

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CALLED MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Donald E. Hancock called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:41 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Donald E. Hancock  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. D. J. Miller  
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

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

B. INVOCATION

Chm. Hancock 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.

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

EMS

EMS Director, Jacob Starnes reviewed with County Council proposed ambulance billing rate increases factoring supply cost, diesel fuel usage, employee pay, and collections. Mr. Starnes said Low Country Billing Services recommended the proposed rate increases to be competitive with surrounding counties, with Saluda County's rates not being the highest or the lowest.

General consensus of Council was to increase the rates as recommended.

**Sheriff**

General consensus of Council was to not change the Sheriff's department and Detention Center's payroll reporting period from the 28-day cycle (171 hours) to a two weeks reporting period (86 hours) until the wage and salary study has been completed and the potential implementation of the new payroll system.

**Sheriff/Emergency Management**

General consensus of Council was for the operation of the county security monitoring and badge system remain with the Emergency Management Director.

**Public Buildings**

General consensus of Council to decrease line item #62 to \$505,715.00.

**IT**

General consensus of Council to decrease line item #72 to \$63,235.00.

**Coroner**

General consensus of Council to purchase the cover with dual doors for the Ford F250 truck in the amount of \$3,026.00 from current FY2016-2017 Coroner budget funds.

**Fee-in-Lieu-of-Taxes**

General consensus of Council pursuant to the multi-county park agreement and the FILOT agreement, the county would use the \$36,000.00 reimbursement from ROYA towards the county operating.

**Furniture and Equipment (Denied)**

General consensus of Council denied the following furniture and equipment requests for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

**Courthouse**

- 2-way speaker for offices that have security glass windows at the counter (Clerk of Court, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Assessor)
- Longer microphones in Courtroom

**Magistrate**

- Carpet (stairs, offices and lobby)

Tax Assessor

- 2 Desks for Clerks

Sheriff

- Video surveillance system (address once Council is notified if the County will acquire the former highway patrol building located in vicinity of the Sheriff's office)

Victims Advocate

- Remodel mobile for office (highway patrol) (address once Council is notified if the County will acquire the former highway patrol building located in vicinity of the Sheriff's office)

Vehicle Maintenance

- 1 plasma cutter

**Furniture and Equipment (Approved)**

General consensus of Council approved the following furniture and equipment requests for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

Magistrate

- Video system for Magistrate courtroom - estimate \$5,182.00

Auditor

- QS1 Affidavit Program, \$8,400.00 plus \$1,020.00 for 9 months maintenance (maintenance amount to be added to line item #72 special contracts, in public buildings account).

Sheriff

- Evidence Room Storage System - \$2,277.00

Building Codes

- 3 new desk chairs - estimate \$675.00

Vehicle Maintenance

- New Lift - \$16,800.00
- 2 cordless impact wrenches - \$621.00
- 1 jump starter truck pack - \$428.00
- 1 bench grinder - \$182.00

Vehicles

Coroner

- General consensus of Council denied a new Chevrolet Suburban.

Sheriff

- General consensus of Council approved 1 new Ford Explorer - \$26,843.00 (does not include radios, lights or striping package)
- General consensus of Council denied 1 new Dodge Durango.

Roads and Bridges

- General consensus of Council approved 1 new Ford F150 4 x 4, crew cab pickup (see description presented in budget package) - \$31,046.00, to be paid for from FEMA reimbursement funds received in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$31,404.47.
- General consensus of Council denied 2 pickup trucks. (requested total of 3 new pickup trucks in budget request; see approval of 1 in first paragraph)
- General consensus of Council denied a new 20 ton trailer.

Victims Advocate

- General consensus of Council denied a new 2017 Dodge Durango.

E. ADJOURNMENT

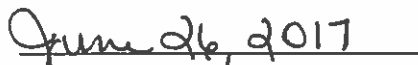
On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 7:54 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council



Donald E. Hancock  
Chairman

  
Date Approved