

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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
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* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated to Council that the application of American Tower Corporation and AT&T for a proposed 195-foot monopole-style wireless telecommunications facility to be erected on Rogers Lane in Bennettsville, South Carolina, had been withdrawn due to the property being restricted for residential purposes only. Therefore, she advised that Item 2 a. should be removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the agenda items with Item 2 a. being removed. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, addressed the public for comments.

There were no comments from the public.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, questioned if there were any comments or discussion and none was heard.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading 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.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 09-13-03 – A RESOLUTION BY MARLBORO COUNTY RECOGNIZING WILLIE ‘POP’ SWINEY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Marlboro County Council wished to recognize Mr. Willie ‘Pop’ Swiney who would be celebrating his 100th birthday on September 28th. Dr. Prince mentioned that longevity was mentioned in the Bible and that Council wished to recognize Mr. Swiney at this time for his longevity and many services to our community. She asked Mr. Anthony Woods to join her in presenting the framed Resolution to Mr. Swiney since Mr. Swiney was from his Council district. Dr. Prince read the Resolution and

she and Mr. Woods presented the Resolution to Mr. Swiney and thanked him for his unselfish services to our community.

Dr. Prince then asked Ms. D. J. Fox, Director of the Marlboro County Veterans Affairs office, to come forward to make her presentation to Mr. Swiney. Ms. Fox presented a plaque to Mr. Swiney in behalf of all the veterans of Marlboro County and wished him a very Happy Birthday on September 28th.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve Resolution # 09-13-03 – A Resolution by Marlboro County Recognizing Willie ‘POP’ Swiney. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-13-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the millage rates were discussed during the budget process and Council needed to approve this Resolution so that the Marlboro County Auditor could create the tax bills.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 09-13-01 – a Resolution Establishing the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-13-02 – AN AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION # 06-08-01 FOR MARLBORO COUNTY’S TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, for his work on this Resolution. Dr. Prince stated that the existing Resolution regarding the County’s travel reimbursement policy had not been changed since 2008 and that the changes made were minor changes. She recommended that all county employees and elected officials review the mileage reimbursement and meal reimbursements as it would affect each of them.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this Amendment sets the mileage rate reimbursement to be that amount published by the IRS which is done each January.

Dr. Prince also stated that special reimbursements for more expensive cities could be made on a receipt basis.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munneryn, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 09-13-02 – An Amendment of Resolution # 06-08-01 for Marlboro County’s Travel Reimbursement Policy. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH J. DAVIS ENTERPRISE, LLC DBA USA WASTE & RECYCLING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this pertains to the company that is currently providing garbage services to county residents.

Mr. Jason Steen asked if this extension would be at the same price currently being paid.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that the extension would be at the same price and would extend the current agreement for one year. Mr. Haynes stated that he felt that it was in the best interest of Council to extend this agreement at this time and that negotiations would begin soon for a new agreement to be reviewed.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the one year extension to the existing Franchise Agreement with J. Davis Enterprise, LLC DBA USA Waste & Recycling. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER ON BORO ROOF IN AMOUNT OF \$6,700.00

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that this change order resulted in an additional \$6,700.00 needed for the Boro roof and asked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, if these funds were in the budget. Mr. Haynes responded that funds were in the budget and these items were left out or just overlooked and it had been brought to our attention. Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that he understood from Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro Economic Development, that there was some interest in the property and that was very good. He stated that hopefully we would see some development soon in this area.

Motion made by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the Change Order on Boro Roof in amount of \$6,700.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

- a. **Street Name Signs** – bids received were: **Sign It Quick** (Columbia, SC) - \$10,662.04; **Sign Crafters USA** (Greenville, SC) - \$5,079.22; **Main Street Signs** (Ontario, CA) - \$3,378.36; **Osburn Associates** (Logan, OH) - \$3,361.06; **Vulcan Signs** (Foley, AL) - \$1,969.88; **Garden State Highway** (Vineland, NJ) - \$1,961.80; **IBIS** (Johns Island, SC) - \$1,811.30; and **Broad River C.I. Sign** (Columbia, SC) - \$1,637.66.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, reminded Council that he had tried to set this in Spring to use same vendor but that the State would not allow this since the bids actually pertained to roads. He stated that we had to bid each time as we got a group of road signs which needed together. Mr. Haynes reported that eight bids had been received and that staff recommended that the low bid from Broad River C.I. Sign out of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$1,637.66 be accepted.

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that this bid was from Broad River “Correctional Institution”.

Dr. Prince asked if signs would be uniform and Mr. Haynes responded yes and stated that every company bid on the same sign.

Mr. Willie Gladden asked if the signs could be noted as to whether they were private or county maintained roads. Mr. Haynes reported that he had recently spoke with Mr. Brad Leviner of the Building Codes office and they were getting some ideas as to how this might be done.

Dr. Prince stated that whether the signs are private or state, the County has to provide signs for 911 and she saw no reason to go to a great expense to mark them.

Mr. Gladden stated that he felt that the signs needed to be marked public or private so that county residents would know if they were responsible for the upkeep or if the county would maintain.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to accept the low bid from Broad River C.I. Sign out of Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$1,637.66. 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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, reported that she had received a telephone call from the office of Trinity Behavioral Care advising her that there were still three appointments that needed be made to their Board. She asked Council members for those districts who had not appointed anyone to please contact the Trinity staff if they needed help in locating someone within their district that would be willing to serve. She stated that the Trinity staff had helped her locate someone in her district that was willing to serve. She asked that these appointments be made as soon as possible.

The following new board appointment was made.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

District 5 Tyrone Abraham New Appointment

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn to approve the appointment 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 August included: Stephen Akers (15 years); Michael Brigman (7 years); Patricia English (5 years); Shawn Feldner (6 years); Benetrice Ferguson (15 years); Ashley Hamer (6 years), Terry Malloy (7 years); Beverly McKiver (13 years); Celia Patterson (8 years); Susan Rivers (13 years); Timothy Shaw (12 years); Shane Sligh (7 years); John Walters (8 years); Janilla Williams (7 years); and Sharon Wilson (13 years).

Expenditure & Revenue – The County expenditure and revenue report was distributed to County members. Expenditures were at 19%, while Revenues were at 10% through the end of August. (16% would be on the mark at this point in time for both revenues and expenditures.)

Emergency Operations Plan – The County received its Annual EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) Certification which means that we have met the standard set by the State for Emergency Preparedness standards.

County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017 - A letter has been written to Mr. Johnny Brown of the Pee Dee Regional COG RE: Local Match for County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017. Every five years the county's local plan for hazard mitigation must be submitted for approval and the next update will be due in 2017. Marlboro County has been offered a grant covering the \$20,000.00 cost of the update with the condition that the County provide the 25% match of \$5,000.00.

Administration Building Renovation – Most of the employees have moved back into the front offices in the Administration building. We have a few stragglers who are waiting on some furniture but for the most part, we have moved. Staff is trying to consolidate, move and organize files as well. Most of the staff had developed a habit of storing all of their files in their individual offices. They are now trying to avoid this by setting up some designated file rooms in the back hall. Ideas are being solicited for some low maintenance landscaping as well as continuing to work to get some plans for repair of the parking area at the Marlboro and Market Street location.

911 Repairs Request - Since the upstairs renovation is generally complete, a request has been received from the 911 center for some paint, carpet and ceiling replacement. This seems like a reasonable request but there is a limited amount of money left with many ideas and desires. Along these lines also, we have had folks looking at the offices in the rear of the building hoping that they should be relocated into these back hallway offices. I am unaware of a plan for utilization of this area and will appreciate any input you may have.

Industry Appreciation Day - Industry Appreciation Day is Thursday, September 12th, with registration at 11:00 a.m. at the Marlboro Country Club. Food will be served beginning at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Bennettsville Community Center. This is one of the ways that we recognize and say thank you to our existing industries for being here.

Airport Grant for Fencing - We have been notified and offered a \$50,000.00 grant at the airport for fencing. The State Aviation folks will take care of the bidding and oversight of the project. Mr. Haynes stated that there would be a 5% match that he thought he could find that amount in the existing budget.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any questions or comments. None were heard.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that three citizens had signed up to speak.

Jennie Dalton and Jennie Weatherly – Ms. Jennie Dalton thanked Council for allowing her an opportunity to speak to introduce Summerfest. She provided hand-outs to Council members which summarized the various events being planned for June 6, 7, 8, 2014, and provided a wish list which included use of Murchison School property, use of bleachers, use of Marlboro County Courthouse property and power; use of Lake Paul Wallace grounds; use of Marlborough County Museum properties, as well as financial support. Ms. Dalton asked Council to please help spread the word because they wanted all of Marlboro County organizations to participate in this event.

Peggy Alford – Ms. Alford thanked Council for allowing her to speak and stated that she had purchased some land which is off of a dirt road known as Woods Lane which is located off of Hwy. 38. She had a Jim Walter Home constructed on this property and never knew that this was a private road. She stated that she needed help with maintaining road and the person who sold her the land suggested that she speak to the County.

Montrina Kelly – Ms. Kelly stated that she was concerned about getting county water. She had been advised a while back that Marlboro Water would be providing service to her area but that it had been a while and no one had contacted her. Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, reported to Ms. Kelly that she would need to speak with Marlboro Water about this issue as they are a separate entity from Marlboro County. Ms. Kelly also stated that she had left several messages for Mr. Sidney Wallace about needing help with her road. She stated that

the grading of the road is getting very narrow and the field is taking over the road. She asked that County help her in getting the road widened as it should be.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Willie Gladden – Stated that he attended the Recreation Advisory Commission meeting with Mr. Jim Haynes and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn recently and that the meeting went very well. Officers were elected and there were a lot of questions which Mr. Haynes answered. He reported that the Commission had gotten off to a good start and all had many ideas. All districts but maybe one were represented at the meeting.

Mr. Gladden also reported that several veterans had applied for the Veterans Administrative Assistant position and that hopefully someone would be hired very soon to assist Ms. D. J. Fox.

Mr. Ken Allen - Stated that he appreciated everyone attending the Council meeting. He stated that miscommunication often creates havoc and when citizens attend the Council meetings, we are able to provide the correct information to them. He stated that citizens need to know that by law the County is not permitted to use any of its equipment on private roads. Unless the road is a county maintained road, there is nothing the County can do to assist them. They will need to take care of maintaining the road themselves.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – No comments.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – Stated that as the construction process winds down at the Administration Offices, that Council needed to go forward with the roof repairs or demolition of the back part of the building. Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that they were still looking at numbers for this project. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it appears that the Recreation folks like their current location and the County needed to go forward with a decision on the back part of the building since things are really looking much better.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that with regard to dirt roads, Council is continually receiving requests for paving and there seems to be no prioritization. He stated that Council should revisit this and to make sure that the roads that were in most desperate need of paving get paved first.

Mr. Jason Steen – Stated that the playground equipment was up in the Jean Wallace McLean Park and that hopefully a shed and fencing would be coming up in the next few months. He stated that he wanted to recognize the Sheriff's Department for capturing the person responsible for the break-in and sexual assault to a home in the Wallace area. He stated that the Sheriff's Department had the person in custody within 24 hours and he was pleased that this was handled so quickly.

He also stated that he had talked with Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, regarding the issue with roads. He stated that this should be looked into further and if there is anything that the County can do to help some of these folks, that we should make sure that we do it.

He stated that we were helping with dragging some roads at one point and now we are not doing any on private roads. He stated that he wanted our attorney to check into this to see if something could be done to help these folks. If there is any help that we can give these folks, then we need to do it.

Ms. Corrie Plato – No comments.

Mr. Anthony Woods – Stated that he, along with Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Jason Steen met with COG (Council of Government) in Florence the night before for about an hour and fifteen minutes. He stated that of January, 2014, Pee Dee COG would be required to complete W-2 forms for all payments for those attending meetings for which compensation was made. He stated that the IRS had agreed for Pee Dee COG to continue this year without having to submit W-2 forms but as of January, 2014, they would be required to do this. He also stated that for those that attended monthly meetings, they would be paid quarterly.

Mr. Woods also reported that he met with the Transportation Steering Committee a couple of weeks ago and it was basically a set up meeting to discuss budget for public roads and such.

Mr. Woods also stated that he had met recently with Mr. Gary Harrington, the Director of Recreation, and Mr. D. T. Turner, Building Maintenance Supervisor, regarding ideas to construct swings at the Clio Park, as well as renovations to the existing concession stand.

Mr. Woods also stated that with the blessing of Council, insurance had been paid and that the children were selling raffle tickets for fundraiser. The child that sells the most ticket will receive a prize to encourage them to sell more tickets. The drawing will be held on the day of the Cotton Festival in Clio, on October 5th.

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair – Stated that the Marlboro County School Board wanted to meet with Council and this would be our turn to host the meeting. She provided a few possible dates for Council to consider: Tuesday, September 24; Thursday, October 3; Wednesday, October 9; and Monday, October 14th.

Council members agreed to try to schedule meeting for Thursday, October 3rd. Dr. Prince asked Ms. Patricia Bundy, Clerk to Council, to contact Dr. Helena Tillar to try and confirm this dinner meeting date with a time of 6:00 p.m. to be held preferably at Sandy Ocean. Dr. Prince asked Ms. Bundy to take care of the arrangements for the meal as well.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

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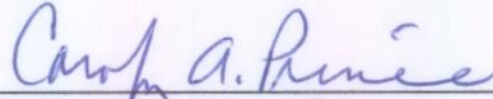
No further discussion was heard.

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

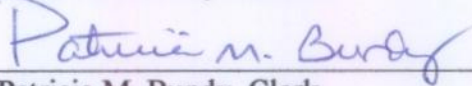
The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Date Adopted: October 8, 2013