

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL
MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

5:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

VICE CHAIR
ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

CORRIE PLATO
RON MUNNERLYN
PATRICIA BUNDY
ANDREW MCLEOD

COUNCIL:

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

DR. DAMIEN JOHNSON
CORRIE H. PLATO
VERD ODOM
ANTHONY WOODS

- Absent

Others Present: Ms. Doris Sumpter, Administrative Services Director; Mr. Doug Carabo, Public Services Director; Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director; and Ms. Jacqueline 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).

WORK SESSION AT 5 PM – MEETING WITH MR. WILLIAM FLEMING, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Motion made at 5:03 pm by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, to enter into executive session to meet with Mr. William Fleming, President and CEO of Marlboro Electric Cooperative, to discuss economic development matters, pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made at 6:09 pm by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to leave executive session and return to open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

September 14, 2021 County Council Meeting

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, stated that the Marlboro Electric Cooperative had requested tax incentives. He stated Council will consider their request, but no votes had been taken and no decisions were made during the executive session.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2021 – 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. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., to approve the council meeting minutes of August 10, 2021 as presented. Vote in favor: Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Ms. Corrie Plato, Mr. Kenneth Stroman, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Anthony Woods. Abstained: Mr. Damien Johnson and Mr. Verd Odom (not present at the meeting). Vote: 6/0/2. Motion carried.

AUGUST 30, 2021 – “CALLED” 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. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the “called” council meeting minutes of August 30, 2021 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 820 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE RATE OF OVERTIME PAY FOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT – SECOND READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was the second reading for the Ordinance to change the rate of overtime pay for Detention Center and Sheriff Department’s employees. He stated once this

Ordinance is adopted, any employees engaged in law enforcement would be paid time and a half for any overtime worked.

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

Motion made by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve second reading of Ordinance # 820 – an Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures Ordinance Regarding the Rate of Overtime Pay for Employees Engaged in Law Enforcement. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 821 – FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was a routine Ordinance that is updated every few years that provides guideline for Codes Enforcement regarding development in flood areas and sets standards for those areas. He stated the Ordinance would also allow folks that own property in a flood zone to obtain flood insurance.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve first reading of Ordinance # 821 – Flood Prevention Ordinance. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 822 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT FEATHER (“PROJECT FEATHER”) WHICH INCLUDES A GRANT OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND PROJECT FEATHER TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE INVESTMENT PERIOD THEREIN; AN AMENDMENT TO ANOTHER EXISTING FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND PROJECT FEATHER TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS – FIRST READING (TITLE ONLY)

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this Ordinance, once adopted, would continue to provide tax incentives to the largest industry employer in Marlboro County. He stated the industry will continue to make investments in the county and will continue to receive property tax incentive benefits with the approval of this Ordinance. He stated the Ordinance is in title only and more information would be provided prior to the second reading.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated Council has been aggressive in working hard to keep local industry in the county and recently approved a similar Ordinance extending tax incentives to Domtar.

Chairman Steen 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 first reading in title only of Ordinance # 822 – An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement Between Marlboro County, South Carolina (the “County”) and a Company Known to the County as Project Feather (“Project Feather”) which Includes a Grant of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; an Amendment to an Existing Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between the County and Project Feather to Provide for an Extension of the Investment Period Therein; an Amendment to Another Existing Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between the County and Project Feather to Provide for an Extension of the Term of the Agreement; and Other Related Matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-21-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY MARLBORO COUNTY FOR AIRPORT GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (ACTING THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$581,617.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the county receives grants every year from the Federal Aviation Administration to make improvements to our airport. He stated this grant will be used to rehabilitate the southern portion of the parallel taxiway at the airport. He stated Talbert & Bright has recommended this grant.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the grant does require a match in the amount of approximately \$29,080 and those funds were included in the budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn recommended Council approve the Resolution.

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

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Verd Odom, to approve Resolution # 09-21-01 – a Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application by Marlboro County for Airport Grant from the United States of America (Acting Through the Federal Aviation Administration) in the Amount of \$581,617.00 and Authorization to Accept Grant if Awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-21-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LOCAL WORKFORCE AND CITIZENS

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated this is a success story in the county's strategic planning in providing bus transportation for the workforce and citizens in our county. He stated the county has worked with the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority and CareSouth for three years and the service has proven to be successful. He stated the bus service is provided to transport folks to work and provides transportation for citizens to doctors and to grocery stores.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff requests the agreement be renewed for an additional three-year period. He stated an update on this service would be provided to Council during the upcoming strategic planning meeting and Council could evaluate the service at that time.

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

Motion made by Ms. Corrie Plato, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, to approve Resolution # 09-21-02 – a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to Enter into a Collaborative Agreement with the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority for the Purpose of Providing Public Bus Transportation for the Local Workforce and Citizens. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-21-03 – A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR PREMIUM PAY FOR MARLBORO COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERIM FINAL RULE FROM THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

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

Mr. Munnerlyn mentioned the American Result Plan funds the County received. He stated staff has been advised that a portion of the funds received may be used to provide premium pay to

eligible employees that worked during the pandemic and when the State was basically on lock down. Mr. Munnerlyn stated the Resolution for your consideration recommends that qualified employees' premium pay be retroactively compensated at a rate of \$2.50 per hour on top of their regular hourly rate already received; to be capped at 1,000 hours for a maximum of \$2,500 for full-time employees and \$1,250 for part-time employees. He stated staff is recommending that the Resolution be amended to allow for a net payment not to exceed \$2,500 for full-time employees for all those that qualify. Mr. Munnerlyn stated this was in line with what other surrounding counties were doing and recommended that Council adopt the Resolution with this recommended amendment.

Mr. Anthony Woods asked if the bonus would be paid to elected officials. Mr. Munnerlyn stated he understood that the premium pay could be paid to elected department heads and appointed individuals but not to other elected officials.

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

Motion made by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 09-21-03 – a Resolution to Provide for Premium Pay for Marlboro County Government Employees in Accordance with the Interim Final Rule from the United States Treasury for the American Rescue Plan, and that the action be amended to reflect a \$2.50 per hour net rate with net payment not to exceed \$2,500 for eligible full-time employees and with net payment not to exceed \$1,250 for eligible part-time employees. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. EMORY LANE TO SERVE ON THE MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

Mr. Munnerlyn stated there was a business and industry vacancy on the Partnership Executive Board. He stated Mr. Emory Lane, who serves as the Director of Manufacturing Operations for Mohawk Industries, has expressed an interest in becoming involved in the county and he felt that Mr. Lane would be a great addition to the Partnership's Executive Board. He recommended that Mr. Lane be appointed.

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other recommendations for boards and commission. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve the appointment of Mr. Emory Lane to serve on the Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Executive Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – MR. WES PARK

Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, recognized Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director, for his report.

Mr. Wes Park, Finance Director, stated the general fund revenues for the two months ending August 31, 2021 total \$1,080,623. He stated general fund expenditures through August 31, 2021 total \$1,179,052 of a \$12,658,582 budget or 9.31% of the budget year to date.

Chairman Steen asked if the county was on target based on prior years and Mr. Park responded favorably.

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

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

Chairman Steen recognized Mr. Ron Munnerylyn, County Administrator, for the report.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Munnerylyn stated the following employees were recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of August: Steve Akers (23 years); Susan Rivers (21 years); Patty English (13 years); Sharon Wilson (21 years); Janilla Williams (15 years); Robin O’Tuel (9 years); Sara Albarri (7 years); Jeremy Steen (12 years); Benetrice Ferguson (23 years); and Greg Leviner (8 years).

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Recreation Project RFP

Mr. Munnerylyn stated the Partnership’s Image Committee has reviewed the three proposals for completing a recreation assessment and interviewed the three consultants yesterday. He stated the committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the results of the interviews and select a consultant for the project. He stated once a consultant is selected, a timeline will be fine-tuned and made public for the project.

Mr. Munnerylyn stated the assessment will seek input from local governments, citizens, and community groups. He stated existing facilities and programs, as well as options for new programs and facilities, will be evaluated.

Recreation Football and Soccer

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the county would not have recreation football this fall due to only 15 people registering. He stated staff suspects this is due to COVID and what appears to be a high number of people participating in travel ball/AAU. He stated there were enough soccer registrations to assemble several teams and that program would begin this fall. He stated staff will send out schedules and information ASAP.

Redistricting

Mr. Munnerlyn stated with the completion of the 2020 Census, it is time for County Council district boundaries to be evaluated and modified needed based which will be based on population changes.

He stated he has requested assistance from the state Department of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs which will provide us with the number of people now residing in each district and compare that number to the total in each district at the time the districts were drawn in 2010. He stated based on those changes, district lines may need to be adjusted to create an equal, as possible, number of citizens in each district. He stated staff expects to receive the new numbers and the comparison to previous numbers in October.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated considering the very small change in population in the last 10 years, it is likely that if any changes are needed, they will be small. He stated the only thing that would require new district lines is if a significant number of people in the county moved from one area to another area in the county.

He stated the county's deadline for completion is at least six months prior to the general election. He stated he felt the county certainly needed to complete this process by the first part of 2022 so that the districts are clear for primary election purposes. He stated once staff has the initial numbers from the state, we can schedule a meeting to discuss.

Staff Development Meeting

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff held a day-long meeting to update status on Council's strategic initiatives and to discuss ongoing internal operations and ways to make things better and increase efficiency as we serve our citizens. He stated the meeting was very productive and there will be follow up meetings in the coming weeks.

Strategic Planning Process/Schedule

Mr. Munnerlyn stated the last "full-blown" strategic planning session occurred in 2017, with update meetings annually since that year. He stated considering the new council members we now have, he believed it best not to wait for the five-year mark, but instead conduct the full version of planning this fall.

He stated to accomplish this task, the following steps are suggested:

- 1) An update by staff on the status of each initiative previously adopted by Council as well as update on community statistics and factors that may impact existing or future initiatives.
- 2) Brainstorming session with Council to identify key issues as well as ideas or potential initiatives by the full council and/or individual council persons.
- 3) Staff present resource needs and potential impact of ideas and initiatives from Session 2.
- 4) Council adopts key initiatives as well as supporting initiatives.

Opioid Litigation

Mr. Munnerlyn reminded Council that they approved taking action to join the SC opioid litigation back in June 2020. He stated the litigation is progressing, and the attorneys have requested a letter from the County supporting an allocation where political subdivisions will receive the majority of any opioid settlement dollars directly rather than creating an abatement fund whereby funds would be awarded by a grant-type process which we feel could become too political and bureaucratic. He stated Attorney McLeod feels that this is fair and has asked that the letter be signed by Chairman Steen. He stated a copy of the proposed letter is attached and Chairman Steen would be asked to sign unless there was opposition from members of Council.

Electronic Billboards

Mr. Munnerlyn stated staff suggests an electronic billboard in each area of the county:

- Bennettsville -
 - Wal-Mart area, and/or
 - Bypass area near grocery stores and/or
 - Downtown
- Blenheim
 - As close to the caution light as possible
- Clio
 - Near center of town
- McColl
 - As close to Nic's Pik Quick area as possible
- Wallace
 - Near US 1 and SC 9 intersection or near school
- Brightsville
 - SC 38 North Park

Mr. Munnerlyn stated signs would be connected via internet so messages could be controlled remotely by IT staff. He stated jobs, health/emergency preparedness information, community events, and other information would be shared.

He stated with regards to cost, they are \$20,000 each, more for a larger one in center of county. He stated staff is investigating if the signs can be paid for with restricted economic development funds. An example of the proposed sign was shared with members of Council.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

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

Ms. Pearlle Lawson – thanked Council for allowing her to speak. Ms. Lawson mentioned the Solar Ordinance and thanked Council for all their help in making sure that citizens were protected as much as possible.

Ms. Lawson stated she was also appearing on behalf of the NAACP and wanted to mention the Census count and redistricting. She stated she had been involved with the census from the very beginning and has attended census meetings with the State and House members. She stated she is afraid of “packing and cracking” and asked that she and her organization be included in discussions with the County when the lines are discussed for restricting. She stated she understood the county will be drawing the lines for the county which would also be the lines for the School Board. She stated she understood that municipalities would be responsible for drawing their own lines. She asked Council to please allow them to be a part of the process so that they may view maps and provide input on the process.

Ms. Lawson also asked that the NAACP be included when making decisions as to how the county's American Rescue Plan funds are utilized.

Chairman Steen stated council does not typically respond to citizens' comments, but he wanted to let Ms. Lawson know that the Solar Ordinance adopted by Marlboro County Council was the strictest ordinance that staff has seen.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sheriff Charles Lemon – thanked members of Council for their help in revising the overtime rate for his department. He also thanked Ms. Doris Sumpter and Mr. Doug Carabo who were both instrumental in making the changes as well.

Sheriff Lemon stated that Councilman Verd Odom had called him about some theft in the McColl area. He also mentioned that Councilman Blackmon's side by side was stolen and his department was still investigating that theft.

Sheriff Lemon thanked Chairman Steen for his help in making some calls to get additional assistance from about 13 agencies to assist in the search for the 62-year-old lady who was missing from the county. He stated after 36 hours, she was found safe and well.

Sheriff Lemon reminded everyone that many residents are not at home during the day and night due to work and school and asked that everyone look out for one another. He encouraged folks to be cautious and stated if they see anything out of the ordinary or suspicious to please call 911 or his office so that they can check things out. He stated he has received a lot of farm equipment theft reports.

Sheriff Lemon again thanked council and staff for all they have done and continue to do for his department.

Mr. Verd Odom – stated someone had dumped some trash to include a toilet, sink and other items along McColl Mill Pond Rd. and he alerted Mr. Donald Hamilton of Codes Enforcement. He stated a case was made on the individual. He thanked Mr. Hamilton and his staff for the hard work they do. He stated everyone needed to work to keep Marlboro County clean and green. He encouraged everyone to be alert and if they see anyone dumping illegally to please contact 911, the Sheriff's Department, or the Administration office and let them know so that they can investigate it and issue fines to these folks or put them in jail.

Mr. Odom thanked the county employees for all they do for the citizens.

Mr. Steve Blackmon – mentioned the intersection of Salem Road and Zion Road, as well as the intersection of Salem Road and Coxe Road. He stated these intersections are very dangerous and several fatalities have occurred in these locations. He stated citizens have been reaching out to him about these dangerous intersections. He asked staff to contact the highway department to see if they will look at these areas to see if there is something that can be done to help alert folks of the stop signs in these areas and to slow folks down. He stated folks are not stopping at the stop signs and he suggested maybe a speed bump or some other device to slow folks down.

Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. – things are quiet in district 3. He encouraged folks in his district to let him know if they need anything.

Dr. Damien Johnson – thanked Ms. Lawson for her hard work that is done behind the scenes and stated that the work does not go unnoticed but was much appreciated.

Dr. Johnson mentioned the intersection of Highway 79 and Highway 385 and stated this intersection has the same issues as those that Councilman Blackmon mentioned. He stated there has been several fatalities at this intersection and staff has previously asked the Highway Department for help and they responded that a four-way stop was not suggested at this time. He stated he felt something needed to be done at this intersection to encourage folks to slow down. He stated some residents in the area are driving out of their way to avoid the intersection.

Dr. Johnson thanked Council for the work that they do and stated he believes that if they work together things can be done to impact the citizens in the county.

Mr. Kenneth Stroman – thanked Ms. Lawson for all the hard work that she does in the community. He stated the County's solar Ordinance was the toughest seen in our area, and her hard work helped in making this happen.

Mr. Stroman stated he had a huge litter issue in his district and mentioned Throop Street. He stated it was bad in the ditches and on private lands, as well as county-owned lands. He

encouraged staff to enforce our laws on littering and the areas need to be cleaned up. He stated he hated folks' mentality of not caring about how our county looks.

Mr. Stroman mentioned "Employ Marlboro" and stated this was huge for him. He stated he wants to take away the thought from folks that there are no jobs in Marlboro County. He stated there are plenty of jobs here and we are going to show folks where they are and then folks must do their due diligence to apply for those jobs so that a big difference in the county may be made.

Ms. Corrie Plato – thanked Ms. Patricia Bundy, Ms. Doris Sumpter, Sheriff Charles Lemon, and the local law enforcement for all the work they do in the county. She stated it was not easy many times, but she appreciated the work they do and the tremendous jobs they do.

Ms. Plato thanked Ms. Lawson for all she does. She stated she was a hard-working lady and brings a lot to the table and I love the way she handles things.

Ms. Plato mentioned Mr. Chris McArthur and stated he called her about the corner of Marshall Street near caution light that has a home with a lot of overgrown trees and underbrush around a house there that are blocking the intersection. She stated this was a dangerous area. She asked Mr. Doug Carabo to please look at this area so see what could be done.

Ms. Plato agreed with Councilman Johnson that things would get accomplished by working together. She stated she felt a change was coming.

Mr. Anthony Woods. – stated Clio Fire Department responded to fire call around 4 am this morning to the Cash and Carry convenience store owned by Jimmy Usher. He stated it appeared to be a total loss. He stated the establishment had been there since 1972 and this was a sad day for Clio.

Mr. Jason Steen – thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Sheriff Lemon and Ms. Lawson for all they do. He also thanked county staff for all they do. He thanked council for all they do and stated he looked forward to continuing to work together. He stated staff would be getting some proposed dates to Council for consideration so that strategic planning could take place and he looked forward to that process.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda items.

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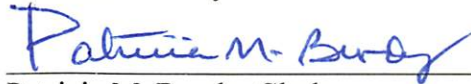
Mr. Jason Steen, Chairman, asked if there were any other comments or business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

(SEAL)



Jason K. Steen, Chairman
Marlboro County Council

ATTEST:



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: October 12, 2021