

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present were: Chm. Jerry Strawbridge
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the minutes for July 8, 13, and 24, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. You may also access the live stream of the meeting by going to the county's website at www.saludacounty.sc.gov, click on the you tube box in the top right hand corner and click on the August 10, 2020 video.

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

There were no reports of County Council.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Strawbridge stated the public hearing for the Saluda County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan had been published and the plan was available if anyone would like a copy. Chm. Strawbridge said the plan had to be rewritten every five years for the County and Municipalities.

Chm. Strawbridge opened the public hearing on the Saluda County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for a brief overview of the plan.

Mr. Morton said Saluda County was required by FEMA to update and readopt the hazard mitigation plan every five years. Mr. Morton said there were minor changes, which were mainly updating the County's disaster information for the last five years. Mr. Morton said for the record, the plan was completely rewritten in 2015.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adopt The Saluda County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution as read by Chm. Strawbridge. (A copy of the resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)

I. NEW BUSINESS

Chm. Strawbridge turned the meeting over to Vice-Chm. Daniel.

1. On motion Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution Replacing a Voting Member and Appointing Another Voting Member to Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board of Commissioners included in the agenda package. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated Council was appointing Chm. Jerry Strawbridge to the Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board of Commissioners. (Vice-Chm. Daniel read the resolution and a copy is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)
2. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution Replacing a Voting Member and Appointing Another Voting Member to Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated Council was appointing Chm. Jerry Strawbridge to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. (Vice-Chm. Daniel read the resolution and a copy is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)

Vice-Chm. Daniel turned the meeting back over to Chm. Strawbridge.

3. Chm. Strawbridge addressed two HVAC units had to be replaced, one in the Courtroom at the Courthouse in the amount of \$6,400.00, and one for the evidence room at the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$4,400.00. Chm. Strawbridge said there were three reserve/repair accounts the units could have been paid from, but in conversation with Council staff, Coun. Daniel and himself (the County Owned Property Committee of Council), the recommendation was to pay for the units from the County Buildings Reserve account.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to pay for the two units \$6,400.00 and \$4,400.00 respectively, to be paid out of the County Buildings Reserve account.

4. Chm. Strawbridge recognized Roads and Bridges Superintendent, Billie Corley for consideration to fill a vacant Mechanic position in the Roads and Bridges department.

Mr. Corley requested Council's consideration to fill and advertise for the vacant Mechanic/Equipment Operator position, which was funded in the budget. Mr. Corley said the position was necessary in order to keep up with the demands of the Roads and Bridges department.

Chm. Strawbridge and Mr. Corley discussed the policy and necessity of having two mechanics working in the shop in the event there was an accident or something harmful involving a mechanic. Mr. Corley said there had been incidents in the past being the reason for this policy.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to allow the Roads and Bridges to advertise for the Mechanic position in the Roads and Bridges department.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to receive legal advice in relation to the construction specifications and maintenance bond of roadways within Palmetto Pointe Subdivision.

Chm. Strawbridge stated possible action may come out of Executive Session on roadways within Palmetto Pointe Subdivision.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to come out of Executive Session.

Coming out of Executive Session, Chm. Strawbridge informed Mr. Dean Sinatra that he would like to talk with him and Mr. Doug Clary and meet them along with the Roads and Bridges

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Superintendent, Billie Corley out at Palmetto Pointe to answer some questions he had, with Council in agreement for Chm. Strawbridge to meet with the individuals mentioned.

Chm. Strawbridge stated there was no other action coming out of Executive Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


Jerry Strawbridge
Chairman

September 14, 2020
Date Approved

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SALUDA)

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SALUDA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Saluda recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted natural hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Saluda participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saluda County Council hereby adopts the Saluda County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Saluda County will submit on behalf of the participating municipalities the adopted Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

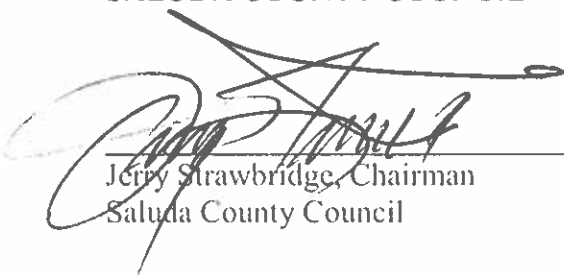
ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2020 by the Saluda County Council.

ATTEST:

SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Jerry Strawbridge, Chairman
Saluda County Council

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SALUDA)

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REPLACING A VOTING MEMBER AND APPOINTING ANOTHER VOTING MEMBER TO TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Saluda County Council Chairman Derrick W. Jones was a voting member of the Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Saluda County Council Chairman Derrick W. Jones resigned as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Tri-County Solid Waste Authority effective November 10, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saluda County Council will replace Derrick W. Jones as a member of the Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board of Commissioners effective August 10, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saluda County Council does hereby appoint Saluda County Council Chairman R.G. "Jerry" Strawbridge as a voting member of the Tri-County Solid Waste Authority Board of Commissioners.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council

SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: 
Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REPLACING A VOTING MEMBER AND APPOINTING ANOTHER VOTING MEMBER TO THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Saluda County Council Chairman Derrick W. Jones was a voting member of the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Saluda County Council Chairman Derrick W. Jones resigned as a member of the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors effective November 10, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saluda County Council will replace Derrick W. Jones as a member of the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors effective August 10, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saluda County Council does hereby appoint Saluda County Council Chairman R. G. "Jerry" Strawbridge as a Director to represent Saluda County on the Board of Directors of Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority.


AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council

SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

BY:


J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Its Vice Chairman