthcare act – suggested that we revise our employee handbook to contain all the notices required by the act and make sure that each employee signs an acknowledgement about the notices; (5) FOIA – it seems that we must publish a schedule of regular meetings for Council and committees at the first of the Calendar year. We have tonight voted on the Council's regular meeting schedule but do not have an actual schedule for the various committees as of yet.

**Vandalism at the old Winn-Dixie Building** - We have had some vandalism at the old Winn Dixie building (after all these years of sitting empty). We have turned on some lights in the lot and are investigating other ways to protect the property.

**Update on Roofing of Back of Administration Building and Kinney Building Update** – We are proceeding to write specifications in order to eventually obtain bids for the demolition of the Kinney building across the street to allow for a Parking lot (approximately \$60,000.00). At the same time, we are meeting with one of the roofers who submitted a proposal for the roof on the rear of the administration building. I will get some drawings and specific proposals for the adding of a "hip" roof to the building which should stabilize the building in terms of weather (approximately \$50,000.00). I propose to contract for the construction of a brick framework similar to the brick structures used along some of the highway entrances (approximately. This will allow us to have a sign constructed for the Administration Building (approximately \$10,000.00). We will then be able to do our final landscaping (approximately \$6,000.00). The remainder of the bond funds will be available for 911 area renovations and the parking lot on the hill along Marlboro Street.

**Annual Holiday Turkey Give Away** - The annual Turkey Give Away was a great success again this year. We appreciate the help from USA Waste in helping with this, as well as Piggly Wiggly, Scottie's Drugs and Marlboro County Council. Mr. Gladden and Ms. Plato played a huge part in this and I am sure the citizens appreciate your help with this.

**Probate Judge Office Schedule** - Just a reminder that confirm that the Probate Judge's office will be closed on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for personnel training on the new code per the South Carolina Chief Justice's instructions.

**Group to Sing in Front of Courthouse** - A couple of local churches have requested permission to have a group sing Christmas carols in front of the Courthouse on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. I have granted this permission as Interim Administrator.

**Christmas Parade** - The City of Bennettsville's Christmas Parade which was scheduled for today at 4:30 p.m. was postponed and rescheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Holiday Celebrations** - A reminder that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual County Employee Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Thursday night, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center on Highway 38. Also, our County Employee Christmas Drop-in will be held at the Administration office on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We hope that all county employees and Council members will make every effort to attend these activities.

**One Time Extra Christmas Holiday** – Please remember that the County offices scheduled to be closed for the Christmas holidays December 24, 25, and 26, (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). I have spoken to most of you about the possibility of awarding the employees with a one time holiday on Friday December 27, 2013 and would appreciate Council's approval of this request.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that agreed that it made no sense to work on Monday and be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and return to work on Friday. He stated that was in agreement with allowing the county employees to take an extra day to enjoy Christmas and their families and stated that Council should vote on it.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that she felt no reason to vote on this and agreed. She stated that Mr. Haynes could make that decision and agreed that it was a good one.

#### RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that no citizens had signed up to speak but that Mr. A. D. Jordan of Senator Tim Scott's office was present for the meeting and asked if he would like to make a few brief comments.

**ANDREW D. (A.D.) JORDAN, JR.** – Mr. Jordan appeared as the Field Representative for this area for Senator Tim Scott and stated that he had met many of the Council members the night before and stated that his comments would be brief.

Mr. Jordan stated that Senator Tim Scott was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley and was very familiar with county government because he had served as a Council member on the Charleston County Council, as well as served as Chair. He knew of the many needs and problems that County Government deals with on a daily basis. He stated that Senator Scott is available for whatever the County may need and to please let him know if he could help in any way.



Dr. Prince asked Mr. Jordan to let Senator Scott know that Marlboro County needed jobs and money. All Council members agreed.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. and the Clerk, Patricia Bundy, for the hard work and good job being done.

Dr. Prince reminded Council of the Annual Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and asked that all Council members provide their gifts to Ms. Bundy so that could be included in the count for the door prizes. She stated that almost every employee received a gift last year and wanted to insure that all received one this year. The deadline for this was Monday, but stated that Ms. Bundy would gladly accept all gifts that could be donated.

Dr. Prince stated that Council really needed help with opposing H. 3290 and stated that earlier this year that a Resolution was prepared by Council confirming their position. She stated that she wanted to prepare letters to send to Senator Williams and Senator Malloy requesting them to go on public record stating that they will oppose this legislation. She stated that she wanted to thank the Citizens for Marlboro County for their support in standing up and voicing their positions on this. She stated that Marlboro County had spent about \$800,000.00 in opposing this legislation and that Marlboro County needed help with financial help on this.

She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – Next year is election year and stated that everyone is saying if there is anything they can do to let them know. He stated that Council needed help in obtaining letters to all of our Legislative Delegation in opposing the landfill legislation. We need the Senators and Congressmen to back us up on this. He stated that currently Representative Elizabeth Munnerlyn has been the only one supporting us on this and she cannot fight this all alone. We need to let our Legislative Delegation know that if they want our support, that they need to give us their support with opposing this legislation.

Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, for a job well done and thanked the County Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. for keeping Council out of trouble. He also thanked the Clerk to Council, Patricia Bundy, for her hard work and good job.

Mr. Gladden recognized Ms. Virginia McCraw, Director of the Marian Wright Edelman Library, who was present for the Council meeting and stated that Council really needed to look at the possibility of funding a bookmobile for the library. He stated that the Library needed help in reaching the rural areas in the County and that Council needed to take a second look at this project.

Mr. Gladden wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No comments.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – stated that he wanted to echo comments about the landfill legislation. He stated that he agreed that we need everyone to rally to oppose this legislation and that we needed everyone's help on this. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** - wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. Thanked all employees for their hard work and stated that Council was happy to provide an extra holiday to the employees for Christmas. He stated that the employees work hard and do a great job and he was happy that this could be worked out.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – thanked everyone for all the hard work and stated that the dump legislation H. 3290 is first on the docket to be heard when legislation begins in January. He stated that we want to have everyone's support on this in opposing this legislation.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – stated that there was a young lady, Sandra Morris, who has a local business called Diva Computer Repair on Liberty Street and stated that this lady has asked for donations of any old computers that are not being used by individuals. The plan is to repair as many computers as possible to provide to the unfortunate children in Marlboro County as Christmas fits. She asked that all Council members and any individuals present that knew or had any old computers that were not being used to please call her or call Ms. Morris. Ms. Sandra Morris' number is 862-1592. All help would be greatly appreciated. She thanked Ms. Dana Moore of USA Waste for her contributions.

Ms. Plato stated to all of those who should may not see on Thursday a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. He stated that it had been a good year for the County and Council. He stated that he enjoyed working all of Council and many things had been accomplished. He thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, for the great job he was doing, as well as Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. and Mr. Ron King, Economic Development Director.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that with no additional business being heard that she wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season – Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

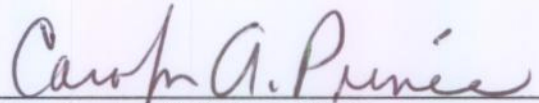
**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

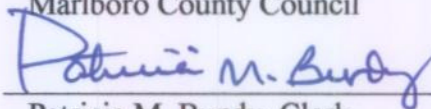
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ATTEST:

Date Adopted: January 14, 2014



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council