

September 13, 2021

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present were:

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett  
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Strawbridge delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge 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 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. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins 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 Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, the minutes for August 5, 2021 and August 9, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel, Anderson and Bedenbaugh did not have any reports.

Councilman Atkinson commented on his family members that have contracted Covid-19 and expressed the need of people seeing a doctor if they have Covid-19 symptoms.

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Miriam Atria from Capital City Lake Murray who presented Brandon Velie owner of Junipers Restaurant in Ridge Spring a 2021 Tourism Advocate Award. Mr. Velie will be representing Saluda County in the World Food Championships being held in Dallas, Texas.

H. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Chairman Strawbridge, Seconded by Council Atkinson, and unanimously approved, to hold county owned property within Commerce Parks for future industrial and/or manufacturing purposes.

I. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 09-21, "AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT MAPLE LEAF TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF PROJECT MAPLE LEAF'S SITE IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS."

On motion of Chairman Strawbridge, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and unanimously approved by Council to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY AND PROJECT MAPLE LEAF; IDENTIFYING THE PROJECT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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Chairman Strawbridge recognized Luke Downing, Assistant Fire Service Coordinator to present the review committees recommendation to award the land clearing bid to F. D. Riley. On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to award the Land Clearing Bid for the Old Town Fire Station to F. D. Riley in the amount of \$18,500 to be paid from the Fire Board Building account.

Luke Downing, Fire Service Coordinator also requested to apply for grants through the SC Forestry Service for equipment. On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to allow the Fire Service to apply for equipment grants through the SC Forestry Service with the match amount to be paid from the Fire Board Special Department Supply account not to exceed \$12,000.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved Appoint Wayne D. Matthews of 1294 Johnston Highway, Saluda to the Saluda Airport Commission with his term expiring 9-13-2026.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council moved into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss contracts and a personnel matter in the Library.

On motion of Chairman Strawbridge it was approved to come out of executive session.

On motion of Chairman Strawbridge, Seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to change the grade of the position of Library Assistant to 12 and grade 10 for the position of Library Aid/Clerk to fall in line with other positions of the same title.

On motion of Chairman Strawbridge, Seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement with Saluda County First Steps to hire a summer intern for 20 hours per week at \$11.00 per hour for the next four years. Saluda County First Steps is funding all cost.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 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