

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore  
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.

Also present were: County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget  
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

Absent:  
Councilman Justin Anderson

B. INVOCATION Councilman Bedenbaugh delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the regular meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website. The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

**Please note meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the minutes for December 11, 2023 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh commented on the upcoming weather advisories.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson wished everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Councilman Daniel addressed issues and the cost of road signs being stolen throughout the county.

Chairman Moore gave a recap of our past years successful spay and neuter program and updated council on the grant and progress at the Commerce Park. Chairman more invited everyone to the SC250 Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> and also stressed safety concerns regarding the predicted weather.

## H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore recognized Melissa Anderson to speak regarding taxes on property that was formally in Lexington County. Ms. Anderson stated that her home and property was rezoned from Lexington County to Saluda County and her tax bill increased approximately \$800.00. She requested an explanation of the increase and whether it was correct or not. Councilman Bedenbaugh expressed his concern and stated that it would be looked into. Chairman Moore thanked her for presenting the request.

Chairman Moore recognized Patricia Graham to speak regarding road conditions and trash concerns. Ms. Graham expressed her concern on Ebo road condition and litter in the county.

## I. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-23, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14-4, ANIMALS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES." No one signed up to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

## J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Second Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 14-23, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14-4, ANIMALS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES."

## K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, First Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 01-24, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TITLED "AIRPORT COMMISSION;" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Chairman Moore stated that this will replace the original Ordinance #5-83 establishing the commission 40 years ago and #01-20 which lengthened the term of members. We will replace this with an up to date ordinance on how the Airport needs to operate now.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, a Resolution honoring the retirement of Vance Coleman was ratified and approved. Councilman Daniels wished Mr. Vance well in his retirement and stated that he had been a good and dedicated employee. Chairman Moore stated that the Resolution was presented to Mr. Vance Coleman at his retirement drop-in.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to re-appoint George Robert Long to the Tax Appeals Board with his term expiring June 14, 2025.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Moore notified council that there were no items to discuss in executive session and move on to Adjournment.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 P.M.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: February 12, 2024