

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN	RON MUNNERLYN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	JASON STEEN
ADMINISTRATOR	JIM HAYNES
CLERK TO COUNCIL	PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,	WILLIE GLADDEN,
RON MUNNERLYN,	CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,	KEN ALLEN,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND *	ANTHONY WOODS

\* Absent

Others Present: Mr. Dan McNeil, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen of the Herald Advocate, and posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the county's website ([www.marlborocounty.sc.gov](http://www.marlborocounty.sc.gov)).

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, advised members of Council that Councilman Steve Blackmon would not be able to attend the council meeting due to a truck breaking down and having to tend to that problem.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, opened the public hearing:

ORDINANCE # 735 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this item. There were none.

ORDINANCE # 736 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2016-2020

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this Ordinance. There were none.

ORDINANCE # 737 – 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

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this Ordinance. There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FY 2015 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT (JAG) AS REQUIRED BY GRANT AGENCY

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or council members on this item. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2015 – Budget Work Session Meeting

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015, Budget Work Session Meeting, as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2015 – Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 735 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 – THIRD READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that the budget was pretty close to the proposed budget which was reviewed by members of Council last month. He stated that a few numbers had been changed to make corrections but for the most part, it remained the same. He stated that there was a Fee Schedule attached to include fees from various Ordinances which are to be reviewed annually with the budget, as well as provisional fees which are fees for the animal shelter.

Mr. Haynes stated that the total budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 is \$15,807,810.00 with the operating budget/general fund budget consisting of \$10,769,610.00. He stated that the new budget did include a millage increase of 1.42 mils for a total county ordinary millage of 89.38 mils. Mr. Haynes stated that the EMS budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 was \$690,000.00 and the millage remained at 11 mils; the NETC budget was the same as last year, approximately \$130-\$150,000.00 and millage would remain at 3.70 mils; the Bond Fund budget was \$106,100.00 and would remain at 5.25 mils; and the fire fund budget was \$867,500.00 which would remain at 15.35 mils. He stated that the new budget does call for a 2% cost of living raise and that staff was still reviewing the option of contributing 1% of that 2% increase into a 401(k) program for its employees. Mr. Haynes stated that the budget included a budget for the new animal shelter in the amount of \$106,400.00; \$132,400.00 for the creation of a GIS/mapping program; and \$445,000.00 for a lease purchase of vehicles and a motor grader. Mr. Haynes stated that \$724,610.00 was needed from the fund balance to balance the budget which is approximately \$200,000.00 less than was needed last year from the fund balance. He stated that the revenues expected to be received from the Local Government Fund is \$1,062,000.00 which is a little less from last year of \$1,066,000.00.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments from members of Council and there were none.



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**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 735 – An Ordinance to adopt the annual budget and to make appropriations for Marlboro County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Mr. Haynes and staff for their hard work on the budget and stated that it was really hard for small counties to operate on such a tight budget provided by the Local Government Fund but that we do the best we can and appreciates all of staffs' efforts.

**ORDINANCE # 736 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MARLBORO COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF FY 2016-2020 – THIRD READING**

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance adopts an unfunded Capital Improvement Plan for the county. He stated that staff will attempt to change the outlay of this plan next year but that the current policy is that anything over \$15,000.00 to purchase or costs is considered capital improvements, which would include any vehicles to be purchased. He stated that this was simply a planning document and consists of \$1,420,000.00 in unfunded capital improvements.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments from members of Council and there were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 736 – an Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Marlboro County for the period of FY 2016-2020. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE # 737 – AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 706 AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO CONTINUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARLBORO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDING PARAMEDIC LEVEL EMERGENCY SERVICE AND TRANSFER SERVICE THROUGHOUT MARLBORO COUNTY – THIRD READING**

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.



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Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance continues the ambulance service contract between the county and the Rescue Squad which has a value of approximately \$690,000.00. He stated that the agreement remains the same as last year and will be reviewed again in one year to see how things are going with no local hospital in existence.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments from members of Council and there were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 737 – an Ordinance modifying Ordinance No. 706 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 738 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN DARLINGTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – FIRST READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance pertains to one of the industrial park which currently exists with Darlington County which allows a combination of counties to create a location in which industries would get benefits of the poorer county with Marlboro in this case being the poorer county. This particular Ordinance amends the agreement so as to add additional land to expand the Industrial Park. Marlboro County does get tax advantages from this annually but it is no great amount. He stated that the thought the county received approximately 1% of the taxes from Darlington. This agreement certainly does not benefit our county the way that the Industrial Park Agreement with Dillon does with Harbor Freight. That agreement is much better for us.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the 1% was set in stone or if this amount was negotiable. Mr. Haynes stated that he was pretty sure that it was locked in at 1%.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments from members of Council and there were none.



**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 738 – an Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a multi-county industrial and business park by and between Darlington County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park so as to include additional property in Darlington County as part of the joint county industrial park, and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 739 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT MARLBORO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER AND ANIMAL ADOPTION POLICIES – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that the Public Safety Committee had met a few times to discuss the policies for the new animal shelter and these have been drafted and are still being worked upon. Chairman Munnerlyn asked Mr. Haynes, County Administrator, if there were any additional comments.

Mr. Haynes stated that this is the first reading in title only of this Ordinance regarding the policies to control the operation of the new animal shelter, dealing with volunteers, neutering/spaying of animals and fees. Mr. Haynes stated that the attorney is working on reviewing these policies and will make appropriate changes.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that staff had looked at the way other counties deal with their animal shelters and obtained some policies which are being modified to fit our county's needs. He stated that a meeting was held with some members of the Humane Society and everyone is trying to work together on these policies to move things forward in a positive way. He stated that this will be a win-win for everyone and he was very excited about the new animal shelter.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked when the policies would be made available to members of Council and Mr. Haynes stated that they would be provided at the next council meeting.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that this shelter will be controlled by the county and that members of the Humane Society will serve as volunteers. He stated that all were clear on this.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if fees would be in line with other counties and Mr. Haynes stated that they would be but that we would have to work through things as they come up.

Dr. Prince asked if there were any requirements by the state and Mr. Haynes stated that there were laws and that the policies would contain references to the appropriate statutes.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that the county has come a long way in three years and that it is important to keep in mind that the Humane Society folks will be an important factor in the operation of our animal shelter. He stated that these folks can move animals out for adoption and have this already in place.



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Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any other questions or comments and there were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the first reading (title only) of Ordinance # 739 – An Ordinance to adopt Marlboro County Animal Shelter Volunteer and Animal Adoption Policies. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Willie Gladden and Mr. Ken Allen. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 6/1/0. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 740 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 719 WHICH AMENDED 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 – FIRST READING

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, and asked that he make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Haynes stated that this Ordinance amends Ordinance #719 which allows references to fees to be removed from certain ordinances and for the fees to be reviewed annually along with the budget process. This Ordinance includes Ordinance #739 which deals with fees in association to adoption, etc. with the animal shelter.

Chairman Munnerlyn asked if there were any questions or comments from members of Council and there were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 740 – an Ordinance amending Ordinance # 719 which amended 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.**

RESOLUTION # 06-15-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR THE FY 2015 LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,253.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that this is an annual grant for the Sheriff's Department and one requirement was that a public hearing be held which was held earlier tonight. The funds are to be used for law enforcement within guidelines as provided.



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Mr. Jason Steen asked if there would be a match required by the county. Mr. Haynes stated there was no match required.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the funds were to be used for equipment rather than personnel and Mr. Haynes agreed that to be correct.

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 06-15-01 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application by Marlboro County to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the FY 2015 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$11,253.00 and authorization to accept grant if awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 06-15-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS AS REQUESTED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR FY 2014-2015

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that staff had worked hard to try to look at budget to what was misguessed and to review accounts that we may have overrun on and there are six budget amendments which will come from funds that have already been appropriated within the current budget. This Resolution will simply allow staff to move funds not yet spent in one department to another department to get through the rest of the year. He stated that the only big item which was misbudgeted was for the Magistrate's office and that the other transfers were small amounts.

**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve Resolution # 06-15-02 – A Resolution approving the budget transfers as requested by the Marlboro County Administrator for FY 2014-2015. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

DESIGNATION OF COUNTY VOTING DELEGATE FOR 2015 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JULY 10-13, 2015 IN CHARLOTTE, NC

Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, stated that there were two members of Council that had signed up to attend this conference in Charlotte, which were Mr. Willie Gladden and Dr. Carolyn Prince. He stated that Dr. Prince has now stated that she will be unable to attend and Mr. Anthony Woods is checking to see if he will be available to go in her place so as to not lose the funds paid.

Mr. Haynes stated that a voting delegate needed to be appointed. Mr. Willie Gladden agreed to represent the county as the Voting Delegate since he knew for sure he would be attending. Dr. Carolyn Prince suggested that Mr. Anthony Woods be named as the alternate.



**Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve that Mr. Willie Gladden be designated as the county voting delegate and Mr. Anthony Woods be designated as the alternate, for the 2015 NACo Annual Conference to be held July 10-13, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSION

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM SIMON AS COMMISSIONER TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MARLBORO COUNTY TO REPLACE THE VACANCY LEFT BY COMMISSIONER JOHN SCOTT WHO IS NOW DECEASED

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that nominations have been made by the Housing and Community Redevelopment Authority of Marlboro County due to the deaths of two of their commissioners.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the appointment of Mr. William Simon as Commissioner to the Housing and Community Redevelopment Authority of Marlboro County to replace the vacancy left by Commissioner John Scott who is now deceased. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MS. CLAUDETT HOOKER AS COMMISSIONER TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MARLBORO COUNTY TO REPLACE THE VACANCY LEFT BY COMMISSIONER MARY LEE BAKER WHO IS NOW DECEASED

**Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the appointment of Ms. Claudett Hooker as Commissioner to the Housing and Community Redevelopment Authority of Marlboro County to replace the vacancy left by Commissioner Mary Lee Baker who is now deceased. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRIAN THOMPSON TO LIBRARY BOARD TO REPRESENT DISTRICT #4

**Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Thompson to the Library Board as a representative for District 4. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REPORTS

UPDATE FROM HARRY R. EASTERLING, JR. REGARDING BLUE LAWS



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Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that members of Council had talked a while back about a request from the members of the City of Bennettsville to help suspend the blue laws. Mr. Munnerlyn recognized the county Attorney, Harry R. Easterling, Jr., and asked that he share his research finding with members of Council.

Attorney Harry R. Easterling, Jr. stated that there were two “Blue Law” statutes. He stated that one deals with prohibition of Sunday alcohol sales and the second states that Sunday work is unlawful. It appears the City of Bennettsville Council members were in favor of suspending the Sunday work blue laws but not the alcohol sales.

Attorney Easterling stated that back in 1996 a referendum was held in Marlboro County and the citizens voted 69% to keep the blue law provision that many retail stores remain closed until 1:30 p.m. on Sundays. Attorney Easterling provided a copy of the newspaper article from the Marlboro Herald-Advocate dated back in 1996, as well as letters from the city attorney and administrator, as well as a copy of the printed statutes.

Attorney Easterling stated that because the decision was made by the voters in 1996 to keep the blue laws in force, the decision could only be reversed by the voters which would require a referendum. He stated that the questions were (1) to have a county-wide referendum and let the citizens vote on it; and (2) who will pay for the cost of the referendum.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he was unsure as to why there was confusion on this on the part of the City Attorney but that it seemed very clear that the only way to deal with this would be to have a county-wide referendum. Chairman Munnerlyn suggested that if we were to have a referendum that the blue laws and alcohol be voted upon to go ahead and get the citizens views on the matters.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that members of Council could take this up at the next meeting as to whether or not to have a county-wide referendum and whether it should be held as a special election this fall or if it should be held during the General Election in November of 2016.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE**

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that expenditures for the month of May were at 85% of the budgeted amount which is approximately 6.5% under budget for this point in the fiscal year. She also reported that revenues for May increased 6% from April which brings revenues to 88% for the budgeted amount.

Ms. Moore stated that she and Mr. Haynes worked diligently to accurately appropriate funds for the upcoming fiscal year’s budget. She stated that some changes to account names had been made as well as new line items had been created to help more specifically identify revenue sources and individual totals.



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Ms. Moore stated that according to the SC Association of Counties' most recent Friday report, the General Assembly adjourned without completing the budget, but both the House and Senate versions will appropriate the Local Government Fund at last year's amount and that she would continue to monitor the legislation on this issue.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked members of Council if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Ms. Moore for her report, as well as her hard work on the budget.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY 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 (11 years); Keith Bingham (6 years); Larry Brigman (12 years); Johnny Fair (10 years); Tonya Harmon (10 years); Edward Odom (9 years); Charles Peterkin (8 years); Kirk Schauer (8 years); and Deborah Weldon (15 years).

**Decrease in Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium** - staff received notice from the SC Counties Workers Compensation Trust confirming that the county's premium will be substantially lower this year compared to last year. Last year, the county paid \$155,401.00 for our worker's compensation renewal and this year the county is expected to pay \$122,335.00, a savings of \$33,066.00.

**Check Received from Hospitality Lawsuit** - Back in March of this year, the county was notified of a class action lawsuit which was brought by the City of Columbia and other local governments against Hotelguides.com and others for accommodations tax. The county actually received a check in the amount of \$523.48 as a result of this class action lawsuit.

**Electric Charging Station** - The installation of the electric vehicle charging station is almost complete in the new parking lot adjacent to the administration office building. As we have mentioned before, this will be for the folks who may pass through our county and be in need of a vehicle charge. The County will be listed on websites used by the electric vehicle owners and may at least represent a bit of positive publicity.

**CPR and AED Training** - We are pleased to share that somewhere between 75-100 county employees took advantage of the CPR and AED training sessions which was provided by the county during the weeks of May 11-14 and May 18-21, 2015. The number will be confirmed at a later date with a list of all employees and that will be shared with Council upon receipt.

**NACO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** - The NACO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is scheduled from July 10-13, 2015 at the Charlotte Convention Center. A packet has been included in



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your packets and we ask that members of Council please let Ms. Patricia Bundy know if you plan to attend so that she may assist with your registration and reservations.

**SCAC's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** - The SCAC's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held at Hilton Head from August 1-5, 2015. Members of Council should let Ms. Patricia Bundy know if you plan to attend so that the appropriate reservations may be made for you.

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

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that five individuals had signed up to address members of Council and stated that each person would be asked to limit their comments to three minutes or under. Chairman Munnerlyn stated that members of Council would listen to the citizens and may not be able to respond right away.

Chairman Munnerlyn recognized the citizens as follows:

**Shirlene Sellers** – stated that she lived in the Edgefield subdivision and that this was the second time that she had appeared before Council about her road being paved. She stated that she understood that Council had approved for the roads in this area to be paved and asked when they were going to follow through on this.

**Sylvia Murphy** – stated that she resided at 1015 Edgefield Lane and his a homeowner. She asked when their roads would be paved.

**Jo Ann Player** – stated that she resided at 1251 Donald Lane and also wanted to know when the roads in her community would be paved.

**Frances Kinney** – stated that she had resided on Donald Lane for 17 years and also wanted to know when the roads in her community would be paved. She stated that the county had put down crush and run on the roads and that she has had problems with her radiator on her car since this has been done. She also stated that she wanted to provide her children with bicycles to ride in their neighborhood but did not want them riding on crush and run. She stated that she had problems with her feet with her being diagnosed as a diabetic and stated that she could not walk on the crush and run without problems to her fee.

**Michelle Quick** – signed up to speak but did not speak.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that he had heard each complaint. He stated that Marlboro County did not pave roads but that the County Transportation Committee did this. He stated that the committee meets often and that these individuals would need to contact the members of the County Transportation Committee or appear at one of their meetings and voice their concerns. Chairman Munnerlyn stated that this paving request had come before Council a while back and that he understood that the County Transportation Committee decided not to pave for some reason. Mr. Munnerlyn went on to report that he had heard that the County Transportation Committee had just approved more than \$200,000.00 to be



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used to replace fencing around Lake Paul Wallace, as well as to repave the parking area. He stated that the individuals needed to follow up with the committee and that staff would obtain a list of future meeting dates and this would be provided to them.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Willie Gladden** - stated that there were several roads in the Lakeside area that have no homes or one or two homes that have been paved but that these folks in the Edgefield community cannot seem to get help with their roads. Mr. Gladden stated that he had talked with Mr. Joe Breeden, Chairman of the County Transportation Committee, and Mr. Breeden made a reference to the people in that area not owning their properties. He stated that he talked with Mr. Lee Shortt and Mr. Shortt confirmed that many of the residents have rent to own documents that are legal and will receive a deed once the debts are paid in full. Mr. Gladden stated that it's simply not right for the County Transportation Committee to provide more than \$275,000.00 for new paving and fencing at Lake Paul Wallace when that property is only used four to five months out of the year and leave residents such as the Edgefield residents left to deal with the roads in whatever condition they are in. He stated that the citizens needed to appear at the County Transportation Committee meetings and let the members know that it was just unacceptable.

Mr. Gladden stated that Brightsville/Adamsville Park will have a day of family events and a fire work display on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that this would be an "all day" event and there will be various vendors of food, clothes, etc., as well as a bouncer for the small kids. He stated that the fire department will be helping with the fire works display that night and asked that everyone come out and enjoy the day of events at the Brightsville/Adamsville park.

**Mr. Ken Allen** – No comments.

**Dr. Carolyn Prince** – provided an update on the library bookmobile. She stated that the chassis had been delivered and sent to the company that will take care of creating it into a bookmobile. She stated that a committee had been created to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in September when the bookmobile is ready for delivery. She stated that more information on that would be available at a later date.

Dr. Prince mentioned that Summer Fest which was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week was a great success. She stated that there were a lot of people and those that attended were happy to have something to do in the Bennettsville area for a change.

Dr. Prince mentioned the Veterans Affairs office. She stated that she and Ms. Vikki Harris, the Veterans Affairs, officer was very concerned about the delegation office which is located in the D.D. McColl House. There are concerns about the members of the Legislative Delegation and visitors having to walk through the Veterans Affairs office reception area and the walls not being sound proof. She asked that staff look at this to see if a door can be placed at the back for an entrance for the delegation members to use rather than walking



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their the Veterans Affairs office, as well as looking into doing something to soundproof the walls for privacy concerns.

**Mr. Ron Munnerlyn** – stated that there was meeting the day before with a small hospital task force group which consisted of himself, Mayor Harpe, Sully Blair, and Representative Henegan, with Scotland hospital folks and nothing has really changed. He stated that he felt that the meeting was productive in that McLeod and Scotland want to do something here in our county but they want it to work. He stated that some options were discussed as follows: (1) option would be to open a hospital which would be difficult; (2) option would be to have a mini-hospital in our area; (3) option would be to have a stand-alone ER like an Urgent Care but we would have to have doctor on staff for an ER when you only have to have a physician's assistant in an Urgent Care; and (4) option would be to have an Urgent Care which is what he thought we would have.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that McLeod has a lease on the building here but that the owner of the building still has control as to what can be done. He stated that both McLeod and Scotland have had studies done and the results should be available soon and hopefully will help them know what to do in our area.

Dr. Prince asked if the Urgent Care would be a 24 hour facility and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he thought it would be.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – No comments.

**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – stated that it is often said that kids leave our area and never come back. He stated that several stores have opened in Clio and good things are happening. He stated that one store, Awesome Deals, has all sorts of things for sale and has many things of interest on the sidewalk to get you to come inside to look at. He said the wife of the owner of Awesome Deals has a clothing store open and helps young ladies with etiquette. He stated that Dollar General is open now, as well as Alicia's Boutique which has things for young ladies. He also mentioned that Daniel Johnson, P.H.D. has a program that targets and helps young boys and girls with mental problems. He says that approximately 30 kids have signed up for services and that more programs through-out the county will eventually branch out as they get on their feet.

### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.



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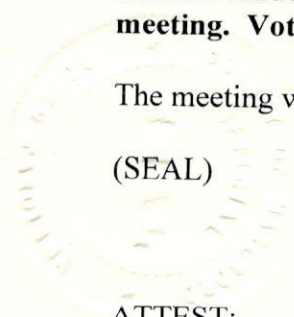
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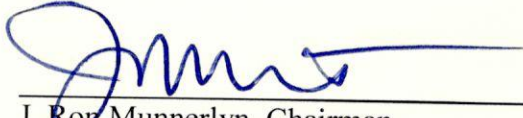
**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

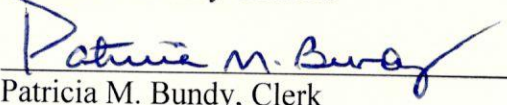
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J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

  
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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: July 13, 2015