

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW McLEOD

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.
DR. CAROLYN A. PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
VERD ODOM,
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

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that Mr. Steve Akers, Marlboro County Director of E-911 and Emergency Management, was present to provide an update on the status and preparation for Hurricane Florence.

Mr. Akers stated that Hurricane Florence was currently located approximately 850 miles from the coast and was expected to make landfall on Friday. He stated that EOC would be fully staffed and up and running at 8 am on Thursday morning, and would have folks from the City of Bennettsville, Red Cross, Public Works, and all Police Departments in the county available.

Mr. Akers stated that meetings had been held for the last couple of days with local agencies to prepare and make sure that all knew the plans and the strategies upon impact.

Mr. Akers stated that the Blenheim Middle/Elementary School opened at 2:00 today and it was pet friendly. He stated that if a second shelter was needed that the Wallace school would be opened and Marlboro County High School would be opened only if needed. He stated that the generator at the Marlboro County High School had gone out but had since been repaired but not actually inspected by Red Cross and confirmed as an actual shelter as of yet but could be used for flooding victims if needed.

Mr. Akers stated that right now there did not appear to be much rain expected from this storm but the wind was his biggest concern. He stated that folks are planning for the worse.

Mr. Akers confirmed that staff's main goal was personal safety first and second property. He stated that Public Works and Fire Department folks would not be responding once the wind conditions reached 50 mph unless it was an emergency. He stated that he did not want emergency personnel out in these conditions putting themselves at risk unless it was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if our area had severe flooding how folks would know if the Wallace shelter was open. He stated that you would hate for folks to try and travel to Blenheim shelter in bad weather only to find that the shelter was full. Mr. Akers stated that the State EOC would report when these shelters would be open and Marlboro County Emergency Management Facebook page would also have a post as to when it would be open. Mr. Akers also mentioned the CodeRED system by phone and stated that folks could sign up to have this service available to them by phone. He stated that these messages would go out to anyone registered and would notify them of important updates. He stated that folks could google "CodeRED" or call the local E-911 office in order to get on this calling list.

Mr. Jason Steen stated that he noticed at the emergency response meeting this morning that no one from the local Department of Transportation was present. He asked Mr. Akers if he had any contact with that office to discuss planning and strategy. Mr. Akers stated that he had received a copy of the DOT's operation plan as well as a radio and the plan was very much like the one that the County has in place.

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

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Akers for attending the meeting and providing the update to members of Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 14, 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. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Council meeting as presented. Vote in favor: Dr. Carolyn Prince, Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Steve Blackmon, Mr. Verd Odom, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Ms. Corrie Plato and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstain: Mr. Willie Gladden (not present at the August 14th Council meeting). Vote: 7/0/1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 775 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE MARLBORO COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE AND MARLBORO COUNTY (WITH REVISIONS AS REQUESTED BY CITY) – THIRD READING

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, stated that the Administrative Committee met with the City of Bennettsville Administrator and Mayor earlier in the afternoon and they were both in agreement with the revised agreement which has been presented to members of Council.

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that the agreement was a three-year contract and at the end of the three year period, would roll for another three year term unless someone (the City of Bennettsville or the County) provided a written notice of termination at least 180 days' prior to the end of the initial three year term.

Chair Prince stated that it was good to work with the City to resolve the questions and have an agreement in place that was satisfactory to both the City and County.

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

Motion made by Mr. Willie Gladden, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 775 – an Ordinance to Authorize Marlboro County to enter into an Agreement with the City of Bennettsville to Provide for Exchange of Services Between the City of Bennettsville and Marlboro County (with Revisions as Requested by City) and as revised earlier today. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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 – SECOND READING

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

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Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was a standard agreement with another county that would share a tax arrangement. He stated that this was a typical agreement and that other counties would eventually be asking Marlboro to do this for them in order to gain tax incentives for their county.

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

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 776 – An Ordinance Approving and Ratifying the Inclusion of a Site in a Multicounty 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

RESOLUTION # 09-18-01 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SET THE LOST CREDIT FACTOR

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this Resolution establishing millage rates for fiscal year 2018-2019 that sets the amount of money but the Resolution was the official document which would be provided to the Auditor for providing and issuing tax notices to county residents. He stated that there was a .83 mil increase of unfunded mandates which is based on services which the state requires that the county provide and pay for but does not reimburse the county for the costs of these services. He stated that there was also a 7 mil increase in Ambulance Services in order to provide emergency services to our citizens in light of the hospital closing. Mr. Munnerlyn confirmed that that there was no increase in the County's general operation funding due to staff's hard work in preparing the budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this document would also allow himself and the County Auditor to set the LOST credit factor which is a percentage of what the county gives back to county residents on their tax notices. He stated that the Auditor and Treasurer and other staff have worked together to give an additional \$200,000 in LOST credits back to the residents. He stated that would only be done this once but felt that it was being done at the best time possible due to the increase in the millage rate for Ambulance Services.

Mr. Munnerlyn recognized the Auditor, Mr. Benjy Rogers, who was present at the meeting and asked if he had anything he wanted to add. Mr. Rogers stated that there was very little growth in the tax base this year and stated that he recommended the Resolution be adopted in order to allow him to get information to QS1 to have the tax notices issued and sent out to residents.

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

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Chair Prince thanked staff for their hard work.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve Resolution # 09-18-01 – a Resolution Establishing the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and Authorizing the County Auditor and County Administrator to set the LOST Credit Factor. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-18-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LOCAL WORKFORCE AND CITIZENS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR SAID SERVICE

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Resolution would authorize him as the County Administrator to enter into a contract to provide public bus transportation for the local workforce and citizens of Marlboro County which Council previously approved. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Memorandum of Understanding was a more formal agreement which would set the guidelines for the service. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the first phase would be to provide transportation for folks in the McColl, Clio, and Bennettsville area to Mohawk and another phase would be to provide transportation for folks to Wallace and Cheraw. He stated that this Memorandum of Understanding would allow the parties to tie down all of the details which would also authorize up to \$50,000 to be paid by Marlboro County's economic development funds that have been set aside for this purpose. He stated that hopefully only \$30,000-\$40,000 would be used for this purpose but that up to \$50,000 was available for the project.

Chair Prince stated that she understood that there would be a county meeting in McColl regarding this and she would like for this to be posted on Facebook. Chair Prince stated that Council was very happy about this project.

Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 09-18-02 – a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority for the Purpose of Providing Public Bus Transportation for the Local Workforce and Citizens and Amending the Budget for Dedicated Economic Development Funds for said Service. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, read the Proclamation aloud and presented the same to Ms. Jenice Green who appeared on behalf of Trinity Behavioral Care.

Chair Prince thanked Ms. Green for all that she does for the community.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM THE BENNETTSVILLE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO PURSUE HAVING A MURAL PAINTED ON THE MARKET STREET/MARLBORO STREET PARKING LOT RETENTION WALL

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this request. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Bennettsville Bicentennial committee has approached him and stated that they would like to paint a mural on the retention wall and have asked if we would consider this request. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he and both Chair Prince were members of the committee. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that if the request was approved by Council that he would ask the committee to present their plans for the mural for approval by Council.

Chair Prince stated that she understood that the painting would be of the hotel that was there many years ago which she thought would be a great idea.

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

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to honor the request made by the Bennettsville Bicentennial Celebration committee to paint a mural on the retention wall and that the mural plans be presented to Council for approval. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF MCDANIEL SUPPLY COMPANY'S SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES WHICH RENEWS ANNALLY ON DECEMBER 31ST UNLESS TERMINATED BY PROVIDING 60 DAYS' NOTICE

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this agreement. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that he recommended that the agreement be extended for another year since it seemed to be working well with the Detention Center and that there have not been any issues of concern.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to extend the McDaniel Supply Company's Service Agreement for Inmate commissary Services for one year. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REQUEST BY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR COUNTY TO PROCESS PAYROLL FOR AGENCY

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, recognized Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, to make comments on this item. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the County had received a request from the Public Defender, Attorney Matthew Rivers, that the county staff process the payroll for their agency. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the county staff currently handles payroll for the Solicitor's office. He stated that the Public Defender's office was much smaller and staff was in agreement to handle as long as the Public Defender's office would agree to reimburse

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the county for the expenses of these services and that the funds for payroll be provided. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that this was not an unusual request.

Chair Prince stated that staff consider setting a set percentage that the Public Defender's office should pay the county for this service.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that staff did not want to do this for all other agencies in the county. He stated that staff is currently handling payroll for the Solicitor's office and the Drug Free Coalition.

Motion made by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the request by Public Defender for County to Process Payroll for Agency with the understanding that they provide all funds for said payroll and all associated costs. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Dr. Carolyn Prince, Chair, asked if there were any appointments to boards and commission.

Ms. Corrie Plato recommended the following appointments:

Library Board

District 4 Brenda G. McCaskill New Appointment

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

District 4 Marlon E. Prince New Appointment

Board of Zoning Appeals

District 4 Brian Thompson New Appointment

Historic Preservation Commission

District 4 Rev. Jeremy Bethea New Appointment

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden to approve the appointments for the Commissions/Boards as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, County Administrator, stated that Ms. Ainsley Moore, the Finance Director, was not present to give the Finance Report but stated that he could explain why. He stated that Ms. Moore had found out that she was expecting a little girl in March. He stated that she had been out of work recently but that she would be back in the next few days and would provide a full financial report at the next meeting.

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

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

Mr. Munnerlyn 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 August: Steve Akers (20 years); Patricia English (10 years); Benetrice Ferguson (19 years); Glendora Johnson (6 years); Robin O'Tuel (6 years); Susan Rivers (17 years); Jeremy Steen (8 years); Janilla Williams (12 years); Sharon Wilson (18 years); and Beverly McKiver (18 years).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Industry Appreciation Day which was scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018, had been cancelled due to the bad weather which was expected and would be rescheduled for a later date.
2. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that all members of Council were invited by Sheriff Lemon to attend a full department head meeting at his office to meet the new members of the department on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm. He stated that dinner would be provided.
3. Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the Northeastern Technical College Grand Opening was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 4 pm at the old Winn-Dixie site, 1120 Oakwood Street, Bennettsville, SC. The Grand Opening Ceremony will begin promptly at 4 pm to be followed by a reception with light refreshments.
4. The SC Association of Counties County Council Coalition Fall meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia on Thursday, October 25, 2018 with the Institute of Government for County Officials on Wednesday, October 24th. The registration deadline for this meeting will be October 19 and the deadline for making hotel reservations at the special room rate is October 4th. Please let the Clerk know if you plan to attend so that she may make the appropriate reservations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Baldor

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that while he may sound like a broken record, the Baldor project continues to move forward with meetings just this afternoon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Surplus Sale

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the surplus sale was a success with over \$27,000 generated by the sale, with some items still open. He stated that the funds would be used to replace vehicles and equipment. He reported that the use of GovDeals worked very well. He stated that

they collected the money and there was no possible way there can be a conflict as to who bids or approves bids as it's all handled like an eBay transaction. He stated that staff will have other sales in the future.

Request for letter of support for City of Bennettsville grant application

Mr. Munnerlyn stated that the City of Bennettsville has requested a letter of support for a grant application they are making for CDBG funds to clean-up derelict houses. He stated that this project was the same as the one proposed as a county-wide initiative by the Image Committee of the Partnership, except it was just for Bennettsville. He stated that the Partnership committee discussed a similar grant for all areas of the county including Bennettsville.

Chair Prince thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for his report and stated that she would talk with the City about the application being made for CDBG funds. She stated that this grant should be requested as a partnered effort to clean up the county and city.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Chair Prince stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Woods - No Comments.

Ms. Corrie Plato - stated that she prayed everyone would stay safe during the storm and that all would work out ok. She stated that she would keep praying for the best.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – stated that he hoped that everyone would be safe during the storm. He stated that he was sure there would be a lot of cleanup after the storm and hoped that staff would be prepared. He stated that everyone should check on one another.

Mr. Jason Steen – stated that there would be a lot of emergency personnel out as the storm approached and asked that everyone stay home and not be a victim. He stated that if things get as bad as folks are expecting that folks should stay off the road and allow the emergency personnel to do their jobs. He stated that he hoped everyone would stay safe.

Mr. Willie Gladden – thanked the County for supporting the Veterans Affairs Family Day which was held on Saturday, September 8th. He stated that the event was very special for all of the veterans and their families. He stated that t-shirts were provided to the veterans and that the shirts were very much appreciated. He also stated that this year marked the 50th year in celebrating the Vietnam war and not many folks were aware of this fact.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – stated that he hoped that everyone would stay safe during the storm.

Mr. Verd Odom – thanked the Sheriff for his work with emergency services to prepare for the storm and stated that the entire county needed to be prepared. He stated that folks should only go out when it was safe to do so and that when they did go out that they should be sure and check on their friends and neighbors.

Dr. Carolyn Prince – thanked the leadership provided by the Sheriff and Administrator, as well as Mr. Steve Akers from E-911 and Emergency Management for all their hard work in preparing folks for the storm that was headed our way. She stated that it made a big difference in how we can be prepared.

Dr. Prince stated that Ms. Pam Ashwood, Director of Drug Free Marlboro, was successful in obtaining a renewal of five years for the grant which was very important for our area. She stated that this grant was very competitive and that Ms. Ashwood does a great job with the young folks in our county in getting them involved in youth activities. She stated that Ms. Ashwood was currently out of the office on leave for a knee replacement.

Dr. Prince stated that she attended the Pee Dee COG meeting the night before and that the first grant project that NETC was granted was completed and that they applied for a new \$5.9 million grant. She stated that she was hopeful that the college would get some funding from the application. Dr. Prince stated that she learned that NETC was focusing on industries' appropriate for adult population such as welding and a different type of service that the local industries may have need of rather than focusing on High School training. She reminded other members of Council of the Northeastern Technical College open house and ribbon cutting ceremony that was scheduled for Thursday, September 20th at 4 pm.

Dr. Prince stated that Mr. Johnny Brown, the Executive Director of the Pee Dee Council of Government, had received a letter from US Department of Commerce commending him and the COG on 50 years of service and that it was a very nice letter that had been framed for display. Dr. Prince stated that she would provide a copy of the letter to Ms. Bundy and ask that it be shared with other members of Council. Dr. Prince stated that Mr. Brown complimented the counties and the board on how well all work together. She stated that Marlboro County had received a lot of good service from the Pee Dee COG and saved a lot of engineering costs. Dr. Prince stated that she was proud of the work being done by COG.

Sheriff Charles Lemon - thanked Council Chair Prince and Councilwoman Plato for all of the help with providing the goods to the children for the back to school event. He thanked the County Administrator and staff for all that they continue to do. He stated that he had deputies at the Blenheim School since it was now being used as an Evacuation Shelter and he would personally be there as well making sure that all was ok.

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 6:45 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

Adopted: October 9, 2018