

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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
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* Absent

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, requested that the agenda be amended by adding a new item of business under New Business, Item G, PARD Funds Request.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve the agenda with amendment to add a new item under New Business, as item g, PARD Funds Request. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2014

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 as presented. Vote in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 457D – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 457C -
CREATION OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP BOARD – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this Ordinance addresses attendance requirements for concerns which have been voiced by the partnership members and Council members and asked Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, to make comments on this.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that inconsistencies were caught in reviewing the existing Ordinance and that staff was trying to clean up the existing Ordinance and also address the attendance requirements of the partnership members in this new document. He stated that the drafted Ordinance had been shared with the Executive Committee of the Partnership Board and they understand and agree to the changes being made.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that the proposed changes will help set the standards to work better for all involved, the Partnership and Council members.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the first reading (title only) of Ordinance # 457D – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 457C – Creation of the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-14-01 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL
AS THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR 2014

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this Resolution is done annually to recognize that efforts are being made to create situations for fair housing.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 03-14-01 – a Resolution Designating the month of April as the South Carolina Fair Housing Month for 2014. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-14-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY
TOR RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF McCOLL PROVIDING FIRE
PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN A DESIGNATED UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
MARLBORO COUNTY

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that this agreement is similar to the agreement in place with the City of Bennettsville for exchange services. This agreement is with the City of McColl for exchange services for fire protection. Mr. Haynes stated that the original agreement executed by the Mayor of McColl was received in his office today indicating that McColl has approved the agreement.

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned if the credit for housing as referenced on page 2 of the document was per year for a three year term, and Mr. Haynes confirmed that it was.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve Resolution # 03-14-02 – a Resolution Authorizing Marlboro County to Renew the Agreement with the City of McColl Providing Fire Protection Services Within a Designated Unincorporated Area of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-14-03 – A RESOLUTION FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND RULES FOR MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that this Resolution simply amends a Resolution for the Organization and Rules for Marlboro County which already exists to create another Standing Committee for Economic Development. He stated that the staff and the developer were currently handling the discussion of potential projects and by creating this standing committee would allow a few members of Council and the Partnership to negotiate terms with prospects. He stated that there are currently two very active projects, one of which he felt really good about. He also stated that the Partnership was supportive of this Standing Committee.

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that general language clarifications were also being made to this Resolution and cleans up many discrepancies but that creating the Standing Committee for Economic Development was the main focus.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn stated that he knew that Dr. Carolyn Prince and Mr. Willie Gladden had some concerns about language in the body of the Resolution but asked that Council please consider approving the Resolution as it is written so that they may get the Standing Committee going. He stated that any issues or concerns that Council had questions about could be addressed by the Administration Committee and any suggested changes could be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she would support a motion to approve this Resolution with the agreement that certain elements be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods to approve Resolution # 03-14-03 – a Resolution for the Organization and Rules for Marlboro County Council with the agreement that certain elements of language in the body of the Resolution be discussed at the next Council meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A CDBG GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF WALLACE WATER COMPANY FOR LIGHTWOOD ROAD

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that Council has been asked to authorize the submission of an application on behalf of Wallace Water Company to extend water along Lightwood Road and that Wallace Water Company has agreed to pay the required match amount.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that this area was actually in Mr. Willie Gladden's district off of Highway 38 North.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the connection fees would be set at a reasonable amount and Mr. Steen stated that some grants require a certain number of citizens to hook up before lines are installed and some fees are included in the grant. He stated that he was unsure as to what this grant required.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that staff should express the question of connection fees in our letter when the application is submitted.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the request for authorization to submit a CDBG grant application on behalf of Wallace Water Company for Lightwood Road. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO REROOF THE REAR SECTION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SUBMITTED BY ROBIN F. ROSSER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,950.00

Mr. Jim Haynes, Interim Administrator, stated that back in the late Fall staff had requested design ideas and quotes from roofers that the County had dealings with in the past to reroof or dry in the rear section of the administration building. He stated that several quotes and designs had been presented and that the prices ranged to more than \$100,000.00. He stated that staff recommends a bid made by Robin F. Rosser in the amount of \$37,950.00 which calls for a flat rubber type roof on the rear section. Mr. Haynes stated that this would reroof the top of the four story section and that Mr. Rosser would offer a 15 year warranty on the roof. He also stated that at the end of the warranty period, a maintenance sealer could be placed on the roof and we could possibly gain another 10 year warranty. He stated that this would not reroof the Senior Catering section but suggested that if this rubber roof works out that maybe staff could get quotes for that section to be done at a later date, as it would cost much more to include that area in this price. Mr. Haynes stated that he felt that this roof would serve the County well from all the information the he has received on this.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve request for proposal to reroof the rear section of the County Administration Building submitted by Robin F. Rosser in the amount of \$37,950.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PARD FUNDS AVAILABLE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that there were PARD funds available and stated that he thought that it was Blenheim's turn to receive these funds. Mr. Steve Blackmon stated that he appreciated the School District's help in turning over the Blenheim Gymnasium to the Marlboro County and that with the PARD funds available, this will be a great help and asset to the citizens of that area.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Mr. Blackmon has stayed behind Council and has pushed hard to secure a recreation area for the Blenheim area. He stated that Mr. Blackmon had been the driving force to have possession of the Blenheim Gymnasium building turned over to the County. He stated that this would be the only County owned facility where the children could play basketball. He stated that there are no other buildings owned by the County that allow this and that other activities could be scheduled in the area as well.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that this facility also offers adjoining classrooms and that Mr. Gary Harrington, Director of the Recreation Department, has many plans for activities for citizens of all ages to be scheduled. This will allow the Recreation Department to expand the recreational opportunities to young and old and that citizens will be driving to Blenheim for these activities.

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to authorize staff to apply for PARD funds available for use by the Blenheim district. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD TO APPOINT RANDALL MALICHI AND WILLIAM FLEMING TO THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chair, reported that these recommendations appeared on the last agenda but were tabled until Council could confirm that the appointment of Mr. Randall Malichi by the City was done. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that Mr. William Fleming is actually William Fleming, Jr., the son of Mr. Bill Fleming, who will be retiring from Marlboro Electric Cooperative soon and Mr. Fleming, Jr. will be assuming his position. He stated that these appointments appear to be appropriate.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the recommendation by Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Board to appoint Randall Malichi and William Fleming to the Partnership Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MS. AINSLEY A. MOORE

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that revenues for the county had increased by 18% due to receipt of property tax payments and that FILOT fees had also increased. She stated that the County had received the full budgeted amount of FILOTS.

Ms. Moore stated that year to date expenses were at 65% and that revenues were at 64% and that these appeared to be right on target.

Ms. Moore stated that budget worksheets had been received from many of the department heads and that she and Mr. Haynes could begin meeting with the department heads to begin projecting budgets for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Ms. Moore also followed up on comments made by auditors Hill & Jordan's which addressed the County being required to maintain liability for funding of employees' retirement benefits. She stated that staff had been informed by the SC Retirement System that at this time the County is not required to show any liability on their books or in the audit for future retirement payments. There will be notes required in the audit to disclose these expenses but the County will not have to reflect as a liability. At the end of the fiscal year 2015, all counties in the state will have to begin showing its portion of these expenses on its books as a liability. She stated that staff would continue to seek assistance from SC Retirement System to gain information on this.

Ms. Moore also stated that the Ways and Means Committee has appropriated \$182 million in recurring money and \$30 million in non-recurring money which is the same funding as last year. This means that the County will have to continue to monitor expenses closely since it appears revenue projections are not increasing.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chair, stated that it is important that we push our Senators and Representatives about the Local Government Fund and the proviso which they include on this. This basically cuts the funds provided to us by the State for programs which we are required to fund, which means that the citizens have to pay it ultimately.

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

Recognition of Employees – The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of February: Dwan C. Bostic (11 years); Lawrence Brand (12 years); Ronald Covington (20 years); and Barbara Latham (10 years).

2014 Statement of Economic Interests Report - Mr. Haynes reminded each Council member for the last time that the 2014 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Report (Ethics Report) should be filed by each of them as an elected official on or before March 30, 2014.

He stated that in the past, the deadline to file these forms were April 15th, but the deadline had been changed to March 30th and asked that they please keep this in mind and file prior to the deadline date. He provided instructions for filing the form electronically and stated that all must be file electronically – no exceptions.

Planning Commission – the Planning Commission meeting which was scheduled for March 10, 2014 was cancelled due to no pending business. Staff is in the process of getting some possible dates to have members of the Zoning Appeals Board and Planning Commission certified and/or recertified. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Blenheim Gymnasium – Dr. Rippin McLeod of the School District has advised that action was taken at the School Board meeting held on March 3, 2014 to convey possession of the Blenheim Gymnasium and surrounding classrooms to Marlboro County with the restriction that the property revert back to the School District should the County decide not to utilize the property. A visit is planned soon to view the property so that plans can be made for its use.

Recreation Advisory Board – the Recreation Advisory Board met on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.; however, only three members were present so they had no quorum. Another meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m. and plan to discuss spring plans.

Lee County Landfill Rate Increase – A notice was received from Lee County Landfill advising that a rate increase will be effective April 1, 2014, which will increase the tipping fee for special waste – animals to \$38.59 and municipal solid waste to \$28.49.

NACo 2014 Annual Conference – Information on the NACo 2014 Annual Conference to be held in New Orleans on July 11th – 14th, 2014 has been provided to each council member.

Lawsuit Naming Fred Knight – A lawsuit has been filed by Marvin English naming Sheriff Fred Knight, Chesterfield County Sheriff Sam Parker and the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department as Defendants. A copy of the lawsuit has been provided to the Insurance Reserve Fund for a response.

Marlboro County Budget for 2014-15 – All the departmental budget requests were to be in our offices by yesterday, March 10th. At this point, we will begin meeting with the department heads to understand the requests and plans within each department. The first reading of the Budget Ordinance will be held at our next regular meeting scheduled for April 8th.

Mr. Haynes also mentioned that the Resolution for the Organization and Rules for Marlboro County Council which we discussed earlier also requires that our Budget ordinance includes a contingency fund of no less than 1% and no greater than 2% of the total anticipated county revenues. Mr. Haynes stated that we are talking about an additional \$90,000 to

\$180,000.00. He stated that these funds could be used for disaster relief purposes or match for grants but that this is a large amount to have to come up with when we struggle to balance the budget as it is now.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Ms. Bernice Johnson – stated that she was a member of City Council and thanked County Council members for working with City Council. She requested that County Council help the city with the roads/streets that run from the county into the city limits. She also asked for assistance from the County to enforce the law to prohibit large trucks from entering certain streets in the city limits.

Ms. Johnson stated that she would love for the City Council and County Council members to get together to meet and discuss property taxes and dilapidated properties in the area. She stated that she hoped that the two councils could begin working together to solve many of the problems that exists.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, thanked Ms. Johnson for all of her work and efforts as a member of City Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Woods – advised that Clio was looking forward to completing their work on Bennett Park ball field. He stated that many of the things on their checklist had been completed but that they still needed to work on the dug-out and bases for the upcoming ball season.

Corrie Plato – No Comments.

Jason Steen – No Comments.

Ron Munnerlyn – stated that he would like to see employees receive service awards for 5 and 10 years of service. He suggested a pin or something of that sort just to show our appreciation for their hard work. He also stated that Council may need to have a called meeting regarding the Economic Development projects before the next regular scheduled Council meeting. He advised that he would let them know.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that she received a letter from University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences announcing that Cassandra Barbara of 718 Lakeshore Drive, Bennettsville, had been named to the Fall 2013 Honors List of outstanding academic excellence. Dr. Prince wanted to commend Ms. Barbara for her hard work and stated that she hoped that she would return to Marlboro County and raise her family here.

Dr. Prince stated that she and other members of Council attended the Pee Dee Council on Government meeting the previous night and discussed a long list of transportation projects to be funded. She stated that Marlboro County is not in line to receive any of these funds for projects as we received not long ago the funding for Cottingham Boulevard. She also stated that the Pee Dee Council on Government staff was operating on a shoe string type budget.

Steve Blackmon – wanted to again thank the School District for helping the County obtain possession of the Blenheim Gymnasium and also thanked his co-council members for working with him so well on this project. He expressed his appreciation to all of Council.

Ken Allen – No comments.

Willie Gladden – thanked Jason Steen and Camp Pee Dee for providing fencing to the Brightsville Adamsville Park and stated that this work should be completed soon. He mentioned the Blenheim area recreation and stated that kids who live on Gravel Pit Road and other rural areas have to travel to Clio to be able to participate in sports and now they will have their own facility and will not have to travel very far to enjoy this recreation. He thanked the School Board for their help in transferring the Blenheim Gymnasium and surrounding classrooms to the County.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

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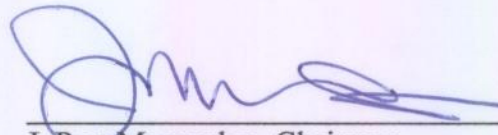
Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

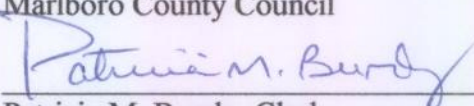
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Date Adopted: April 8, 2014



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council


Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council