

February 11, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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

Chm. Derrick W. Jones called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Derrick W. Jones  
Coun. Justin Anderson  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget  
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the minutes for January 14 and 24, 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

There were no reports of County Officials.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 12-18, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (1) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (MILLIKEN) PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EDGEFIELD COUNTY (THE "PARK") SUCH PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT; (2) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WRITTEN PARK AGREEMENT WITH EDGEFIELD COUNTY AS TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENTS OF FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES WITH RESPECT TO PARK PROPERTY AND THE SHARING OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE PARK; (3) THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PARK TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 12-18, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (1) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (MILLIKEN) PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EDGEFIELD COUNTY (THE "PARK") SUCH PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND TO INCLUDE THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT; (2) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WRITTEN PARK AGREEMENT WITH EDGEFIELD COUNTY AS TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENTS OF FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES WITH RESPECT TO PARK PROPERTY AND THE SHARING OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE PARK; (3) THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PARK TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."
2. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton to present consideration for the Surveillance System at the Criminal Investigations Division Building.

Mr. Morton informed Council the request was previously submitted at the November 12, 2018 Council meeting for a different system, but further research was requested. Mr. Morton said since November the new recording system had been installed at the Courthouse, which allowed twelve vacant license on the old system. Mr. Morton said the revised quote in the amount of \$2,500.00 plus sales tax from Adroit Systems Company was for three cameras plus installation at the CID building using three of the vacant license on the old system. Mr. Morton said the three license would be transferred to the DVR at the

Sheriff's Office, therefore not requiring the purchase of a new system and license for the CID building, which would have cost more.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for Adroit Systems Company to install the surveillance system at the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division building in the amount of \$2,567.16 to be funded from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. During discussion Mr. Morton informed Council prior to the new system being installed at the Courthouse, there were no available licenses on the old system in order to install cameras at the CID building.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized SCAC Director of Risk Management Services, Mr. Robert Benfield to present the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for Saluda County.

Mr. Benfield said the South Carolina Association of Counties asked their member counties to submit activities from the past year that resulted in employee safety increases, preservation of county assets and other activities. Mr. Benfield said entries were evaluated and the top activities with the most benefit to the counties were recognized at the annual Risk Management Conference. Mr. Benfield said Saluda County was recognized for the Watchguard system, which incorporated body cameras with in-car cameras resulting in officer safety, reduction in liability exposure, and reduction of accidents. Mr. Benfield recognized the various County departments responsible for pursuing grants for the Watchguard system and implementation and use of the system. Mr. Benfield presented a plaque to County Council and representatives of the Sheriff's Office, Risk Management, Grants, and IT departments for the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award from the South Carolina Counties Workers' Compensation Trust.

2. Chm. Jones recognized Asst. Emergency Management Director, Ms. Jill Warren to present consideration of the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant request for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Warren presented Council with the request from the Sheriff's Office for the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant for SWAT Team body armor to replace the current equipment which was outdated. The requested amount for the body armor was \$25,644.00 with a required 10% county match of \$2,564.40. A complete list of equipment was provided in Council's agenda package.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for staff to proceed with the Justice Assistance Grant application for the Saluda County Sheriff's Office to purchase body armor for the SWAT Team in the amount of \$25,644.00 with the 10% county match of \$2,564.40 being funded from Contingency. During discussion Ms. Warren informed Council the SWAT Team body armor had a life span of five years. Ms. Warren said grants were received periodically for regular body armor worn by officers on a daily basis in order to keep those up to date. Officer Chris Crouch explained the SWAT Team armor would handle rifle rounds, but assault body armor only handled pistol rounds. Mr. Crouch informed Council the list included equipment for eight SWAT

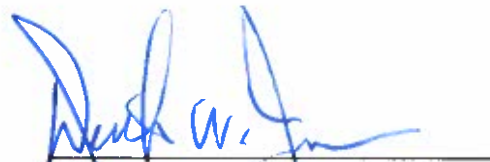
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Team members to use during a planned operation, and twenty-six active shooter armor kits, which would handle rifle rounds and were for all road deputies to have in their vehicles in the event they responded to an incident while on patrol.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

  
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Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council

  
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Derrick W. Jones  
Chairman

March 11, 2019  
Date Approved