

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 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
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\* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised an executive session had been held prior to the regular meeting in a work session. He advised that during the work session no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judge Mark Heath administered the oath of office to the re-elected council members: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Willie Gladden, and Mr. Ken Allen. Judge Heath stated he appreciated being able to provide this service.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman congratulated all returning council members and stated that sometimes it is a thankless job, however, the county did have a good group which has made forward progress.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the agenda items. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations & Election of Chair

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman advised he had served as Chair for two years, however when he ran, he ran on the belief that it was not a position which someone should have on and on. He felt there should be change every so often to provide different ideas and to keep things fresh. Mr. Munnerlyn advised he had a lot going on in his business and personal life and was not going to offer back up for chair. He stated that Dr. Carolyn Prince had expressed an interest in it, so he opened up the floor for nominations.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to nominate Dr. Carolyn Prince as Chair to Council.**

No other nominations were made.

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to bring the nominations for Chair to a Close and to appoint Dr. Carolyn Prince as Chair by acclamation. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Dr. Carolyn Prince was recognized as Chair and took command of the meeting. Dr. Prince recognized and thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn for his last two years of serving as Chair to Council. She also thanked council members for working together and appreciated all of their confidence in her ability.

Nominations and Election of Vice-Chair

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to nominate Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Vice-Chair to Council.**

No other nominations were made.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen to bring the nominations for Vice-Chair to a Close and to affirm the appointment of Mr. Ron Munnerlyn as Vice-Chair to Council. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn was recognized as Vice-Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2012

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012 and November 26, 2012 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Mr. Willie Gladden. Abstain: Mr. Jason Steen (not present at meeting). Vote: 7/1/0. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF MARLBORO COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY COMPETITIVE AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim County Administrator advised the funds could be used for Emergency Management Upgrades and improvements. He advised there was no match required for the grant.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to accept the Marlboro County Emergency Preparedness Agency Competitive Award in the Amount of \$10,000. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF KINNEY TRUST PROPERTY BUILDING DEMOLITION.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim County Administrator advised he had received a letter of assurance from the County Transportation Committee for approval of paving the parking lot. However, this did not include demolition of the buildings.

Mr. Haynes advised he did want to bring to council's attention that in the conversation that he and Councilman Munnerlyn had with the Kinney Trust it came up that there was a qualifier in the deed that if the county ever ceased to use the recreation ball field as a ball field, the county must create another ball field in another location.

**Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to proceed with the purchase and demolition of the property so it could be paved. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair advised she wanted Council members to wait until the next meeting and to review their list of board members in their packets before making any decisions and appointments. She urged all council members to have their appointments ready for the February meeting.

Dr. Prince advised that Parks and Recreation had been an issue since last year. She requested council agree that they needed an AD HOC Committee to study the County's Parks and Recreation, to take an inventory of the land and facilities and to come up with a

list of things which need to be repaired or updated. She stated there needed to be a timetable for this and a budget. She stated the county needs to know what they have and what condition it is in before moving forward. Dr. Prince asked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn if he would chair the committee and to make a report in May before the county finalizes its budget. This way council could look at what they need to do to make the Parks and Recreation Department a step above what it is and to better serve the citizens.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn thanked Dr. Prince, however he stated that he thought it should be a full council project because of the importance of recreation to everyone. Dr. Prince agreed. Mr. Anthony Woods stated that the review needed to be completed by April so the county could use PARD Funds. Council requested Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim County Administrator find out the deadline for PARD applications.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – JIM HAYNES, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**Recognition of Employees** - Employees recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of December included: Brooke Freeman (8 years), Judge Paul (Mark) Heath (11 years), Robert Hilliard (6 years), William Parker (5 years) and Walter Pratt (13 years).

**Expenditure & Revenue** – The County expenditure and revenue report was distributed to Council Members. Expenditures were at 49% and while Revenue was at 32% through the end of December. The Revenue was at the same percentage as it was the same time of the previous year. The Administrator advised staff should receive a draft of the 2011-2012 Audit within the week with a presentation to Council to be scheduled as early as the regular meeting in February.

**Administration Building** – A preconstruction meeting was held January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All documents for the project have been signed and the renovations are in motion. It would be approximately the first week of February before the renovations were to begin at the back portion of the building and the front area renovations should begin the first week of April. The Administrator advised that before renovations could start on the front portion of the building, he wanted council to remember that the Administrative staff in the front would have to be relocated to temporary offices in the newly renovated offices at the rear section. He advised this would include the moving and/or activation of electronic and computer equipment as well as the telephones. Windows were being ordered at the present time. He advised the Recreation Employees needed to be moved temporarily or permanently, however council wished.

**Petition** – council was presented a petition from citizens requesting the paving of Regan Avenue, J. Pledger Lane, and Oriole Lane.

**State Ethics Report** – council was provided a copy of the State of South Carolina State Ethics Commission 2013 Statement of Economic Interests which they must submit no later than April 15, 2013. The report must be filed electronically with no exceptions.

**Building Inspector** – Mr. Willie Herbert began his position earlier in the day as the temporary part-time Building Inspector. Mr. Herbert has 30 years of building code experience in the South and is a Certified Building Official in the State of South Carolina. He will be working at least two days per week to try to serve the needs of the citizens. The Administrator advised of a few situations over the holidays with power outages requiring inspections which staff was able to take care of with a fairly minimal cost.

**Invitation** – the Chair and Vice Chair were invited to attend the regular meeting of the Historical Society Executive Board meeting Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jennings-Brown House.

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

**Phyllis Hagan, Election Commission Chair** – thanked Council and the County Administrator for their help with the June and November elections. She stated that the state is getting ready to implement the Voter ID law and that two (2) seminars will be held to address the new law. The first seminar was scheduled for Tuesday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. and Ms. Hagan invited council to attend. She presented information to council regarding the seminar. She advised both seminars would contain the same materials.

Ms. Hagan advised the state had provided their Voter Registration office with two cameras in order to provide free photo IDs to those who could not get birth certificates.

#### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – spoke in reference to Recreation. He stated that he noticed pictures in the newspaper in December for Football. He was concerned because football was in October. He also noticed there were not photos of all the teams but just the best of the teams. He felt that all teams should be recognized, if not, none of them. Mr. Woods advised the situation with separate bank accounts needed to be addressed. For an example he advised that the Wallace Area had two accounts: one for baseball and one for everything else. He stated that if you have a program, all the money that comes in should be for all the kids. He requested Mr. Haynes look into the issues with Mr. Gary Harrington.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – no comments.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – thanked Mr. Ron Munnery for leading the Council for the last two (2) years in a positive direction and congratulated Dr. Carolyn Prince on her appointment as Chair. Mr. Steen advised he did know the Wallace Area had two (2) accounts, however, he was not aware of it being a problem. Mr. Ron Munnery questioned where the funds came from, was it county money? Mr. Steen advised it was money which the areas raised. Mr.

Woods stated that it was all county money. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if it was county money the county needed to get a handle on it.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** – stated he had received a call from someone concerning their insurance rates. He stated the problem was not the distance from a fire station but the distance from a fire hydrant . He advised that after talking with them he found out they did not have county water so there was nothing the county could do. Mr. Munnerlyn thanked everyone again for the past two years and encouraged them to continue going forward. He congratulated Dr. Prince again.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – stated he was happy to be back, it was a new year and he looked forward to getting good things done.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – no comments.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – stated it had been four (4) years with a lot of work done and a lot of work to be done. He stated everyone worked together well and needed to continue to work together. He congratulated Dr. Prince on her appointment as Chair and advised her she had her work cut out for her.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair** – stated she intended to call on everyone, every council member had an expertise, this was how it was done in the past and she wished to continue this way. It was a group effort. She advised she appreciated everyone's confidence in her.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added.

ADJOURN

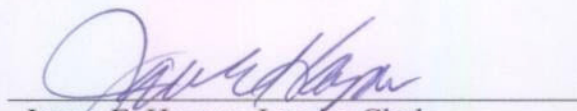
No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

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

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

  
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James E. Haynes, Interim Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: February 12, 2013