

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Derrick W. Jones called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:04 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. D. J. Miller  
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

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

Absent was: Coun. Jones P. Butler

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel 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

Airport

Jill Warren reviewed the Airport budget with County Council and addressed the following requests in line item #79: 1) installation of a water defense system as required by Eastern Aviation; 2) a new security camera system that included the front of the building; and 3) the purchase of aviation fuel. Ms. Warren informed Council there was no minimum fuel purchase, but freight charges were higher on smaller loads. Council requested Ms. Warren to research if aviation fuel could be purchased on consignment.

Ms. Warren addressed she would need to be recertified in June of 2019 for required quality control education and certification by Eastern Aviation to perform daily fuel and maintenance checks and requested for at least one additional person to be certified. Ms. Warren said one certified person was sufficient, and she had trained the FBO and the

Emergency Management Director to perform daily fuel and maintenance checks, but she could not certify them.

Ms. Warren informed Council the golf cart trail from the Airport to Persimmon Hill Golf Course was currently being constructed.

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Josh Morton reviewed the Emergency Management budget with Council. Council and Mr. Morton addressed the following, but not limited to: 1) the Emergency Management Director and Asst. Director attending the same conferences, leaving the county without a Director in the event of emergency; and 2) the new proposed radio system/equipment for all county departments in line item #81, if not funded would need to provide funding in line item #37 radio supplies of the Emergency Management and Fire Board accounts.

### **Fire Board**

Fire Service Coordinator Josh Morton reviewed the Fire Board budget with Council. In line item #71, special department supplies, the requests from the seven volunteer fire departments were prioritized by Mr. Morton and the Fire Board Chairman according to needs versus wants.

### **Sheriff's Office**

Chief Deputy Chris Cockrell reviewed the Sheriff's Office budget with Council. Chief Cockrell addressed the following, but not limited to: 1) the Sheriff's Office would need to be fully staffed to decrease the overtime request; 2) the request of 4 new Watch Guard in-car cameras included in line item #17; 3) the remodeling of three rooms for armory and storage, the Sheriff's office and Chief Deputy's office remodeled into one room, and painting of the entire Sheriff's Office building (with the exception of Dispatch) in line item #28; 4) requests of forensic services and equipment in line item #65; 5) requests of various special department supplies in line item #71, to include 24 mobile chargers for body cameras, but said other supplies were more of a need than the chargers; 6) and the requests of three Ford Explorers and one Chevrolet Silverado pickup for the Sheriff in line item #84. Chief Cockrell said the remodeling requests of offices could be delayed, but the building was in need of painting.

Chief Cockrell also addressed the request for two new School Resource Officers with Saluda School District One paying fifty percent (50%) of the salary, pensions, and fringes; no equipment or vehicle cost share in the agreement. Chief Cockrell said the two SRO's would work for the Sheriff's Office during the summer months.

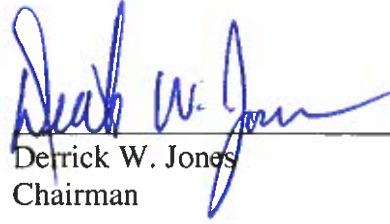
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E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 9:12 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones  
Chairman

June 11, 2018  
Date Approved