

September 6, 2022

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:00 P.M.

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

Also present were: Clerk to Council, Regina Turner  
County Director, Sandra G. Padget

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Bedenbaugh notified everyone that on September 28<sup>th</sup> the Lions Club is holding a Golf Tournament at Persimmon Hill.

Councilmen Anderson, Atkinson and Daniel had no reports.

Chairman Moore stated that on August 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Padget, Ms. Turner and I met with representatives of the Upper Savannah Council of Governments and Edgefield Senior Citizens Council. Upper Savannah COG informed us of a grant they had received to provide transportation to Saluda County residents to and from healthcare services related to Covid such as testing sites and vaccination clinics, essential goods shopping (pharmacy and grocery), the SCWorks Center in Saluda County, and places of employment. Appointments for this service must be made at least three days ahead of time by calling the provider. The transportation will be available for any resident of Saluda County because of the county-wide LMI status.

Since matching funds nor grant administration from Saluda County is required, permission to proceed was given to this grant award, in the amount of \$50,000 which will expire on December 31, 2022. Edgefield Senior Citizens Council, a current public transit provider, is the most likely provider for this temporary program. The transportation provider and Upper Savannah COG will handle the publicity and service promotion.

F. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, the motion to award the Bid for Old Town Fire Station to Price Enterprises in the amount of \$195,650.00 to be funded in the amount of \$75,000 from ARPA funds and \$120,650 from the Fire Department Building Fund was considered. During discussion Heather Griffin, Purchasing Agent, explained the procurement recommendation and stated the need to award now due to the changing cost of building materials. Councilman Anderson questioned the need to decide now and wanted time to consider the award. On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh a motion was made to table the above motion until the next meeting. Voting for was Councilmen, Anderson, Daniel, Atkinson and Bedenbaugh.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to issue a letter of intent and to purchase a 1996 International 4900 Fire Engine from the City of Burnside Fire Department contingent upon satisfactory inspection by Saluda County Fire Service personnel in the amount of \$25,000 to be paid from appropriated ARPA funds. Luke Downing, Fire Coordinator, presented Council with the trucks condition and miles as advertised and said that he and other fire department personnel will inspect before the purchase is final.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was approved to update the Recreation Complex Rules and Rental Policy to include the travel ball rules and rental as number 5. The Chairman read the new portion of the policy. Councilman Anderson questioned if the committee had met to discuss the change. Chairman Moore explained that they had and that there was a meeting with parents and coaches.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh a motion was made to table the policy changed until the next meeting. Voting yes was Councilman Anderson and Bedenbaugh and voting against was Councilman Atkinson and Daniel and Chairman Moore.

Voting on the original motion to update the policy the vote was unanimously approved.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council

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Jim Moore, Chairman

October 10, 2022  
Date Approved