

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIR	DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE
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

Work session was held at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Anthony Woods present. Mr. Willie Gladden and Mr. Ken Allen did not attend the budget meeting due to their being out of town. At approximately 5:00 p.m., a motion was made to enter into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to enter executive session for discussion of personnel matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Willie Gladden joined the executive session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, advised no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

The executive session lasted approximately one hour.

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INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, suggested that the agenda be amended by adding a new item of business under New Business, item f, Resolution # 06-14-01.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve amended agenda to include a new item under New Business, as item f, Resolution # 06-14-01 – A Resolution approving the budget transfers as requested by the Marlboro County Interim Administrator. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 13, 2014

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she had not had an opportunity to review the minutes and would like to defer voting on approving these minutes until the next meeting to allow her additional time to review them.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to table the minutes for May 13, 2014 until the next Council meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 724 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to discuss the budget.

Mr. Haynes stated that the budget consisted of a total of \$10,129,734.00 in the general fund and that the budget continues the existing programs and procedures that Council has put in place. He stated that staff had stretched numbers as much as possible and the proposed budget will include a millage increase of 1.46%, which comes to about 1.26 mils in the general fund; a 2 mil increase in Fire Department budget; and .55 mil increase for EMS. These increases are necessary to balance the expenses and revenues of the budget. This will result in a county ordinary tax rate of 87.96 mils, a fire tax rate of 15.35 mils, and an emergency medical tax rate of 11 mils.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked what the gap between revenue and expenses were and Mr. Haynes responded that the gap was about \$950,000.00.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the budget proposal has had much work put into it and staff has worked really hard to decrease the spending of expenses actually allowed for in the past

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year's budget and he feels certain that they will continue this effort in the upcoming fiscal year.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she would make a motion to approve the proposed budget with some reluctance due to the local government fund due county not being fully funded in Columbia to return to the citizens of the county the tax monies owed to them. She stated that the folks in Columbia are simply not doing their part in helping rural counties such as Marlboro.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 724 – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 725 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2015-2019 – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance represented to some extend a “wish list” for larger projects for various departments throughout the county. He stated that these large projects costs more money than what we currently have on hand and are unfunded. The county is required to have a Capital Improvement Plan but it is not required to be funded. It is simply what it is referred to – a plan.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked Council if there were any questions and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 725 – An Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2015-2016. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 726 – AN ORDINANCE APROVING A METHOD FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE DERIVED FROM THAT CERTAIN MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK ARRANGEMENT BY AND AMONG MARLBORO, DILLON, AND MARION COUNTIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – SECOND READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that Ordinance primarily refers to the Harbor Freight plant in Dillon and the tax revenues received from that arrangement.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance will allow Council to determine how funds received from this Industrial Park arrangement are allocated.

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that these are fruits of our labor. He stated that the funds will come back to our county and will be a big help to our county.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 726 – An Ordinance authorizing a method for the allocation of that certain fee-in-lieu *ad valorem* tax revenue derived from that certain multi-county industrial park arrangement by and among Marlboro, Dillon, and Marion Counties; and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 727 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TRANSFER AND COSTS FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BLENHEIM – FIRST READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance was presented to Council for consideration by the Board of Elections. The Board of Elections has agreed to handle the future elections for the Town of Blenheim with all costs to be paid by the Town of Blenheim.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 727 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Municipal Election transfer and costs fee agreement between Marlboro County and the Town of Blenheim. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF SURVEY OF BLENHEIM GYMNASIUM PROPERTY AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this matter.

Mr. Haynes stated that the County had worked on obtaining the old Blenheim gymnasium property for some time and the Marlboro County School District had decided to convey the Blenheim Gym and surrounding classrooms to Marlboro County with a condition that should the property ever cease to be used for recreational or child services that the property shall revert back to the School District. He stated that the county had been responsible for payment of the survey costs and deed preparation for the parcel to be conveyed to the County. He stated that the tract to be conveyed to the County consisted of approximately 8.20 acres and is shown as Tract A as shown on the plat provided to Council. He stated that

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matters would still have to be worked out regarding power supplies and electrical supplies but that Council was asked to accept the transfer of property as shown on the plat.

Mr. Munnerlyn asked Council if there were any questions and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the acceptance and transfer of the Blenheim Gymnasium property to Marlboro County by the Marlboro County School District. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO PARD FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE BLENHEIM GYMNASIUM PROPERTY

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this matter.

Mr. Haynes stated that information has become available to indicate that another appropriation may be made available by PARD (Parks and Recreation Department) for use to make certain renovations to the old Blenheim Gym property which was just discussed. There will be upgrades needed before the property can be utilized and staff would like to go forward in presenting a letter of intent to PARD to hopefully qualify for these appropriated funds.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to authorize and approve the issuance of a letter of intent to PARD for renovations to the Blenheim Gymnasium property. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND/OR RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING'S CONTRACT FOR HOME LIVING SUPPORT (HOME CARE LEVEL 1) FOR FY 2014-2015

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this matter.

Mr. Haynes stated that the Marlboro County Council on Aging had lost the contract to provide for home living support (Home Care Level 1) for the fiscal year 2014-2015. He stated that he felt that this would deal with home health services to the elderly in the county. He stated that the local agency had appealed the decision but that the decision stood and these monies will not be awarded to the local agency. The local agency has asked for a letter of support or Resolution reflecting Council's support in these efforts but we have been told that the decision is final. Mr. Haynes stated that with this contract being lost by the local agency, the agency will have a tough time surviving and could possibly lose even more of the funds to provide other services.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to authorize and approve the issuance of a letter of support and/or Resolution supporting Marlboro County Council on Aging's contract for Home Living Support (Home Care Level 1) for FY 2014-2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF COUNTY VOTING DELEGATE FOR 2014 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JULY 11-14 IN ORLEANS PARISH, LA

Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this matter.

Mr. Haynes stated that Marlboro County joined the National Association of Counties during the past year and that as a perk to joining that NACo would cover the costs for one representative from Council to attend the NACo annual conference in New Orleans, LA. Mr. Haynes stated that Dr. Carolyn Prince had agreed to attend the annual conference and in order to be considered as a voting delegate, a particular form was required to be voted and approved by Council. Mr. Haynes stated that the annual conference would be held July 11-14, 2014.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve and designate Dr. Carolyn Prince to serve as the County Voting Delegate for the 2014 NACo Annual Conference to be held July 11-14, 2014 in Orleans Parish, LA. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 06-14-01 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS REQUESTED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to comment on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that in order to balance the departmental budgets for the current fiscal year, funds are required to be transferred from Nondepartmental to other departments. He stated that this would not change the bottom line of the budget but that staff was simply moving from one area to another to keep the budget in balance through the end of June.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve Resolution # 06-14-01 – A Resolution approving the budget transfers as required by the Marlboro County Interim Administrator. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OPENING & ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Gas & Diesel Fuel – bids received were: **Preston Moore Oil Company** (Gas \$0.02; Diesel \$0.02); **Great Lakes Petroleum Co.** (Gas \$0.0469; Diesel \$0.0469). These bids represent

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the amount over “cost” to distributors. The lowest bid was from Preston Moore Oil Company (Gas \$0.02; Diesel \$0.02).

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to award the Gas & Diesel Fuel bid to Preston Moore Oil Company (Gas \$0.02; Diesel \$0.02). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Kinney Building Demolition – bids received were: **Carolina Wrecking, Inc.**, Columbia, SC - \$46,620.00; **Furr Grading & Paving**, Cheraw, SC - \$65,300.00; and **Jackson’s Landscaping**, Bennettsville, SC - \$84,000.00. The lowest bid was from Carolina Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$46,620.00.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to award the Kinney Building Demolition bid to Carolina Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$46,620.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD BY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that with the recent new Ordinance creating the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board, that he felt that Council needed to reappoint their prior appointee on this board or appoint a new member.

The Council Districts are as follows:

- 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 individuals were nominated to serve on the Economic Development Partnership Board by County Council members:

- Mr. L. C. English nominated by Mr. Jason Steen, District 1;
- Mr. Luther Johnakin nominated by Mr. Willie Gladden, District 2;
- Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. nominated by Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, District 3;
- Mr. Ken Harmon nominated by Ms. Corrie Plato, District 4;
- Mr. Kenneth Stroman nominated by Dr. Carolyn Prince, District 5; and
- Mr. Frankie Frazier nominated by Mr. Anthony Woods, District 8.

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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that Mr. Steve Blackmon was not yet ready to make his nomination and Mr. Ken Allen was absent. He stated that these two would hopefully be in a position to make their nominations at the next meeting.

Mr. Munnerlyn also stated that staff had received a letter from Wallace Water Company nominating Mr. James Quick to serve on behalf of their company and he would like for Council to consider this nomination as well.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the appointments for the Economic Development Partnership Board by County Council Members as presented, as well as approve the appointment of Mr. James Quick to serve as the representative for Wallace Water Company. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF NOMINATION BY DUKE ENERGY-PROGRESS TO APPOINT MR. W. STUART AMES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD AS A UTILITY REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that both utility companies will have a representative on the Partnership Board and that staff had received a letter nominating Mr. W. Stuart Ames to serve as the representative for Duke Energy-Progress.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he had a problem voting for any individual representing Duke Energy-Progress due to their performance in our county. He stated that he did not feel comfortable voting for any individual from this company to serve. He stated that he had nothing against Mr. W. Stuart Ames personally, but he simply had problems with the company and the service they provide to the citizens of Marlboro.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he completely understood Mr. Gladden's position and he could certainly abstain from the vote. He stated that the Ordinance provides for a representative from both utility companies and both water companies to serve. He stated that staff had not received anything from Marlboro Electric Coop as of yet making a nomination but he was certain something would be received soon.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the appointment of Mr. W. Stuart Ames to the Economic Development Partnership Board as a Utility Representative for Duke Energy-Progress. Vote in favor: Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Jason Steen, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Steve Blackmon and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Willie Gladden. Vote: 6/0/1. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

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FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that the year to date expenses were at 87% and that revenues were at 83%.

Ms. Moore stated that the SC Senate and House reached a compromise on the LGF. She stated that the LGF has been funded at last year's level of \$212,619,411.00 of which \$187,619,411 is recurring funds and \$25,000,000.00 is nonrecurring.

Ms. Moore stated that staff had made every effort to stretch the budget proposal as much as possible and would continue to limit the expenses for each department as much as possible this year as they did last year.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Ms. Moore for her work on the budget and all through the year, as well as for her monthly report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR

Recognition of Employees – The following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of May: Jackie Baldwin (10 years); Keith Bingham (5 years); Larry Brigman (11 years); Robert Johnson (10 years); Tonya McCall (9 years); Charles Peterkin (7 years); Kirk Shauer (7 years); Deborah Weldon (14 years); Hosea Lemon (27 years); Anita Williams (28 years); and Roy Allison (10 years).

Worker's Compensation Contribution for FY 2014-2015 - The County received notification from the SC Counties Workers Compensation Trust that their Board of Trustees voted to once again continue the 2010-2011 one-time reduction in the multiplier for the County's worker's compensation insurance. Based on this decision, the Board of Trustees has determined that the county's annual contribution for the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 period is \$155,401.00 and the Solicitor's office share is \$5,176.00.

SC DHEC – Amendment to Solid Waste Management Regulation – The County received notification from SC DHEC that DHEC is proposing to amend the Solid Waste Management: Waste Tire regulation R.61-107.3. The amendment will update, clarify, or amend the standards for hauling, sorting, storing, processing and disposing of waste tires. All interested parties are asked to submit their views in writing to Mr. Kent Coleman at the DHEC office in Columbia not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2014 which is the close of the drafting comment period.

EPA National Brownfields Program Grant - Mr. Ron King of Economic Development received a letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency advising that the grant proposal submitted to EPA National Brownfields Program grant competition was not selected due to it not scoring high enough on the ranking criteria established in the FY14 Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup

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Grants. The EPA received nearly 600 proposals for consideration and had funds award approximately 264 grants from the highest ranking proposals.

SC Department of Public Safety – School Resource Grant – the County received a letter from SC Department of Public Safety notifying us that the grant application for the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant program (School Resource Officer) was not approved for funding.

Library Bookmobile - the County was awarded a \$50,000.00 grant for the purchase of a new bookmobile for the library and the additional funds needed to purchase the new bookmobile (\$72,000.00) have been squeezed into the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Courthouse Awning - the awning over the main entrance at the Courthouse has been replaced. The awning was damaged in the ice storm earlier this year and the repairs have now been completed.

Roof on the Rear Section of Administration Building - the roof on the back of the administration building has been completed by Rosser Roofing and Mr. D. T. Turner feels like a good job was done on this. We are happy to finally have this completed.

Purchase of Brogdon Building - Although Council has approved the purchase of the Brogdon building, staff is concerned about the possibility of asbestos in the building and an asbestos inspection of this property scheduled for Friday morning. Once we have received the results of the asbestos inspection, staff will share with Council.

MetroCase Increase - We have received notification from MetroCast that effective July 1, 2014, or with the customer's next billing statement thereafter, all billing statements for customers who subscribe to MetroCast video services will include a Broadcast TV Fee of \$1.50 to defray the rising costs of Retransmission Consent fees that local broadcasters have chosen to charge MetroCast.

Retirement Drop-in for DJ Fox, Veterans Affairs Director - Ms. Vikki Harris of the Veteran's Affairs office put together a Retirement drop-in for Veterans Affairs Director D.J. Fox on June 5th. It was really nice and I think a decent crowd attended. Ms. D. J. Fox will retire as the VA Director effective June 13th.

SCAC 47th Annual Conference - Just a reminder that the SCAC's 47th Annual Conference in Hilton Head is scheduled for August 3 – 6, 2014. If you plan to attend and have not yet notified Patricia, please do so, so that she may make all the necessary arrangements, as these rooms go very quickly.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that one citizen had signed up to speak to Council and recognized Ms. Polly McAlpine.

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Ms. Polly McAlpine – Discussed the problem in Marlboro County with trash and suggested that the County begin a recycling program like the one between McColl and Laurinburg. She stated that this particular recycling center has a place for everything to be recycled and it always appeared to be in good and clean condition. She stated that the County needed to begin a program to encourage recycling of all products. She stated that the county's trash currently is taken to Bishopville and that this could be cut way down if folks would simply recycle. She asked that Council consider visiting the recycling center located between McColl and Laurinburg at their convenience.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods – stated that Clio was doing fine. He thanked Mr. Jim Haynes and Ms. Ainsley Moore for their help with the budget. Mr. Woods congratulated Ms. Corrie Plato for her re-election. He stated that she worked very hard and that her work paid off.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked Mr. Woods for his kind remarks and stated that she was happy to be on board for another four year term.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held earlier in the day regarding animal shelter conditions and animal control. He stated that the current conditions of the animal shelter were a huge problem. He stated that the County had looked at purchasing another building and had made an offer on it for the relocation of the animal shelter. He stated that the County would like to continue to work with the Humane Society to have certain rules and guidelines to be followed, and to help with the adoption process of animals and population control. He stated that there were a lot of cats and dogs in the area and that this problem needed attention.

Mr. Steen stated that the weather has been really hot for the past few days and that a fire in Blenheim earlier in the week resulted in three fireman having to acquire medical attention at Marlboro Park Hospital. He said that the three firemen were treated for heat exhaustion and this could not be helped and was unavoidable. He stated that he appreciated the services that these volunteer fire fighters provide.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that for all of those that did not attend the festival (SummerFest) this past weekend missed a great event. She stated that the festival was really nice and there were a lot of people involved. She stated that she hoped this would be the first of many festivals for our county.

Dr. Prince asked for assistance from the local Sheriff's office with the Breeden Street, Maple Street and Atkinson Street areas. She stated that she had received several complaints about homeless people in this area and it that the appearance of this is bad.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – Thanked everyone for their support of the Blenheim Gym project and stated that things were finally coming together for them.

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Mr. Willie Gladden – congratulated Ms. Plato on re-election and stated that she won by a land slide.

Mr. Gladden recognized Mr. Ronnie Smith in the audience and stated that he was continuing to work on the drainage problem in Knollwood acres and assured Mr. Smith that the problem had not been pushed aside.

Mr. Gladden also expressed concern about the “get out to vote money” for the election earlier this week. He stated that he was not sure where these monies came from and who was responsible but that the citizens needed to be careful about money like this coming into the County. He stated that he was certain the funds did not come from the Democratic Party or the Republican Party but that he was certain it was a large wealthy company that is sending this money in. He stated that the County had spent over \$1 million in fighting the mega dump from coming into our county and that we needed to know what funds were coming in this county and from whom.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn – thanked everyone involved for the SummerFest and stated that all went well. He stated that this was the first time for this and hoped that it would get even bigger and better in time.

Mr. Munnerlyn thanked Mr. Steen for his work on the animal control and work with the Humane Society and hopes that a solution can be reached for the adoption of animals and population control. He stated that the budget does have money for the purchase of a new building and this will hopefully be a start.

Mr. Munnerlyn thanked staff for their work with the budget and stated that staff did a good job with controlling the spending in various departments and expects staff to do the same good job with the upcoming budget year.

Mr. Munnerlyn congratulated Ms. Corrie Plato on her re-election and stated that the results of the election were very impressive, to have ran against two individuals and a runoff not be required was incredible.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

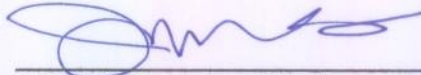
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ADJOURN

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

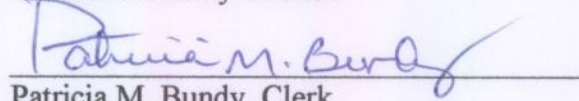
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.

(SEAL)



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: July 17, 2014