

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019 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. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
Attorney, Ralph Nichols Riley, Jr.

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chm. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chm. Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, the minutes for October 14, 28, and November 4, 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

1. Coun. Anderson reported on Mr. John Faye Berry and the Richland Creek Antique Power Association's annual antique tractor pull and events the weekend of November 1-3 in the Richland Springs community. Coun. Anderson said school field trips were also provided

with assistance from the local FFA. Coun. Anderson thanked Mr. Berry and the Association for their hard work in keeping history and agriculture alive.

2. Vice-Chm. Daniel reported on the great attendance for the Ward Trail Ride the weekend of November 8-10.
3. Vice-Chm. Daniel expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Billy Asbill, who was one of Saluda County's convenience center attendants.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to rescind the vote from the October 28, 2019 called meeting on the purchase of an enclosed trailer from the Saluda Fire department in the amount of \$3,600.00 to transport the voting machines to the precincts during elections. During discussion Coun. Anderson said upon further research, it was determined the County owned an enclosed trailer that could be used to transport the voting machines, therefore saving \$3,600.00.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, and approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 09-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLE USERS OF THE COUNTY ROADS OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA." (Voting in Favor: Vice-Chm. Daniel, Coun. Butler, Grice). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson). Vice-Chm. Daniel announced the public hearing and second reading would be held at a called meeting on December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Mr. David Enzastiga, CPA with Rish & Enzastiga Firm to present the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Mr. Enzastiga presented the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and stated they had given the audit an unmodified opinion, which was the best opinion that could be given.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to accept the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as presented by Mr. Enzastiga. (A copy of the audit is on file in the Clerk to Council's office).

3. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Recreation Director, Paul Ergle to present the Recreation Complex Rules and Rental Policy.

Mr. Ergle informed Council of the need for a policy and fees for use of the Recreation complex and fields due to the number of travel ball teams using the complex for practices and games. Mr. Ergle said out of county teams had been calling and requesting to use Saluda County's fields due to Saluda not charging fees.

Mr. Ergle stated the policy, as provided in Council's agenda package, was compared to surrounding counties and there were fees for Saluda County residents and out of county users. Mr. Ergle said the fees would help offset utility and maintenance costs of the recreation complex.

Coun. Anderson reiterated in county and out of county travel ball teams wanted to use the County's ball fields and the policy and fees were not to penalize anyone, but to help maintain a standard on the condition of the fields and complex.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Saluda County Recreation Complex Rules and Rental Policy.

4. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for consideration to replace the camera system at the American Legion building.

Mr. Morton informed Council the DVR for the current camera system at the American Legion building was approximately six years old, no longer working and could not be repaired. Mr. Morton said a new camera system was cheaper than replacing the DVR and presented the quote from Adroit System Co. in the amount of \$4,359.20 for a new camera system.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was approved for Adroit System Company to install the camera system at the American Legion Building in the amount of \$4,359.20 to be funded from Contingency. (Voting in Favor: Vice-Chm. Daniel, Coun. Butler, Grice). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson). During discussion Coun. Anderson questioned why was the County replacing a lot of camera systems lately and were there any funds available for the replacement. Mr. Morton said the camera systems were installed at the same time, therefore the systems were starting to have issues, and no funds were available other than contingency.

5. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Assistant Emergency Management Director, Jill Warren for consideration to submit the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application.

Ms. Warren informed Council the County was denied the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application submitted in 2018 for radios for the new radio system, but she was requesting to submit the application for 2019 for P25 radios and mobile radios for EMS and the fire departments. Ms. Warren said the request consisted of 18 P25 compliant portable radios and 9 P25 compliant mobile radios for EMS; and 36 P25 compliant mobile radios and 80 P25 compliant portable radios for the 7 fire departments for a grant total of \$400,355.07 with a 10% local match of \$40,035.50. Ms. Warren said due to last year's application being denied recently, there was \$34,000.00 held in the grant account for last year's local match. Ms. Warren proposed to use the \$34,000.00 towards the 10% required match, therefore Council would only need to approve the difference of \$6,035.50 for the local match of \$40,355.50.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for the Asst. Emergency Management Director to proceed with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to purchase 36 P25 compliant mobile radios and 80 P25 compliant portable radios for the 7 fire departments; and 18 P25 compliant portable radios and 9 P25 compliant mobile radios for EMS for a grant total of \$400,355.07 with the 10% required county match of \$40,035.50 being funded as follows: \$34,000.00 from funds held in the grant account and \$6,035.50 from Contingency. During discussion Council, Ms. Warren, and Mr. Morton discussed these were the same radios received through the JAG grant for the Sheriff's department that Council had recently approved for service, but had not been turned on yet. In reference to questions on the new radios improving communication coverage in areas of the County, Ms. Warren said a communications study performed approximately three years ago recommended digital P25 radios to correct the communication coverage issues. Mr. Morton informed Council the AFG grant took approximately one year to be awarded, so if the Sheriff's department radios did not improve the communication issues, the County could decline acceptance of the grant.

6. Vice-Chm. Daniel stated Solid Waste Coordinator, Jacob Schumpert was unable to attend the meeting to present the request to fill a vacant position in the Solid Waste Department due to being short staffed and Mr. Schumpert having to work at one of the convenience centers.

On motion of Vice-Chm. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill a regular attendant position in the Solid Waste Department. During discussion it was stated the funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, 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 discuss the OnSolve contract and to receive legal advice on a resolution in relation to the South Carolina opioid case, to return at the Call of Vice-Chair.

Council returned into open session at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

J. PUBLIC ACTION

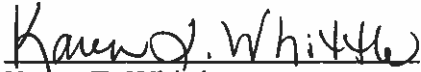
1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adopt:

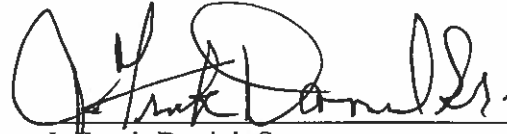
A Resolution to Opt Out of the Nationwide Class
Certified for Negotiation Purposes IN
IN RE National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL 2804

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K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman

January 13, 2020
Date Approved