

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO CIVIC CENTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE CHAIRMAN

CORRIE PLATO

ADMINISTRATOR

RON MUNNERLYN

CLERK TO COUNCIL

PATRICIA BUNDY

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,  
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.  
KENNETH STROMAN  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,  
CORRIE H. PLATO,  
VERD ODOM,  
ANTHONY WOODS

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\* Absent

The Council meeting is being held at the Marlboro Civic Center in order to allow adequate space for an open meeting and to allow for social distancing.

Others Present: Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director; Ms. Doris Sumpter, Administrative Services Director; Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director; and Ms. Jackie Hough, of the Herald-Advocate.

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNiel 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)).

INVOCATION- Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated the agenda needed to be amended. He advised the County Attorney suggested that the Ordinance for Project Onward be restarted due to the amount of time that has passed since first reading and the change in title.

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to amend the agenda by deleting item 6.a. under Old Business, “Ordinance # 790 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Project Onward with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property in the County, whereby such Property will be Subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes, Including the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto”; as well as adding a new item of business as 7.f. under New Business “Ordinance # 801 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of (A) a Fee-in-Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina (the “County”) and a Company Identified for the Time Being as Project Onward and (B) one or more Special Source Revenue Credit Agreements, each with Respect to Certain Property in the County, whereby such Property will be subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and/or the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and (2) Other Matters Related Thereto”. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the agenda as amended with deleting item 6.a. under Old Business, and adding item 7.f under New Business. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

#### PRESENTATIONS

#### MARLBORO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – MR. DON STRICKLAND, PDRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Don Strickland, Executive Director of Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority to make his presentation.

Mr. Strickland thanked Council for their partnership. He stated he had attended many council meetings throughout the surrounding six counties in the past three to four months but this was the first county council meeting he attended where all council members were present. He stated that, in itself, said a lot.

Mr. Strickland provided an overview and update of the MARTi service in Marlboro County. He stated that the MARTi service has transported 48,073 passengers within the first two years of service. He stated the service had exceeded their expectations and shows just how valuable the service is to Marlboro County.

Mr. Strickland stated that although ridership was impacted by COVID-19 over the last seven months, the service in Marlboro County is the second least impacted across the five counties they serve. He stated the service benefits many throughout the county, including employees at Mohawk and many other locations. He stated they have completed 6,484 passenger trips to and from work for Mohawk. He stated through their partnership with Vantage Point (CareSouth), they’ve had more than 3,000 senior citizen trips that have traveled over 10,000 miles.



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Mr. Strickland stated the vast majority of their passengers are either traveling to earn revenue or visiting a business within the County to spend money. He stated passengers are made of seniors, workforce, shoppers, and those paying bills. He stated the continued growth is made possible by a growing collaboration of local stakeholders and several others that see the value in public transportation options for the citizens of Marlboro County.

Mr. Strickland thanked Council for allowing him to present the update on the MARTi service and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Chairman Steen thanked Mr. Strickland for his update on the MARTi services in Marlboro County and for all that the PDRTA does for Marlboro County.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (DISCUSSION OF LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, PURSUANT TO SC CODE SECTION 30-4-70)

**Motion made at 6:11 pm by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to enter into executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made at 6:52 pm by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Chairman Steen advised that no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 799 – 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 THERE

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was a standard agreement which would allow Darlington County to provide tax incentives to an industry in their area. He stated Darlington County would in turn provide the same type incentive arrangements for prospects in Marlboro County when requested to do so.

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Chairman Steen asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members of Council. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from September 8, 2020 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ORDINANCE # 799 – 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 THERE – SECOND READING

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that this was the second reading for the Ordinance on which the Public Hearing was held earlier. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve second reading of Ordinance # 799 – 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 Relating Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### EMERGENCY ORDINANCE # 800 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN MARLBORO COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO



Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Emergency Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was the third renewal of the Emergency Ordinance as a result of COVID-19. He stated the Ordinance would allow staff to use funds for COVID-19 expenses should the need arise. He stated staff had not had to use the Emergency Ordinance for emergency expenses but felt it was a good idea to have it in place in case it was needed. He stated the Emergency Ordinance would expire the 61<sup>st</sup> day after adoption.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve Emergency Ordinance # 800 – an Emergency Ordinance to Declare a State of Emergency in Marlboro County and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 10-20-01 – A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE (“CTCL”) FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Resolution for consideration was for one of two grants on the agenda tonight. He stated this particular grant was for COVID-19 response for the Election Commission and Voter Registration department to be used to ensure a safe voting experience for staff and citizens. He stated the amount of the grant was \$30,086.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated it had always been staff’s policy to bring grants to Council for approval of applications for these type grants and request authorization to accept grants, if awarded. He stated he recommended that this Resolution be approved.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve Resolution # 10-20-01 – A Resolution Ratifying a Grant Agreement Between Marlboro County and the Center for Tech and Civic Life (“CTCL”) for COVID-19 Response Grant and Authorization to Accept Grant. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 10-20-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND BI-TEK, LLC FOR INTEGRATED SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR MARLBORO COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Resolution would approve the official contact for a software system for the Marlboro County Tax Assessor's Office to be used for reassessment. He state din years past, the field appraisers would use paper cards and draw additions and deletions to properties on the cards and then go back to the office and key in the information that was found. He stated this new software would allow the field appraisers to be able to input information by computers at the time the properties are being viewed.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the software system would cost \$235,000 which was a reduced amount as a result of negotiations made by Mr. Kep Kepley, the Tax Assessor, and that amount would be paid in three annual payments. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the contract had been reviewed by the County Attorney and funds were included in the budget to purchase the software.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff was very excited about the new software and requested that the contract be approved.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution § 10-20-02 – a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between Marlboro County and BI-TEK, LLC for Integrated Software System for Marlboro County Tax Assessor's Office. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DETENTION CENTER INMATE COMMISSARY AGREEMENT WITH MCDANIEL SUPPLY COMPANY

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was a renewal of an agreement with McDaniel Supply Company for the inmates at the Detention Center. He stated the Warden and Sheriff had reviewed the agreement as well as the Finance Director. He stated the agreement was for a three year term with an option to renew annually.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. to approve Detention Center Inmate Commissary Agreement with McDaniel Supply Company. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GRANT AWARD LETTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,710 ON BEHALF OF THE FOURTH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE



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Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was another CARES grant for COVID-19 response for the Solicitor's office. He stated there would be cost to the County for this grant.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to authorize execution of Grant Award Letter in the amount of \$101,710 on behalf of the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 801- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF (A) A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT ONWARD AND (B) ONE OR MORE SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENTS, EACH WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN FEES-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND/OR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated Council had the first reading in title only in another version but legal counsel had requested that we start over since the first reading was held back in October, 2019. He stated the Ordinance dealt with an expansion of a local industry and would authorize a more set revenue level over a five to six year period. He stated more information would be available to members of Council for the second reading.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve first reading in title only of Ordinance # 801 – an Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of (A) a Fee-in-Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina (the "County") and a Company Identified at the time being as Project Onward and (B) one or more Special Source Revenue Credit Agreements, each with Respect to Certain Property in the County, whereby such Property will be Subject to Certain Fees-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and/or the Provision of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and (2) Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no recommended appointments to Boards and Commissions.

## REPORTS

### FINANCE REPORT – MR. WES PARK

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Wes Park for the Finance Report.

Mr. Park stated the General Fund revenues through the first quarter ending in September 30, 2020 were \$1,541,110 and the General Fund expenses for the same period were \$2,785,560 of a \$12,038,883 budget or 23.14% of budget year to date. He stated as of September 30, 2020, the County has \$3,983,639 in the three General Fund operating accounts.

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

### ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – MR. RON MUNNERLYN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

#### **EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of September: Kaye Liner (18 years); Linda Coffy (5 years); Lee McQueen (20 years); Ray Kelly (18 years); D.T. Turner (8 years); and Hosea Lemon (13 years).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. **Lunch provided at the Community Kitchen** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated Marlboro County would be providing lunch at the Community Kitchen tomorrow and Ms. Patricia Bundy would be leading the group. He stated the menu would include Chili dogs, chips, fruit cups, and oatmeal cakes and plates would be provided for take-out only.
2. **Small Merchants Meeting** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the City of Bennettsville and the Chamber of Commerce have scheduled three meetings over the next few months for all small merchants in the County to meet to discuss needs, ideas and perspectives related to running a business in Bennettsville. He stated the scheduled meeting dates were: Monday, January 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm; Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm; and Monday, January 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm and all meetings would be held at The Skye located at 210 E. Main Street, Bennettsville, SC.
3. **Historic Preservation Meeting** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the City of Bennettsville, Chamber of Commerce and Marlboro County have joined together to schedule a Historic Preservation Tax Credits & Incentives meeting to encourage local historic preservation and economic development. He stated a representative from SC Department of Archives and History would be present at the meeting, as well as a



representative from Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann & Quinn, LLC to offer a question and answer session regarding historic tax credits. He stated the meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:30 pm at The Skye located at 210 E. Main Street, Bennettsville, SC.

4. **SC Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary William Grimsley** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Marlboro County Veterans Affairs Office Reginald McLeod has advised that the SC Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary William Grimsley would be visiting the Bennettsville office on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> around 1:30 pm. VA Officer McLeod welcomes members of Council to come by and meet Secretary Grimsley on that date and time.
5. **County-wide Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat** – Mr. Munnerlyn stated Marlboro County, the City of Bennettsville and the local library have joined together and would be sponsoring a county-wide Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. He stated families interested in participating would be required to stay in their vehicles and volunteers would be distributing pre-made treat bags to each vehicle. He stated Bennettsville’s location would be the Marlboro County Courthouse Square; Clio’s location would be Bennett Park located at 124 Bennett Park Rd; Blenheim’s location would be the Wade H. Prince Recreation Center located at 2501 Highway 38 South; Wallace location would be the Wallace Elementary Middle School located at 3643 Highway 9 West; and McColl’s location would be the McColl Elementary Middle School located at 700 North Main Street. Flyers have been provided to members of Council for distribution.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### Prospect Activity –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff had begun to see some movement with regards to prospective industrial prospects. He stated these included several solar projects, as well as another more traditional manufacturer.

### Existing Industries-

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff was assisting several existing industries with small projects and also with continuing manufacturing property tax arrangements. He stated it was very important that the County do whatever it could to keep our existing employees healthy during the tough times.

### Broadband Initiative –

Mr. Munnerlyn stated earlier today Chairman Steen and Councilman Odom joined him in a site visit to McColl near the railroad tracks where boring under the tracks is ongoing to extend broadband cable. He stated officials from the State Office of Regulatory Services as well as Lee Chambers of Sandhill Cooperative and members of the legislative delegation attended. He stated it was encouraging to see the project underway with a “sprint to the deadline” finish of mid-December.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

2020 Census – Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Census Response deadline had been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup> and encouraged everyone to complete their census forms as soon as possible in order to meet this deadline.

COVID-19 Testing with MUSC – Mr. Munnerlyn stated MUSC had approached the county about providing daily COVID-19 testing for businesses in the county. He stated the more accurate tests were being provided and results would be available the following day. He stated many folks have utilized the instant testing due to the lag in test results of the more standard testing. He stated this new service by MUSC would also provide the best possible tests and a quick turnaround. He stated there would be no cost for the testing for patients with health insurance and Marlboro County EMS would be assisting with the testing.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that one citizen had signed up to address members of Council.

**Ms. Brenda Dixon** – Ms. Brenda Dixon appeared on behalf of the Pee Dee Coalition. She thanked members of Council for allowing her to speak.

Ms. Dixon advised members of Council that October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She stated if members of Council needed someone from their organization to make presentations to any group about this issue, to please let her know.

Ms. Dixon thanked members of Council for the past, current and future support of the Pee Dee Coalition as well as their efforts to work together when the need arises. She stated she understood that law enforcement authorities have had to assist sometimes with domestic violence and this could certainly result in tough situations. She reminded Council that domestic violence not only affected the person being abused or the abuser, but also the children in the environment. She encouraged members of Council to continue to support their efforts against Domestic Violence.

### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Anthony Woods** – thanked everyone for their hard work in organizing the Trunk or Treat county-wide event. He stated it sounded like a great adventure.

Mr. Woods mentioned the Election date of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and reminded everyone to be sure and vote. He wished the Sheriff and Councilman Odom luck in their races. He encouraged everyone to vote in person and stated folks would not be required to wait long periods of time if they chose to wait and vote on Election Day. He stated it was very important that everyone vote in this 2020 election. He stated this election was important to the community, nation and state.



**Ms. Corrie Plato** – No comments.

**Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr.** – encouraged everyone to vote.

**Mr. Willie Gladden** – encouraged everyone to please vote and stated folks should not vote straight ticket but vote for the person and not for color.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the sale of the Eastside School. He stated he understood that the goal was to have the school building torn down so that high rise apartments could be built on the property to beautify the lake area. He stated the Eastside School was the only school that minorities could attend at one time. He stated the decision to sell the Eastside School for this purpose needed to be looked into. He encouraged folks to talk with their Senators and Representatives concerning this decision.

**Mr. Kenneth Stroman** - encouraged everyone to vote like their life depended on it.

**Mr. Steve Blackmon** – No comments.

**Mr. Verd Odom** – mentioned the election and stated that everyone was aware that the Bennettsville Community Center was the location for early voting. He stated the hours are 9:00 am – 4:00 pm five days a week, Monday through Friday. He stated every Thursday for the month of October, the hours would be extended from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm to allow working folks the opportunity to vote. He stated during the seven days of early voting, a total of 1,802 folks had voted which was a pretty strong turnout already. He encouraged everyone to vote early and not wait until Election Day due to the possibility of rain since it has been a very strong Hurricane season and no one really knows what the weather may be like. He stated social distancing was being enforced at the Community Center and great parking was available as well.

Mr. Odom mentioned the litter problem in the Red Bluff area. He stated a resident contacted him about the need to have something done to help with the litter problem. He stated the resident suggested increasing the amount of fines for those found guilty of littering and possibly imposing a mandatory 10 day sentence or the possibility of hiring a litter control officer. He stated something needed to be in place to deter these folks from continuing to litter.

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Sheriff Charles Lemon who was present at the meeting and asked if he had any comments.

**Sheriff Charles Lemon** – thanked members of Council for their help with the County and his departments. He stated he was happy to see the new Councilman Ken Stroman present at the meeting and congratulated him on his new seat.

**Mr. Jason Steen** – stated Council was very excited about the broadband initiative. He stated the initiative was a big deal for Marlboro County and staff worked really hard to get

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the applications in prior to the short deadline that was placed on them. He stated staff worked hard and credit should be given where credit was due. He stated members of Council also played a big part in getting the initiative approved.

Mr. Steen mentioned the election and stated it was time for folks to cast their vote. He echoed a comment that Mr. Willie Gladden had made earlier and stated that folks should vote for the person and folks needed to know who they were voting to place in these various offices. He stated it was everyone's civic duty to vote and stated as he has heard in the past, if folks do not vote, they really do not have a right to complain.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

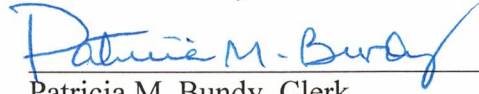
ADJOURN

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

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Jason K. Steen, Chairman  
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

  
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Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk  
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: November 10, 2020