

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

District 1	David Sweatt	re-appointed
District 6	Kay Redbrook	re-appointed
District 8	Samuel McCollum	re-appointed

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the appointments for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission

District 1	Kenneth Rosser	re-appointed
District 2	Ronnie Smith	new appointment
District 3	Douglas O'Tuel	re-appointed
District 5	Ronald Brown	re-appointed
District 7	Melvin Carabo	re-appointed

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the appointments for the Planning Commission as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Trinity Behavioral Care

District 2	Rosa Bright	new appointment
District 7	Thoma Dees	re-appointed

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon to approve the appointments for Trinity Behavioral Care as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Board of Tax Appeals & Equalization

Lee Shortt		re-appointed
Terrie Sheets		re-appointed
Helena Thomas		re-appointed
Ann Stubbs	Alternate	re-appointed

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the re-appointments for the Board of Tax Appeals & Equalization as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Marlboro County Grievance Committee

Kathea Pegues	Library	moved to active
Gary Harrington	Recreation	moved to alternate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 30, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the minutes of April 30, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor: Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Willie Gladden, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Ken Allen, and Dr. Carolyn Prince. Abstain: Mr. Anthony Woods (Mr. Anthony Woods was absent at the April 30, 2013 meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 717 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, and his staff for putting together a good starting budget document for review. She advised that it appeared that Council would need to have a second budget work session meeting to discuss budget and suggested that the budget work session meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. All Council members agreed to this date and time.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 717 – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 by Title only. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 718 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2014 – 2018 – SECOND READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that there were a couple of items listed for partial funding but most of the items were listed in the proposed plan and suggested that if Council had any comments or questions regarding this plan, that the comments or questions could be addressed at the budget work session meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 718 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the Period of FY 2014 – FY 2018. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 719 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO CONTINUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDING PAREMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, advised Council that this agreement was a standard agreement and was done on an annual basis.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 719 – An Ordinance authorizing Marlboro County to continue an agreement with the Marlboro County Rescue Squad providing Paramedic Level Emergency Service and transfer service throughout Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NESA GRANT

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, reported to Council that as she understood, the County will pay up front the sum of \$25,000.00 and the County would receive a check back from NESA (North Eastern Strategic Alliance) in the amount of \$50,000.00. She reported that these monies were being used for street signs and other projects. She stated that this is standard procedure with NESA.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to approve the NESA Grant. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

E-911 PHONE UPGRADE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this was a request for authorization to approve payments for the E-911 phone upgrade. She stated that the information contained in Council's packets reflects that the upgrade will be \$100,000.00 but the County would be reimbursed the sum of \$70,000.00 from grants. Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, reported that in reviewing minutes from Council meeting which was held on September 18, 2012, Council discussed monthly charges in amounts from \$6,000.00 to \$4,000.00 for the upgrade. He stated that the upgrade had been completed and that the cost actually due at this time was \$100,000.00 of which 70% would be reimbursed to County by grants. Mr. Haynes mentioned that he was not sure if the figure of \$100,000.00 was mentioned at the previous meetings regarding the E-911 telephone upgrade or not. Dr. Prince stated that the amount of \$100,000.00 had never been mentioned and if it were mentioned, she would remember it.

Mr. Jason Steen questioned if CMRS funds could be used for this E-911 telephone upgrade. Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, advised that he did not think the County could use CMRS funds for this purpose. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned if general funds were being used. Mr. Haynes reported that there may be funds used from the ambulance fund but primarily the funds would come from the general fund.

Dr. Prince stated that the County would pay upfront \$100,000.00 for the upgrade and that the County would be reimbursed \$70,000.00 by grant funds.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn to approve payment of \$100,000.00 by the County for the E-911 phone upgrade with the County being reimbursed 70% by grants. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

- a. **Carroll Field Electrical Renovations/Repair** – Bids received were: **Robin F. Rosser (Rosser Roofing)**, Blenheim, SC - \$43,039.27; **Earls Electrical**, Laurinburg, NC - \$36,132.00; **Boykin Contracting Group, Inc.**, Camden, SC - \$35,840.00; **Edwards Refrigeration, Inc.**, Bennettsville, SC - \$35,042.00; and **KMB Electric Co Inc.**, Sumter, SC - \$19,950.00.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, reported that damage occurred in the lighting fixtures on pole which was blown over during a storm late last summer at Carroll Field. He stated that during the inspection of the damage, other electrical switches were found to also need repair due to the Code changes over the years. He stated scattered bids were received and the low bid was made by KMB Electric out of Sumter, South Carolina, in the amount of \$19,950.00. He stated that he questioned KMB about the bid amount as it was much lower than the other bids received and the gentleman stated that he did this work for a living and if he had missed something in the bid, that KMB would take care of it. Mr. Haynes stated that it was hard to ignore that type of statement with such a low bid. Mr. Haynes stated that the County had filed an insurance claim and that funds had been received to make these needed repairs. Mr. Ken Allen questioned if the County had the full amount to pay the bid and Mr. Haynes stated that monies had been received from the insurance company just over \$30,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to accept the low bid from KMB Electric Co Inc. in the amount of \$19,950.00 for Carroll Field Electrical Renovations/Repair. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that bids were taken on this project and that the bid from Henley's Construction Co. of Cheraw, SC, in the amount of \$38,400.00 had been withdrawn. He reported that after bids were opened, Henley determined that he had left information out of his bid quote and withdrew the same. Mr. Haynes stated that there were two bids that were really close but that he would suggest that the bid be awarded to Robin Rosser of Rosser Roofing in the amount of \$61,450.00 to repair the walls.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn questioned if this project was being paid from the bond money and if so, he questioned how much was left in the bond money account. Mr. Haynes stated that he thought somewhere around \$162,915.00 would be left in the bond money account after

payment of this bid for the wall repair and after the payment for the work to create a parking lot on the property adjacent to the Administration building. Mr. Munnerlyn then asked if this amount was sufficient to cover the costs of demolishing the building next door or to put a roof on the top of the back building if needed. Mr. Haynes stated that the architect stood firm on the original quote of \$250,000.00 to tear down the building but that he had requested that architect to provide other options that could be looked at as far as moving recreation to the back building if Council felt the need to do so.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn advised Council that he thought the City should be asked to contribute towards the costs of repairing these walls or paving since the project is very much a public project. He stated that there had been some conversation with the local transportation committee regarding paving the area but it would seem reasonable to request help from the City. Mr. Haynes stated that he had been notified back in November of County Transportation Committee's offer to pave the area. Mr. Ken Allen stated that he understood that the paving was to be taken care of the whole time.

Mr. Allen mentioned that the matter could be tabled until all of the details could be worked out. Mr. Munnerlyn questioned Mr. Haynes as to how long the bids would remain open and how long the bids could be held. Mr. Haynes advised that he thought he could hold these bids at least thirty days or until the next meeting. Mr. Allen stated that we should look at this further before we accept the bid.

Mr. Willie Gladden suggested that Council have someone meet with the City officials to request help on this project. He stated that the County and City needed to have better communication. He stated that City Council was scheduled to meet Tuesday of the following week and he felt that verbal communication should be had with the City rather than email communication.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked Mr. Gladden if he would be available to appear and speak at the City Council meeting on Tuesday of the following week on behalf of County Council to request help on this project as she would be out of town and unavailable. Mr. Gladden stated that he would be happy to but suggested that the Vice Chair also attend.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to table the bids received for the Administration Parking Lot Retaining Wall (Three Walls) until the next regular Council meeting. 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 Munnerlyn
- District 4 – Corrie Plato

City/County Agreement for Exchange Services – The Bennettsville City Council voted in a special meeting to approve the City County Agreement that County Council approved at Council's last meeting. The contract was approved for the requested one year term.

Internet Service – The County internet service is scheduled to be updated on Thursday. The current system has become very overloaded and therefore very slow. Mr. Haynes stated that it is at times, like working on your cell phone internet. The County currently has AT&T DSL and are moving to the UVerse system. Mr. Haynes reported that the County's email may be out of service for a while on Thursday, but that the employees should be available by phone.

Administration Building Construction – Construction continues although it sounds sometimes like we are in a war zone, but progress continues to be made. The construction will move to the front of the building next week as the old handicap ramp is scheduled to be torn down and the construction of a new ramp will begin. During the construction of a new ramp, a temporary access would be available on the front.

Boro Industrial Site – Some concrete estimates and bids have been received for work to be done. Mr. Haynes reported that five items came in at an amount that he could award the contracts. Electrical demolition in buildings 3 and 2 may begin immediately by Edwards Refrigeration. The gutter system repair work between Building 2 and 3 can also be done, as well as the Loading Dock room which consists of two projects, which will be done by Rosser Roofing.

Local Government Fund – The Local Government Fund as calculated by the Senate is about \$104,000.00 less than the amount passed by the S.C. House. Marlboro County's amount falls from \$1,093,000.00 to \$988,942.00. Mr. Haynes stated that Council should keep in mind that the formula calls for Marlboro County's share to be \$1,358,612.00. As he understood, this was an effort to provide local tax relief by the Legislature. As it is presently being administered, he felt that this revenue is another of those items that is dwindling away which causes the County to have to look harder at our local taxpayers to make up the difference.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Beverly Hodges - thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to speak and stated that all Council members had received a letter from Phyllis Hubbard, Executive Director, of the Marlboro Area Arts Council. Ms. Hodges stated that Ms. Hubbard was the new Executive Director as of July, 2012 and that she was doing an excellent job in this capacity. Ms. Hodges reported that the Council had produced a very successful Hometown performance and that they have also provided to a local McColl Student a scholarship for music to Charleston Southern University. She reported that a Summerfest Festival is scheduled for June 6-8, 2014. She asked Council to please consider funding Marlboro Area Arts Council this year.

Jeffrey Bines - thanked Council for allowing him to come and speak about his concerns of the old fairground property near Reese Street across from the Detention Center. Mr. Bines reported that he has only been back home for about two months now but he found this area to be in terrible condition. He reported that there were overgrown trees near the intersection of Reese Street and Throop Street and that a driver would have to literally pull out into the road beyond the stop sign to see if the path was clear. He stated that there were vacant lots that were occupied at one time but that he is unsure of the owner of the properties at this time. He reported that the ditches stay full from rain water and debris and that he was concerned about mosquitos and infectious diseases which this may contribute to. He requested that Council provide assistance in getting help in getting the overgrown trees cut back around the street signs, as well as help with providing a large dumpster for debris that was being collected. He stated that he had made numerous trips to the local landfill but that he could not continue to do this due to the price of gasoline.

Dr. Prince thanked Ms. Hodges and Mr. Bines for appearing. She advised Mr. Bines that she would look into what could be done with cleaning of the areas which are at danger from the overgrown trees near the street signs and see what other help could be provided.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – Reported that the Recreation Board was in disarray because some wanted one thing and another wanted something completely different. He questioned if a deadline was in place to spend the funds for various Boards. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn reported that June 30, 2013 was the deadline for this year's budget and that the funds should be spent and invoiced by that date.

Ms. Corrie Plato – No comments.

Mr. Jason Steen – Stated that he was very happy to see the bid ad in the paper for the Wallace Park. He stated that the bright yellow safety padding had been placed on the top of fence at ball fields in Wallace and it looked real nice.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – Stated there had been some controversy with the School District about some property to be used for vocational education. He had received a lot of calls from the School Board on this issue. He stated that everyone needed to be extra sensitive about the perception from Council. He was blindsided when an issue came up on Friday and stated that Council needed to be involved in conversations regarding the use of county buildings. He suggested that presentations be made before Council to request the use of a county building. He stated that he was involved with the Murchison School matter but he had not been involved in anything since that time concerning any buildings.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he thought that everyone needed to be extra sensitive with representing the Council. He stated that Council needed an opportunity to review and vote together on issues that come up. He stated that Mr. Haynes may need to work with staff to make sure all staff understood that every employee represents the council in some form or fashion and Council did not need to be blindsided on any issues.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – Stated that he had some concerns about Blenheim's recreation. He stated that money had been set aside for Blenheim Recreation and that it was not being neglected but that they were awaiting information from the School District with regard to issues on location, etc. He stated that money was included in Recreation for Blenheim and funds were presently being held.

Mr. Ken Allen - No comments.

Mr. Willie Gladden – Thanked Mr. Haynes for all the work with the Brightsville Park. He reported that the grand opening of the Brightsville/Adamsville Park was scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come and celebrate. Mr. Gladden stated that they recently met with representatives from Lindsay Park and were trying to resolve needs that they have. They do not appear to be big things, but they do need to get things done.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair – Stated that she had received telephone call at work on Friday requesting that she participate in a conference call with Helena Tillar, Mr. Gould, Dr. Barton, Mr. Wes Park and Mr. Ron King regarding the Eastside School building and the transfer of title of this property from the school to the County. Dr. Prince stated that problems occur when meetings are held but no notice is given to Council of meetings where Council is being asked to take action and the needs to be discussed. Dr. Prince stated that Council could not accept liability without proper notice and without having an opportunity to review the request. She advised that a presentation was expected to be made at the June Council meeting. She stated that Council supports educational training and economic development but that Council could not be obligated to take action without any knowledge and notice of certain requests.

Dr. Prince stated that pursuant to Council's request at the last meeting, a letter was written to Senators Malloy and Williams regarding H. 3290 (Solid Waste Flow Control) and copies were provided to each Council member. Also, a letter was sent to Senator Kent Williams regarding budget cuts. She advised that we were in dire straits here in Marlboro County.

Dr. Prince stated that Marlboro County had spent approximately \$800,000.00 in legal fees in the fight against MRR and we are still awaiting a ruling per our Attorney, Mr. Steve Weber. Dr. Prince stated that citizens have spoken and they do not want a landfill here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to enter into executive session for the discussion of a personnel matter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, advised that no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that a new motion was needed to clarify the second reading of Budget Ordinance # 717. She stated that Council does have actual numbers in a working document that will be adjusted but that it should in fact have been a second reading rather than a reading in Title only.

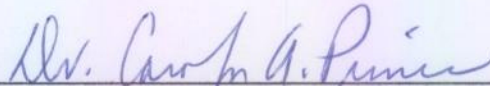
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ADJOURN

No further discussion was heard. The meeting was adjourned.

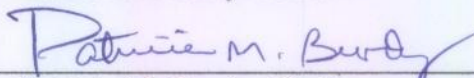
Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: June 18, 2013