

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 at 5:45 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy at 5:51 P.M.

Present were: Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. D. J. Miller (in at 5:56)

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

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler 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 called meeting and agenda were given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vice-Chair Shealy recognized Ms. Jill Warren to present the Susteen 2018 Apple Technology Grant request for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Warren informed Council the 2018 Apple Technology Grant from Susteen would provide the following: an Apple MacBook Pro preloaded with the latest version of the mobile forensic software; APEX which analyzes deleted data; Cloud Analyzer which pulls passcodes off of browser history and data directly from the cloud; and a burner breaker device which allows law enforcement agencies to access locked phones and devices. Ms. Warren said the cost for the total system was \$16,995.00 with the grant providing \$8,000.00 and the match for Saluda County would be \$8,995.00. Ms. Warren said there was a yearly maintenance fee of \$1,995.00 which was currently in the Sheriff's department budget due to the department having an older version of the mobile forensic software. Ms. Warren said the grant was non-competitive, but on a first come, first serve basis.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to authorize the Grants Coordinator to proceed with the application process for the 2018 Apple Technology Grant from Susteen for an Apple MacBook Pro Computer, mobile forensic software, Apex, Cloud Analyzer, and Burner Breaker for a total system cost of \$16,995.00 with Saluda County's match of \$8,995.00 to be paid from Contingency. During discussion Ms. Warren informed Council the software program would be updated each year through the maintenance fee. Also Council and Investigator Josh Price discussed details of how the devices would assist law enforcement in obtaining information and evidence for cases.

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, to discuss personnel matters in Recreation, Risk Management, Sheriff, and Solid Waste Departments and to receive legal advice, to return at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

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

**F. PUBLIC ACTION**

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to remove the Solid Waste Coordinator and monitoring of fuel system at the Saluda County Airport from the Risk Manager job description and to advertise for the Risk Manager in accordance to county policy and for staff to draft a part-time Solid Waste Coordinator job description to be approved at a later meeting.
2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved effective November 20, 2017 to transfer employees within the Sheriff's department and transfer an employee from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's department as discussed in Executive Session, with their salaries and longevity to be based on the Saluda County Salary Schedule in place June 30, 2017 plus the 3.85% cost of living increase given to county employees effective July 1, 2017. During discussion Vice-Chair Shealy stated this was due to a vacancy in the Sheriff's department and the longevity pay policy and salary schedule being repealed effective July 1, 2017 and transfers to a different position with a higher pay grade had to be handled on a case by case basis.

G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Karen T. Whittle  
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Clerk to Council

Gwendolyn C. Shealy  
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Vice-Chair

January 8, 2018  
Date Approved