

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 13, 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. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

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

Absent were: Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler

B. INVOCATION

Chm. Jones delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, the minutes for April 2, 8, 15, and 29, 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. Daniel reported on the upcoming Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale, May 31 and June 1.

2. Chm. Jones announced legislation was approved to name the bridge at Big Mans in memory of Dale Hallman. The date for the ceremony had not been set.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE COUNTY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID INTO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT."

Chm. Jones said Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$7,551,956.00 minus revenues and credits reflected on the tax receipt from Fee-in-Lieu, Property Tax Relief, Homestead Exemption, Tier 3 Property Tax Relief, Merchant Inventory, Manufacturer's Depreciation and Motor Carrier, for a net amount of \$4,867,802.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes, as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

2. Chm. Jones entertained a motion to defer the public hearing on Ordinance No. 02-19, the county budget for fiscal year 2019-2020, to June 24, 2019 prior to third reading of the county budget. Coun. Daniel moved the motion. Coun. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. During discussion Chm. Jones stated this was due to a two-year comparison report between Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 budgets having to be advertised prior to the public hearing.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE COUNTY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID INTO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT." During discussion Chm. Jones said Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$7,551,956.00 minus revenues and credits reflected

on the tax receipt from Fee-in-Lieu, Property Tax Relief, Homestead Exemption, Tier 3 Property Tax Relief, Merchant Inventory, Manufacturer's Depreciation and Motor Carrier, for a net amount of \$4,867,802.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes, as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.

2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 02-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT." During discussion Chm. Jones said the amount for Second Reading for the county operating budget was \$13,239,484.00 and debt service on bonds was \$126,250.50 for a total amount of \$13,365,734.50. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$1,483,622.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$ 225,178.00 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 appropriations. They are funded through millage and were not included in the figures.
3. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to enter into the agreement for professional services with Holt Consulting Company on projects at the Saluda County Airport.
4. Chm. Jones recognized Financial Services Coordinator, Regina Turner for consideration to approve the request for quotes for janitorial services.

Ms. Turner informed Council six companies responded with quotes for the janitorial services of county buildings, with four quoting on the total janitorial service package and two quoting on partial services of the package. Ms. Turner recommended Briten Janitorial based on price, references, and qualifications.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to offer the janitorial services to Briten Janitorial beginning July 1, 2019 to be funded through the general government buildings account of the operating budget, pending review of the contract with the County Attorney.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 03-19, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY RESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALUDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO BALANCE THE SALUDA COUNTY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020." During discussion Chm. Jones said currently the amount was not to exceed \$1,483,622.00.
2. Chm. Jones recognized Interim Library Director, Russell Altman to present the consideration of the First Steps Grant for the Saluda County Library.

Mr. Altman informed Council Saluda County First Steps was partnering with the Saluda County Library on a grant to hire a summer intern beginning July 1st for approximately six weeks. Mr. Altman said the grant request was coming before Council due to the position would need to be hired through the County, therefore needing Council's approval. Mr. Altman said the grant would pay the salary, retirement, FICA, and all taxes of the employee.

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to allow the hiring of a paid summer intern with funds from the First Steps Grant for the Saluda County Library, at no cost to the county, and with the advertising for the intern to be in accordance with county policy. During discussion Mr. Altman informed Council this was the first time for this grant and the salary for the position would be approximately \$11.00 per hour. For clarification, Chm. Jones stated the grant would also fund the employer's portion of taxes and pensions for the intern position.

3. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to freeze departmental year-end spending with only normal monthly bills and necessary purchases to perform the job and safely operate equipment and vehicles. During discussion Chm. Jones said this was for necessary purchases only because Council's goal was to implement the other one-half of the Condrey pay plan for fiscal year 2019-2020.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

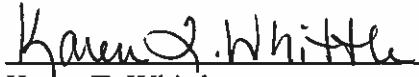
On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss legal service contracts, to receive legal advice, and to return at the Call of the Chair.

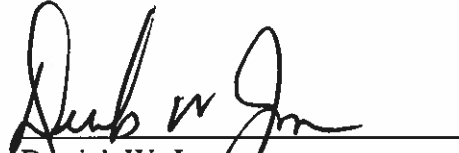
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Chair.

No action came out of Executive Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

June 10, 2019
Date Approved