

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 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 Carey Bedenbaugh  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Absent was: Councilman Justin Anderson

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

B. INVOCATION Councilman Daniel 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 video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the minutes were unanimously approved for January 12, 2026.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members Daniel commented on the recent weather of rain and snow.

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh expressed sympathy for prior Council member Gwen Shealy in the loss of her husband and thanked all first responders for their service.

Councilman Atkins commented on the progress of the school construction.

Chairman Moore announced the upcoming Called Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Three Rivers Ordinance. He also stated that clarifications or public responses to comments made during the public comment section will be posted on our website under the Public Information Office tab.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Gail Meyers spoke requesting transparency and questioned the need to withhold information on projects.

Citizen Regina Sanders spoke on aspects of Ordinance No. 15-25 and was concerned about its impacts on roads, water and sewer. She questioned what type of project the ordinance referred to and asked for clarity.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council unanimously approved second reading on Ordinance No. 15-25, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND PROJECT OCTANS ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE "PROJECT"); (2) CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (3) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

Chairman Moore stated that first reading and the resolution regarding this project was approved and read in the October 2025 meeting. And that the ordinance in its entirety will be posted on our website and public comment will be held at our next regular meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He confirmed that the project was a solar farm and that the only part the county plays in these agreements is offering a fee in lieu of taxes as an incentive for the company as this is a private owned property.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner

Clerk to Council

Date Approved: March 9, 2026

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James L. Moore, Chairman