

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR RON MUNNERLYN
CLERK TO COUNCIL PATRICIA BUNDY
COUNTY ATTORNEY ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN, WILLIE GLADDEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR. CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE, VERD ODOM,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Jacqueline Hough of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate; Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director; and Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Ms. Jacqueline Hough and Mr. Dan McNeil of the Marlboro 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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 776 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE INCLUSION OF A SITE IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT WITH DARLINGTON COUNTY AND AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX PAYMENTS AMONG THE TAXING ENTITIES WITHIN MARLBORO COUNTY WHICH ARE PAID BY A

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COMPANY LOCATED ON SUCH SITE IN THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, opened the Public Hearing and recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on the Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was a typical agreement that we have with other counties to provide incentives to industries. He stated that it was a standard agreement and that counties share a percentage of the taxes received.

Chair Prince asked if there were any comments from the public or members of Council on this Ordinance. There were none.

Chair Prince closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 11, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 776 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE INCLUSION OF A SITE IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT WITH DARLINGTON COUNTY AND AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX PAYMENTS AMONG THE TAXING ENTITIES WITHIN MARLBORO COUNTY WHICH ARE PAID BY A COMPANY LOCATED ON SUCH SITE IN THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was the Ordinance for which the Public Hearing was just held and that it was a typical standard agreement that counties have to provide incentives to industries.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 776 – An Ordinance Approving and Ratifying the Inclusion of a Site in a Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Darlington County and an Alternative Allocation Method for Distribution of Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Payments Among the Taxing Entities within Marlboro County which are paid by a

Company Located on such site in the Multi-County Industrial Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 777 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT SUNSHINE TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Ordinance.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in prior meetings he had talked about the Baldor building in Clio and a potential prospect for that building. He stated that this was the first reading in title only of an Ordinance for this project and was the first step of legal action that we are required to take. He stated that the Ordinance will have three readings and stated that this first reading in title only would get the ball rolling so that staff may move quickly and not hold the industry up. He stated that the next reading of the Ordinance would be more fine-tuned with details for Council's consideration. He stated that he met with the project leaders in the last week or so and they appeared ready to move things forward.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve first reading in title only of Ordinance # 777 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Project Sunshine to Provide for Payments of Fees-in-Lieu of Taxes; and Other Related Matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-18-01 – A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A PROJECT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SO AS TO ALLOW INVESTMENT EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT SUNSHINE, ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO QUALIFY AS EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution was a companion to the Ordinance which was just discussed and was related to the Baldor building project.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve Resolution # 10-18-01 – a Resolution Identifying a Project to Satisfy the Requirements

of Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred by a Company Known to the County as Project Sunshine, its Affiliates and Related Entities to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible for a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Marlboro County, South Carolina; Providing for Other Related Economic Development Incentives; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-18-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LETTER AGREEMENT EFFECTING A TERMINATION OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND RELIANCE ELECTRIC COMPANY, DATED AS OF JUNE 1, 2007, WHEREBY MARLBORO COUNTY AGREES TO THE TERMINATION OF SUCH FEE AGREEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution would approve a termination of fee agreement which the former company which housed the Baldor building had in effect. He stated that the law requires that the prior fee agreement be terminated in order to begin a new fee agreement for the new project.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 10-18-02 – a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Letter Agreement Effecting a Termination of a Fee Agreement by and Between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Reliance Electric Company, Dated as of June 1, 2007, Whereby Marlboro County Agrees to the Termination of such Fee Agreement and Other Matters Related Thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-18-03 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE 2018-2019 BUDGET AS REQUESTED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ALLOW FOR EXPENDITURES FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that spraying has been done for the mosquito problem and pellets were also distributed to standing waters to kill some of the mosquitos. He stated that the cost for the spraying to date was \$28,350 and that there may be a second spraying needed. He stated that he had received notice from the state that there was money available to the county in the fashion of a loan with a low interest rate until we received FEMA funding for the cost. He stated that he did not feel that the county would receive any funds from FEMA due to the fact that they require we provide information about how many mosquitos the county had in the area before the spraying and how many the county had after the spraying. He stated that there was no scientific way that staff could show this type of information and

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suggested that the county not apply for the low interest loan. He stated that that he felt the county should pay for the cost of mosquito spraying from the reserve funds. He stated that folks understand staff did what needed to be done and it has seemed to help the problems that we were having with the mosquitos.

Chair Prince stated that the Administrator and Administration & Finance committee met and discussed the problems the residents were having in the county with the mosquitos and decided that spraying was necessary due to the problem being a public safety issue due to the viruses and other diseases which mosquitos carry. She stated that she felt the cost of spraying for mosquitos was a good decision and that these funds were spent wisely.

Chair Prince 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 # 10-18-03 – a Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to the 2018-2019 Budget as Requested by the Marlboro County Administrator to Allow for Expenditures for Mosquito Abatement. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 10-18-04 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FEMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY SO AS TO PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE CITIZENS OF MARLBORO COUNTY AS A RESULT OF DAMAGES SUFFERED FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had already signed the agreement to allow FEMA folks to use the library. He stated that the FEMA folks needed the agreement signed right away. He stated that if Council decided not to approve the agreement that the folks would vacate and find a new place to set up.

Chair Prince stated that the folks are set up in the back class room and asked if the folks were there from 8 am until 8 pm and Mr. Munnerlyn advised that he thought the hours were from 7 am until 7 pm seven days a week.

Chair Prince asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve Resolution # 10-18-04 – a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with FEMA for the Purpose of Providing Temporary Office Space at the Marion Wright Edelman Public Library so as to Provide Disaster Relief Assistance to the Citizens of Marlboro County as a Result of Damages Suffered from Hurricane Florence. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MARLBORO COUNTY LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn for an update on the Marlboro County Long-Term Recovery Group.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the group was not a county-functioning group but in dealing with FEMA, it became clear that most counties had in place a long-term disaster recovery group. He stated that these groups are set up to be able to accept money donations and that the groups have set rules to follow. He stated that the group was not a political type group and that the bylaws stated that elected officials could not be officers of the group.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that three open meetings were held which many folks in the community attended and during the third meeting, a group of folks were chosen to serve on the committee to get the group started. He stated that the group had already filed Articles of Incorporation and would be meeting again tomorrow to establish an account with the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation to set up an account so that donations may be accepted. He stated that Marion County has a group like this that was created from Hurricane Matthew and that their group has stayed active for future disasters. He stated that the group would be able to consider helping folks who have exhausted all assistance from FEMA and their homeowner's insurance companies. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that industries were stepping up to donate to the group.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the board members of the group have requested that County provide some type of office space on a temporary basis and also requested that Council consider providing them with a \$5,000 donation to get the group up and going and to possibly hire someone to answer their phones.

Chair Prince stated that the emphasis was to make sure that any resources that are sent to the County or the group are provided for the citizens and that the funds are managed in a way that the people that really need the resources will get them. She stated that the donations will be handled by folks in a way that could be delivered to those that most need the assistance and that the group be designated as a 501c3 organization so that the funds folks donate could be written off as a tax free exemption. She stated that Harvest Hope Food Bank contacted her and wanted to provide a variety of food and cleaning supplies and she immediately put them in touch with this newly formed group. She stated that it was very important that these donations were coordinated through one organization so that there is transparency and that any monies collected would be housed and spent properly. She stated that it was important that one group be designated for such a purpose in our county. Chair Prince thanked everyone that participated and those who have agreed to serve on the board of the group.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that it was important that the group be a newly formed 501c3 organization and a separate organization from others in the County. He stated that he would not be involved once the group was up and running but that he was helping move things along.

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Chair Prince stated that her affiliation with Harvest Hope goes back a few years. She stated that this was a non-profit group which assisted “Our children Their Future” purchase food for that program and that folks from Harvest Hope had contacted her about helping folks in our area. She stated that folks were doing all they could to help our citizens in the best way possible and this was a good start.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if the group had a location in mind for office space and Mr. Munnerlyn stated that they did not have any place in mind but that he had a couple of ideas but that he would like to make some calls before the locations were discussed.

Mr. Willie Gladden stated that he liked the fact that no politicians would be a part of the group.

Chair Prince stated that Ms. Hough with the Herald-Advocate had written an article about this group in last week’s paper recently and did a great job. She suggested that folks read the article if more information was needed.

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to provide temporary office space, as well as a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Marlboro County Long-Term Recovery Group. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any appointments to boards and commissions. There were none.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Ms. Moore stated that for the month of September, expenditures were at 24% of the budgeted amount and revenues were at 9% which was routine for this point of the year before tax revenue begins coming in. She stated that revenues should increase over the next few months since tax notices would be going out soon.

Ms. Moore stated that her office has been very busy and had been working on the Payroll conversion to ADP. She stated that she met with several different team members about the process and she was very impressed with the new system. She stated that it was different than anything staff had used before but that the system’s capabilities were a much needed upgrade which would allow staff to greatly improve the efficiency of the payroll process and also allow their office to go “paperless”. She stated that the plans are to “go live” with the new system in November.

Ms. Moore asked if there were any questions. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. RON MUNNERLYN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munneryn, County Administrator.

Mr. Munneryn stated that his report was as follows:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees are recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of September: Sheila Covington (7 years); Veronica Harris (5 years); Ray Kelly (16 years); Hosea Lemon (11 years); Sandra Liner (16 years); Lee McQueen (18 years); Candis Pate (7 years); and D.T. Turner (6 years).

1. Mr. Munneryn stated that a Hurricane Response “De-Brief” meeting/luncheon had been scheduled for Thursday, October 11th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm for all the folks that assisted with the preparation and response due to Hurricane Florence but that the meeting had been cancelled due to Hurricane Michael. He stated that this meeting/luncheon would be rescheduled for a later date.
2. Mr. Munneryn stated that the SC Association of Counties County Council Coalition Fall meeting would be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on Thursday, October 25, 2018 and classes for the Institute of Government for County Officials on Wednesday, October 24th. He stated that the registration deadline for the meeting would be October 19th and the deadline for making hotel reservations at the special room rate was October 4th. He asked that members of Council let Ms. Bundy know if they planned to attend so that she could make the appropriate reservations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Baldor-

Mr. Munneryn stated that the Baldor project continued to move forward with a team visiting the site this week. He stated that the group has engaged a South Carolina attorney to assist with the details of the project. He asked that folks keep their fingers crossed that an announcement would be available soon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. **Carters Branch/Muddy Creek Watershed District** – Mr. Munneryn stated that there have been a number of citizen complaints about what we call “watershed ditches”. These ditches drain the south side of Bennettsville including areas like Brushy Bay Road as well as extend into the rural areas south of town. He stated that these ditches were constructed in the 1960’s and managed by a board elected by residents of the area served. He stated that this board has the authority to levy taxes that would then be used to maintain the ditches.

Mr. Munneryn stated that these ditches have not been maintained in many years and during Hurricane Florence resulted in standing water and flooding in some areas.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he had learned this week that the Soil and Water Conservation District which has some oversight over the watershed ditch board, has placed on the general election ballot a question that would result in dissolving the watershed board. He stated that he had requested the County attorney to research the matter further but that it appeared that if the board is disbanded, the ditches would be left as is and the property would revert back to the original owners.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that obviously drainage became a big issue during the recent storm and staff was concerned that citizens may not realize the impact dissolving the board may have.

2. **Proposed changes by City of Bennettsville trash pick-up rules-**

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the City of Bennettsville has advised that city council was considering a change to their policies that would eliminate curbside collection of trash/debris other than limbs and leaves and anything that is in the green roll out carts. He stated that currently when folks have repairs or clean out their storage building they are able to place the debris or garbage on the street curb, and the City will pick those things up. He stated that the City would no longer pick up these things if the policy changes are approved.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he brought this up because this change would impact County Government as city residents would have to take such trash to the County convenience centers. He stated that the county charges a \$40 fee on County resident's tax bills to cover the cost of using the convenience centers and that citizens of Bennettsville were not charged this fee nor were the residents of McColl, Tatum, Blenheim or Clio. He stated that next year, the Council could consider charging a fee to City/town residents but for this year, staff would have to begin collecting fees from city or town residents for their use of the centers. He stated that staff would soon begin improving the facilities at Red Hill to accept money and take the increase in city residents' trash.

3. **Hurricane Michael-**

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff was preparing for Hurricane Michael and the storm's impact which was expected as early as Wednesday night. He stated that a multi-agency emergency response planning meeting was held earlier in the afternoon and he felt that staff were prepared to respond to the storm.

4. **Response to Hurricane Florence –**

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he was very proud of the response our County staff and the staff of other agencies provided during Hurricane Florence. He stated that staff had in place well thought out plans and everyone worked together to adapt and improvise to situations as they arose. He stated that multiple multi-agency meetings were held before and during the storm and that these meetings were instrumental in our response as they allowed forums for discussion and coordination of our efforts.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff worked hard to keep the public informed about what was going on and to reassure them that local agencies were hard at work planning

and responding to the storm. He stated that he used social media a good bit and it seemed to work well.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that in the next couple of weeks, "de-brief meetings" would be hosted with the partner agencies to discuss what worked well and areas where there were opportunities for improvement. He stated that he had scheduled the first such meeting for Thursday but that it had been postponed due to response preparation for Hurricane Michael.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that once the de-brief meetings were held, that staff would assemble a full report of the entire storm response, damage estimates, outside agency recovery assistance and other information which would be presented to Council and the community in a public meeting.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chair Prince stated that one person had signed up to address Council. Chair Prince recognized Dr. Greg McCord, Superintendent of Marlboro County School District, to address Council.

Dr. McCord thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity to speak. He also thanked Mr. Munnerlyn and his staff for their support to the School District in working with his team regarding the recent storm. He thanked Sheriff Lemon and his staff for providing security services to the High School football team and stated that all could do more together than they could apart.

Dr. McCord stated that he appeared tonight to speak regarding an item that would appear on the election ballot in the form of a question. He stated that the question concerned the granting of a \$10 million bond issue. He requested Council's support in helping to provide the public with accurate information about the plans for the funds to folks in the community. He stated that the funds, if approved, would be used for three issues that the School District was attempting to address. He stated that the number one issue would be safety and security. He stated that he wanted all school buildings and facilities to be safe at all times. He stated that secondly that there needed to be some upgrades to some of the existing school buildings and lastly, he stated that the School District would focus on new construction of a Bennettsville Intermediate School, which would include a new cafeteria and auditorium for school activities and for the public's use as well. Dr. McCord also stated that should the \$10 million bond be approved that taxes would not be increased as a result of the bond approval. He again asked members of Council to please help provide this accurate information to the public and ask them to visit the School District's website for any other questions that they may have.

Dr. McCord also stated that he was happy to see students from the Marlboro County High School assisting Mr. Patterson in videotaping the council meeting. He stated that it was very nice to see the students being active in using their skills in such a way and thanked them for the wonderful job that they are doing for the community.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Verd Odom – stated that he wanted to reiterate everything that had been said about the work to prepare for Hurricane Florence. He stated that the cooperation with all agencies was great.

Mr. Odom reminded everyone of the election which was approximately one month away. He stated that it was a very important election and that we needed to encourage folks to get out and vote and support the candidate of their choice. He complimented the Elections Board for all that they do to get information out to folks about the election. Mr. Odom stated that the deadline for folks to register to vote was extended until October 17, 2018 due to the storm.

Mr. Odom thanked Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, and Sheriff Charles Lemon for all of their hard work.

Mr. Odom also stated that Ms. Linda McMahon, the US Small Business Administration Administrator, was in town earlier today and met with many folks and he felt that her visit was very well received. He stated that Ms. McMahon was very concerned about the future for our folks here. He said he felt that it was a big deal that she made the effort to come and visit our area.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he would like to echo what Mr. Odom had just shared and thanked everyone for the help that was provided during the storm and afterwards.

Mr. Willie Gladden – stated that there were many volunteers that worked hard during the storm and he appreciated all of their efforts. He stated that many of them were from out of town and traveled as far as Washington State. He stated that these folks worked daily in providing meals to those that needed them. He stated that it was great to see folks from all agencies throughout the county working together which included staff and Police staff. He stated that the Public Works crew worked 24/7 and stated that they were always on call for whatever was needed.

Mr. Gladden mentioned the upcoming election and stated that folks needed to encourage one another to get out to vote. He stated that we need more than 22% of the county to get out and vote. He stated that if folks do not get out and vote that Marlboro County would never get any of the help that it needs.

Mr. Jason Steen – echoed everything that was said about the help after Hurricane Florence. He stated that the School District, Sheriff's Department, and City of Bennettsville staff worked together really well. He stated that he felt that everyone was prepared for the storm and it turned out well. Mr. Steen thanked Mr. Steve Akers of E-911 and stated that he did a great job. He thanked Mr. Doug Carabo of Public Works and his staff for getting the roads back in order. He stated that he was hopeful that Hurricane Michael would not cause the county any great concern.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – stated that he wanted to reiterate what everyone had already said and thanked staff, Sheriff Charles Lemon, Mr. Steve Akers and Mr. Ron Munnerlyn for planning ahead and being prepared for the impact of Hurricane Florence. He stated that planning ahead paid off and he felt that all agencies worked really well together.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked the Good Master for bringing everyone through the storm and stated that she was very blessed. Ms. Plato thanked Sheriff Lemon for his help that he provided to her during the storm and thanked Mr. Munnerlyn and all the others that checked on her to make sure that she was ok. She stated that she was very thankful that everyone made it through the storm safely and that folks were blessed through it all.

Mr. Anthony Woods – thanked the county and Red Cross folks for the hot meals that were provided to the citizens and stated that they were well received. He stated that some of the Red Cross folks that helped with providing the meals were from Missouri and that he formed a great bond with them. He stated that although the meals were to be provided for a certain period of time that these folks kept serving until the food was completely gone. He stated that folks hear a lot about Red Cross but it that it is during times like this that folks see exactly what they do and how much their help meant to so many.

Mr. Woods stated that the utility crews worked really hard and there were many generators working hard. He stated that it takes a village but that much more is accomplished when folks pull together and share their services. He thanked the wildlife agencies for their help in providing boats for the evacuations and all those that helped at the shelters. He asked that folks be patient with the county as they continue to do what they can.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked all those with the Red Cross for their help during the storm and thanked Dr. Greg McCord for allowing the Blenheim School to be used as a shelter. She stated that it took Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, the County Administrator, about five to six hours on the telephone to get someone with Red Cross but he finally spoke with someone in New Jersey and folks were here the next day providing meals which were so desperately needed. She asked staff to gather information from FEMA about the numbers of people reached and serviced to include the numbers that received assistance with personal house repairs, cash benefits, and the number of low interest rate loans. She stated that she wanted to make sure that the folks in the Shady Rest and Richardson Park areas would be considered for any type of assistance that may be available to them. She stated that they were in a precarious situation.

Sheriff Charles Lemon – asked that everyone please keep the families of those officers that were injured in Florence in their prayers as well as the family of the one that died. He stated that the Florence County Sheriff and he were good friends and that it was a very sad time for their county.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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ADJOURN

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that since there was no other business that the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

(SEAL)



Dr. Carolyn A. Prince

Dr. Carolyn A. Prince, Chair
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Bundy

Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

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