

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILLIE GLADDEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JIM HAYNES
PATRICIA BUNDY
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
DISTRICT 3 (VACANT)
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

* WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, and Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director.

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.marlbocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any requested changes to the agenda and there were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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PRESENTATIONS

MR. ROBERT JORDAN, HILL & JORDAN – AUDIT REPORT ENDING FY JUNE 30, 2015

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Robert Jordan to make the presentation regarding the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Mr. Robert Jordan thanked the Chairman and members of Council for allowing him to present the audit report for the year ending 2015.

Mr. Jordan began at the bottom of page three and confirmed that in his opinion, the financial statements presented were represented fairly in all material aspects.

Mr. Jordan then briefly reviewed page 16, Government Funds Balance Sheet and stated that the county had \$5,202,958.00 in its unassigned fund balance. Dr. Carolyn Prince asked what the meaning of assigned funds meant and Mr. Jordan stated that assigned funds were similar to railroad funds in that they were of limited use.

Dr. Prince stated that the small print used for the report was not good and was very hard to read even with her new glasses.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded on to page 17 and reviewed the General Fund Revenue Fund balances, the Expenditure balances, the Special Revenue Funds balances, Capital Projects Fund balances, Debt Service Fund balances, and the total fund balances. He stated that the net change in total fund balances was \$1,124,447.00. Mr. Jordan asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 19 regarding Fiduciary Funds and stated that the total assets and liabilities were \$16,121,061.00.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 27 and noted that the banks and deposits were fully insured.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 32 regarding Pension Costs. He stated that the total of Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2014 is \$10,139,102.00. This figure is current because it is based on one year behind. Mr. Jordan asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Carolyn Prince asked if the figure provided was for projected for future pension payouts and Mr. Jordan confirmed that to be true.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 34 regarding Pension Costs. The projections were based on a 7.5% discounted rate on the presumption that the assets will earn at least that much annually. He did provide examples of what the figures would be in case the assets earned 1% less or gained 1% to show different aspects of how the projection may be affected.

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Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 39 Budgetary Comparison Schedule of General Fund. He stated that general fund revenues were \$542,465.00 more than budgeted and expenses were \$549,153.00 less than budgeted which creates a favorable end result.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to pages 44-49 Special Revenue Funds. He stated that he had itemized all special revenue funds so that members of Council may review each individual fund separately.

Mr. Jordan then proceeded to page 54 Report on Financial Reporting. He stated that all financial reporting procedures appear to be in compliance.

Mr. Jordan thanked the County for allowing Hill and Jordan to be their auditors for the past many years and stated that he knew the new auditors that the county had contracted with and stated that he felt they would be very happy with their services.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Mr. Robert Jordan left the building after he presented the audit.

Dr. Carolyn Prince did question whether the Detention Center collected and spent funds where lumped in with the Sheriff's Office or not. Mr. Jim Haynes, the County Administrator, stated that he felt that they were combined with the Sheriff's office but that the new Auditors were aware of some needed changes and hopefully they will provide a more detailed audit and report. Dr. Prince stated that the print also needed to be larger so that it could be read.

Chairman Steen stated that the future audits would need to be more detailed. Mr. Haynes stated that they had made that request to the new auditors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 29, 2016 (Called Council Meeting)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were no changes suggested.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2016 called council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Jason Steen, Willie Gladden, Carolyn Prince, Ken Allen, Steve Blackmon and Anthony Woods. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato (not present at the meeting). Vote: 6/0/1. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 9, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she had spoke to Ms. Bundy, the Clerk

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to Council, and pointed out a couple of minor grammatical changes which consisted of from “he to be” and from “he to she” but no other changes were noted.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 regular council meeting with the two minor changes on page three as noted. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 09-16-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Haynes stated that the proposed Resolution reflects the millage rates that were set during the budget process. He stated that this document confirms official millage rates to the local Auditor to be 126.18 mils.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 09-16-01 – A Resolution establishing the millage rates for fiscal year 2016-2017. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PEE DEE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PLANS FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Joette Dukes, the Pee Dee Workforce Development Director, to present the regional and local plans to Council for consideration and approval.

Ms. Dukes thanked Council for allowing her to present the regional and local plans for consideration. She stated that the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments must provide a four-year action plan to develop, align, and integrate service delivery strategies and to support the State’s strategic and operational goals. She stated that the Pee Dee Planning Region includes six counties of the Pee Dee Workforce Development Area (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion and Marlboro Counties), four counties in the Santee-Lynches Local Workforce Development Area (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter Counties); and three counties in the Waccamaw Local Workforce Development Area

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(Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg Counties), for a total of 13 counties along the northeastern quadrant of the state.

Ms. Dukes stated that the local plan that has been made intends to focus its initial sector strategy on occupational health care and diversified manufacturing occupations. She stated that five of the top 20 or one-fourth of the largest employers in the Region are in the Healthcare sector (Carolinas Hospital System, Georgetown Hospital System, Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, McLeod Regional Medical Center and Palmetto Health Tuomey, Inc.). She stated that the Healthcare sector is the only industry with growth in all three local workforce areas in the Region.

Ms. Dukes stated that the Board continues to have a goal to have an SC Works Center in all six Pee Dee Counties. Marlboro County is fortunate to have theirs up and running.

Ms. Dukes stated that the Regional Plan which has been presented for review involves all counties into one plan. She stated that most employers do not care where the employees are traveling from and many times folks from Marlboro may travel to Florence or Horry County for employment.

Ms. Dukes stated that the plans presented are being submitted and the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board requests that you approve these two plans.

Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Dukes for her hard work in all that she does for the Pee Dee area.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments plans for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE A 2003 FORD TRUCK, 2004 CROWN VIC, AND 2006 CROWN VIC AS "SURPLUS" PROPERTY FOR DISPOSITION FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Haynes stated that what normally happens after the new budget has been approved is that many departments purchase new vehicles to replace some of the older ones and the older ones become designated as "surplus" property. In many cases, the county will advertise these vehicles in the paper as surplus property and allow folks to make sealed bids and the highest bid is accepted for the vehicles. In this case, we have three vehicles which are being offered for that purpose.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, to approve the designation of a 2003 Ford Truck, 2004 Crown Vic, and 2006 Crown Vic as “surplus” property for disposition for sale to the public to the highest bidder. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE A 2009 AND 2010 DODGE CHARGER AS “SURPLUS” PROPERTY AND DONATION OF THE SAME TO REQUESTING AGENCIES (MCCOLL POLICE DEPT. AND WALLACE FIRE RESCUE)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Haynes stated that there are two vehicles which have been replaced by the Sheriff’s Department and they are taking out of service two vehicles which need to be designated as surplus property. Mr. Haynes stated that many times when local municipalities know that we are designating some of our vehicles as surplus property they may request that the vehicles be donated to them for use in their area. In this case, we have two vehicles that are in pretty fair condition and the Wallace Fire Rescue and Town of McColl have both requested vehicles. The Town of McColl actually requested two vehicles. Mr. Haynes attached a sheet reflecting a history of vehicles that had been donated in the past and McColl actually received one in 2011 and 2012. He suggested that one be provided to Wallace Fire Rescue and one to the Town of McColl.

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to designate a 2009 and 2010 Dodge Charger as “surplus” property and donation of the same to requesting agencies (McColl Police Dept. and Wallace Fire Rescue). Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSION

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Moore reported that expenditures were at 18% of the budgeted amount for the month of August and revenues were at 10% of the budgeted amount. She stated that the revenues are under budget by about 8% but expects revenues to improve over the next several months once tax collections begin.

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Ms. Moore stated that the new auditors, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, would be returning the last two weeks of this month to continue their work in preparation for the audit for fiscal year ending 2016.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Steen thanked Ms. Moore for her report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized 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 August: Steve Akers (18 years); Patricia English (8 years); Benetrice Ferguson (18 years); Rickie Knight (7 years); Terry Malloy (10 years); Beverly McKiver (16 years); Joan Parker (7 years); Susan Rivers (16 years); Jeremy Steen (7 years); Janilla Williams (10 years); Sharon Wilson (16 years); and John Walters (11 years).

Animal Shelter Report for August, 2016 - Mr. Josh Cohoon, the Animal Shelter Director, has advised for the month of August. A total of 58 dogs have been taken in with 35 being rescued, two being adopted, and one being euthanized leaving 52 currently at the shelter. A total of 12 cats were taken in with one being adopted, leaving 128 currently at the shelter.

Blenheim Gym Renovations – stated that staff continues to paint, replace flooring, replace doors, and lights as well as we are preparing to do some weed and brush removal around all the buildings just to make things look better. The serving area has been located across from the gym itself.

Landfill Report - staff has received a letter confirming that the 2016 Class 3 Landfill Semi-Annual Monitoring Report has been approved. It appears that that the one sample taken showed vinyl chloride above the maximum contaminant level in MW-4 but the subsequent sampling showed it to be below the detection limit. DHEC approved the recommendation to continue groundwater and methane monitoring and the next groundwater monitoring report will be due on January 15, 2017.

Grant-in-Aid Funds - staff has received confirmation from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control that Marlboro County will receive the sum of \$7,507.85 in Grant-in-Aid Funds for FY 2016 to be used in improving and upgrading the Emergency Medical Services system. Marlboro County received the same amount last fiscal year.

Trauma Funds - staff has received confirmation from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control that Marlboro County will receive the sum of \$11,344.40 in Trauma Funds for FY 2017. We are never guaranteed that we will receive these funds and in fact

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did not receive any trauma funds this past year. The last funds received were for FY 2014 and the amount was the same as we are receiving this year.

SC Association of Counties' County Council Coalition Fall Meeting - the SC Association of Counties' County Council Coalition Fall meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on Thursday, October 20, 2016. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with a luncheon. The Institute of Government for County Officials will be held on Wednesday, October 19th. Information on these meetings have been included with this report for your review. The deadline to register for these meetings is October 14th and the deadline for making hotel reservations at the special room rate is September 28th. If you would like to attend, please let the Clerk know so that she may assist with the registration and arrangements.

Industry Appreciation Day - the annual Industry Appreciation Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th beginning with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and activities beginning at 12:00 noon. They encourage all to be on time. The event will much different this year as there will be a real live casino beginning at 5:00 p.m. with passed hor d'oeuvres in lieu of a sit down meal. An excerpt from the August newsletter has been attached to this report for more information. To register for the afternoon events, please visit the website at www.marlborocountysc.org/iad.

Fifth Annual Employee Christmas Dinner - the Marlboro County Fifth Annual Employee/Guest Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the old Blenheim Gym on Highway 38 South in Blenheim, SC. We are excited to have this event at the county's facility this year and this will give employees an opportunity to see how some of their tax dollars have been put to use. We hope that this also serve as advertisements for those who may be looking to recent facilities for family reunions or other events in the future.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Woods – thanked Ms. Joette Dukes from the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board for coming out and presenting the two plans to Council.

Mr. Woods thanked Sheriff-Elect Lemon for attending the Council meeting and asked that he continue to do so once he takes office in January.

Mr. Woods stated that football season is underway and that a jamboree is planned for this weekend. He stated that the football field at the School of Discovery would be made available to them.

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Mr. Woods stated that a Boys Club meeting would be held at Camp Pee Dee to mentor young men on Saturday, September 24th. He stated that there will be food, canoeing, swimming, and sports and that this would be a time where folks come together to help young boys and the event is free. He welcomed all men and young boys to come out and join them.

Mr. Woods stated that everything in Clio was going well.

Corrie Plato – No comments.

Willie Gladden – stated that the Veterans' Affairs event on Saturday (Family and Friend Day) was great. He thanked Ms. Vikki Harris and Ms. Amber Goings for their hard work on the event and stated that they did a great job. He stated that the weather was good and there was plenty of food. He stated that veterans from out of town came out and joined them and they also had a veteran from the Korean War, Mr. Jamie Lee. He stated that Mr. Ron Munnerlyn and Chairman Jason Steen also joined them, as well as Ms. Rhonda Frazier from the City and Bennettsville City Council member Ms. Wilhelmina Pegues. Mr. Gladden stated that Mr. Gary Harrington did a great job with coaching the baseball team with the veterans.

Mr. Gladden also thanked the sponsors for the Veterans' Affairs event. He named the following: Mr. Rick Elliott, Marine Corp, Attorney Doug Jennings, and Hamilton Office Supply. He stated that all veterans present and some of their family members received t-shirts due to these sponsors' donations.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – stated that of the nine performance standards that all Council of Governments are rated, the Pee Dee Council of Government have always met and exceeded their goals even with plants closing under Ms. Dukes' leadership. Dr. Prince stated that Bennettsville is also fortunate to have a SC Works Center office located here.

Dr. Prince thanked Sheriff-Elect Lemon for attending the Council meeting and gave her condolences on behalf of Council to him in the recent loss of cousin. She stated that she understood that the two of them were very close.

Dr. Prince stated that their Back to School event went really well. She reported that about 200 children were provided with well-stuffed bags. She thanked Mr. Steve Blackmon for providing a grill for the event and thanked Ms. Plato for raising lots of money. Dr. Prince stated that Bennettsville City Council members Ms. Bernice Johnson and Mr. Waldo Pearson made donations and assisted with this event as well.

Dr. Prince stated that she was happy that the Blenheim School gym would be used for the employee Christmas dinner.

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Dr. Prince reminded everyone about the program “Our Children, Their Future”. She stated that 28 meals were provided last year and that sounded like a lot but it really is not. She stated that they hoped to increase the number of children that can be served this year.

Steve Blackmon – thanked members of Council for their support of the Blenheim gym.

Ken Allen – No comments.

Jason Steen – stated that he was happy that the Blenheim gym is getting cleaned up and getting ready for use. He stated that all of the clean-up work has been done with no extra staff. He mentioned that a lot of folks from Wallace were using the facility to play basketball. He stated that Blenheim has dirt moving too with the new convenience store, and he felt that it was all good.

Mr. Steen thanked members of the county staff for attending the council meeting. He thanked Ms. Joette Dukes for her hard work and Sheriff-Elect Lemon for coming and asked that he continue to come.

Mr. Steen stated that there was trash along the roads everywhere. He stated that he had seen recliners and other items just thrown out and it looks really bad. He stated that one of the committees should look at this and maybe make a plan as to how we can clean up some of the trash. He stated that Dr. Prince always stated that we may not have a lot but we can look good.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

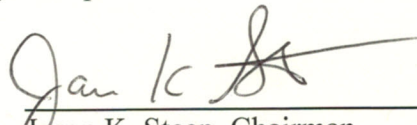
ADJOURN

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

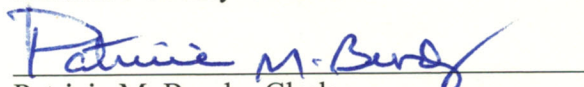
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:49 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: October 11, 2016