

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strawbridge called the Budget Work Session to order at 1:30 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge  
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Frank Daniel  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

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

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was 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. Temporarily we were unable to live stream the meeting but a recording was made for upload to the web site.**

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

**Clemson Extension**

Travis Mitchel reviewed the agencies budget with Council.

**Council on Aging**

Tracy Bedenbaugh reviewed the agencies budget with Council. She also stated some of the Services that is offered to residents.

**Tri-County Public Defender**

Tri-County Public Defender, Robert Madsen reviewed the caseloads and court responsibilities of his office for Saluda County and said another attorney was needed to assist with Saluda County's cases. The tri-county public defender's office currently has two attorneys representing Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda. Mr. Madsen requested an additional \$30,000.00 from Saluda County for the additional attorney in order to perform the job as required.

**Public Building Maintenance**

Maintenance Supervisor, John Oscar Perry reviewed the Public Building budget with Council. He also addressed upcoming projects that need to be addressed soon with the backflow devices, elevator door repairs, HVAC units, lawn mower replacement and ditch reconfiguration at recreation.

Break

**Detention Center**

Jail Administrator, Janice Ergle and Sheriff Josh Price reviewed the Detention Center budget with Council and discussed several contracts that are currently in place. Sheriff Price also spoke about the need for the new detention facility and steps that they are looking at to get what is best for our county.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 3:48 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council

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Raymond G. Strawbridge  
Chairman

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Date Approved