

January 13, 2020

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 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

Vice-Chairman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Vice-Chm. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
Attorney, Hood Dawson

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Grice delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chm. Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, the minutes for November 11 and 20, December 2, 5, and 11, 2019 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.

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

There were no reports of County Officials.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Vice-Chm. Daniel stated next we would have the public hearing and recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton to provide a brief overview of the mitigation planning process for the 2020 Saluda County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Morton stated as part of the Emergency Management program, Saluda County was required by the federal government to submit a Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA for their approval every five years with the last plan being updated in 2015. Mr. Morton said the hazard profiles, hazard vulnerability analyses, and projects were updated in the plan. Mr. Morton explained the plan identified threats to Saluda County from natural hazards and identified potential projects that could lessen the severity of the impact on the county. Mr. Morton said the projects had to be included in the plan in the event the County had to apply for federal hazard mitigation grants.

Vice-Chm. Daniel announced no one signed up to speak in the Public Hearing.

Vice-Chm. Daniel closed the public hearing.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Asst. Emergency Management Director, Jill Warren for Ordinance No. 01-20.

Ms. Warren informed Council the Airport Commission was requesting to amend the ordinance to extend the number of year terms from three to five years that an Airport Commissioner could serve. Ms. Warren said the commission specialized in aviation and it was difficult finding county citizens willing to serve on the Airport Commission when a member's term expired.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-151(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF YEAR TERMS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION."

2. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for consideration to enter into an agreement with the Saluda County School District regarding emergency sheltering.

Mr. Morton informed Council the agreement provided in their agenda package was between Saluda County and Saluda School District for the use of the school district's facilities for emergency shelters. Mr. Morton said the past agreements were between the County, the School District and the American Red Cross, but the Red Cross had changed their agreements to conditional agreements that would create issues for the County in the reimbursement process following a federal disaster declaration. Mr. Morton said an

agreement was needed between the County and the School District so the County could get federal reimbursement in a presidentially declared disaster.

Coun. Anderson made a motion to accept the ordinance. Coun. Butler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. **(NOTE: This motion was incorrect. This item of business was brought back before Council in a called meeting on January 22, 2020. Please refer to the January 22, 2020 minutes.)**

3. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Mr. Chris Poole and Mr. Glenn Davis for consideration to allow Rescue I Saluda to install a repeater system for communications on the County owned tower located off Batesburg Highway. (Note: Mr. Poole was not present).

Mr. Davis informed Council he was retired from law enforcement, including time served with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and Lexington County marine patrol. Mr. Davis stated he was a member of Palmetto Central Radio Network, which was a group that had setup repeaters around Lake Murray, east Columbia, and other areas in the Midlands that could be used in normal communications or during times of emergencies. Mr. Davis said the system was a General Motor Radio Service (GMRS) which was not ham radio, but a two way radio system that people in the county could use to communicate with each other if they were interested in setting up mobile radios and use the repeater system. Mr. Davis said they were requesting Council's consideration to place a repeater on an available port on the County's tower located off of Highway 178 that his group would set up for free. Mr. Davis said it was a licensed FCC system and he would be glad to work with the Emergency Management Director and offered to answer questions from Council.

There were no questions of Council and Vice-Chm. Daniel informed Mr. Davis the request would be received as information and deferred to the public safety committee of Council, Coun. Anderson and Coun. Butler for further research.

4. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Clerk of Court, Sheri Coleman for the request to fill the vacant Deputy Circuit Court Clerk position.

Mrs. Coleman requested Council's consideration to fill the vacant Deputy Circuit Court Clerk position. Mrs. Coleman informed Council the duties of the clerk included working with the general session (criminal) and Common Pleas (civil) courts, and that the Court Administration would be adding docketing for general sessions for first appearances to this position, which was currently being performed by the Solicitor's office.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for the Clerk of Court to fill the vacant Deputy Circuit Court Clerk position. During discussion Council and Ms. Coleman discussed the various duties of the Clerk associated with the office and the court system and that the funds were allocated in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

5. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Recreation Director, Paul Ergle for the request to fill the Part-time Assistant position in the Recreation Department.

Mr. Ergle requested Council's consideration to hire the Part-Time Assistant for the Recreation Department to work 25 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour beginning March 1st through approximately the second week in June in the event Saluda County was chosen to host the All-Stars. Mr. Ergle said the assistant would help with grass cutting and preparation of the fields at the recreation complex.

Vice Chm. Daniel asked for a motion. Coun. Anderson stated "motion". Coun. Grice made the second. The motion was unanimously approved. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated the funds were allocated in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. **(NOTE: This motion was incorrect. This item of business was brought back before Council in a called meeting on January 22, 2020. Please refer to the January 22, 2020 minutes.)**

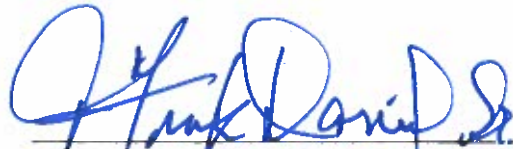
6. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to appoint Jeffrey B. Forrest of 600 Denny Highway, Saluda to the Saluda County Tax Appeals Board with his first term expiring January 14, 2022.
7. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to appoint Jay Crouch to serve as the alternate for Hollywood Fire Department on the Saluda County Fire Board.
8. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint George S. Todd of Todd Surveys, Inc., 200 Denny Highway, Saluda to the Planning Commission with his second term expiring August 9, 2022.
9. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Kristi H. Ackerman of 685 Hutto Island Drive, Leesville to the Saluda Nursing Center Board with her second term expiring March 31, 2021.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman

February 10, 2020
Date Approved