

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 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  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett  
Clerk to Council, Regina H. Turner  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

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

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the Agenda was approved as presented.

F. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On nomination by Vice-Chairman Anderson a motion was unanimously approved to appoint Councilman Atkinson as Vice-Chairman for the 2023 term.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson the Minutes for December 12, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## H. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh and Anderson did not have anything to report.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson and Councilman Danial welcomed the Town of Saluda council members who were in attendance.

Chairman Moore on behalf of council offered condolences to Will Williams for the recent loss of his father. He asked to council members to review Edgefield's proposed fees for the animal shelter and to get back with him if they had any questions and gave an update on the spay and neuter program. Chairman Moore also asked council members to review the Budget Summery included in the agenda package. He stated that he had held a department head meeting regarding strategic planning and would like to also plan a retreat for council members to be hosted by SCAC on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## I. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Mayor Miliken Matthews spoke on the Town and County's relationship and encouraged working together on issues for all area citizens.

## J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson first reading was approved with Councilman Anderson voting against on Ordinance No. 01-23, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 117 & 119 NORTH MAIN STREET IN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO "C. F. TATHAM, JR. "

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the resolution was unanimously approved to appoint Chairman Moore as a voting member to the Tri-County Solid Waste Board. Chairman Moore read the resolution and did not vote.

Chairman Moore read into the record his committee appointments for 2023-2024.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to sign the agreement with Safebuilt Carolina's LLC for continuing to provide Building Code Services for Saluda County.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to sign engagement letters with Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd, PA and Firs-Tryon Advisors for the Detention Center Building Project. Chairman Moore clarified that these were the bond attorney and financial advisor required for the Detention project to move forward.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to transfer funds from Contingency to cover increase in Health Insurance premiums not to exceed \$115,000.00. In discussion Chairman Moore stated that the health insurance premiums have increased between 18% and 24% depending on the employee's coverage.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to transfer \$7,915 from Contingency for Administrative salaries approved in the prior council meeting.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss Economic Development, contracts and for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to engage Pope, Flynn for county attorney services with Virginia Bozeman as the lead county attorney and authorize staff to take necessary steps to disengage services of Turner, Padgett.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council

February 13, 2022  
Date Approved