

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore  
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were: County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget  
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION Chairman Moore delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the regular meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

**Please note meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh seconded by Councilman Anderson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the minutes for January 8, 2024 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh commented on crowd in attendance and the recent weather. He also let everyone know that there would be a special presentation coming up in the next meeting. Councilman Bedenbaugh recognized Mr. Mark Lybrand our new Fire Service Coordinator. He also thanked the Nursing Center and Animal Control for the great job that they do.

Councilman Anderson, Vice-Chairman Atkinson and Councilman Daniel had nothing to report.

Chairman Moore ask Council members to review the included budget summery that was in the agenda package that shows the county is within its budget. He stated that Departments will be receiving their budgets to submit request for the upcoming year.

Chairman Moore offered condolences to the family of Gayle Werts who was the county Treasurer for 26 years. He also notified the public that Self Regional has applied for a grant to improve our primary care by incorporating an urgent care facility here in the county.

## H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore recognized Jason Fell, Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority to speak regarding permits for the Water and Sewer project. SCWSA requested the fees be reduced or waved by Safebuilt for the building permits due to DHEC approval of the building. Mr. Fell expressed his willingness to work together with other agencies within the county.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice Chairman Atkinson, Third Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 14-23, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14-4, ANIMALS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES." Chairman Moore stated that this changed the term business days to calendar days.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Second Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 01-24, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TITLED "AIRPORT COMMISSION;" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren for discussion. She stated that this will replace the original Ordinance #5-83 establishing the commission 40 years ago and #01-20 which lengthened the term of members. It was the Airport Commissions recommendation to replace the ordinances with an up to date ordinance on how the Airport Boards roles and responsibilities one how they operate now.

## J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, First Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 02-24, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 302 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO COMPORIUM INC.". Chairman Moore recognized Jimmie Livingston from Comporium to give an overview of their project and how it will increase the reliability and expansion of future services.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, a Resolution honoring the retirement of Brenda Teague was approved. Chairman Moore read the resolution and presented Ms. Teague with a gift in appreciation of her service.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to award the proposal for Roof Replacement/Repairs to Mid-State Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$54,273 to be funded from the Library Reserve Account and \$14,656 to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Coordinator, to present the bid recommendation. She stated that we received 9 bids and it was recommended to go with the lowest.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to apply for the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant in the amount of \$935,000 with the 5% County match to be paid from the Fire Board Millage account. Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren to present the grant details. Jill stated that the grant was for tankers for Ridge Spring and the Town of Saluda. Councilman Bedenbaugh asked about the tankers that these would be replacing and Ms. Warren stated that the grant requires them to be removed from service.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to appoint William M. Cromley to the Nursing Center Board with his term expiring February 12, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to appoint Rachel Porter, Library Manager, to the First Steps Board to represent Saluda County.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel council went into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss economic development infrastructure improvements and the purpose of receiving legal advice on Palmetto Pointe and to return at the call of the Chair.

No action came out of Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: March 11, 2024