

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 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  
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present was:

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council  
Sandra G. Padget, Administrator  
Virginia 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 live 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 Atkinson the minutes were unanimously approved.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh stated that the American Red Cross would be at Christ Central from 10:00 until 6:00 the next day and Wednesday from 10:00 until 4:00 for citizens to report storm damages. He said that February was County Council appreciation month and he told the others that he appreciated them. Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh also expressed his appreciation to the fire fighters who came out to

help with the Amick Farms fire.

Councilman Anderson said he was impressed with the coordination and how well organized the volunteer departments worked together during the Amick's fire.

Councilman Atkinson stated that the longer he lived in Saluda the better he liked it.

Councilman Daniel thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Chairman Moore introduced our new planner, Mr. Mike Kelley. He stated that he would be attending a delegation meeting to express his concerns over the disaster cleanup regarding the 25% match that the county will owe. He congratulated our EMS on its 7.5 minutes average response time

#### H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Chairman Moore recognized Dr. Patricia Graham to speak regarding road repair and litter. Dr. Graham expressed her concern over road maintenance and repair and trash being thrown out on the side of the roads.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved the revised Freedom of Information Policy. Chairman Moore asked the County Attorney, Virginia Bozeman to explain the revisions requested. She stated that all revisions were compliant with state law and were to make the policy up to date.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved the Firefighter Incentive Policy with the recruitment and retention bonuses to be paid from the Fire Board Millage Account. Chairman Moore recognized Fire Coordinator, Mark Lybrand who explained the qualifications that each fighter would have to pass to be eligible for the once per year incentive.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, it was approved to award the Commerce Park Road Extension to Green Acres Farm and Construction Company in the amount of \$1,197,115.35 to be paid from the Economic Development Millage Account. Chairman Moore, Councilman Daniel, Atkinson and Anderson voted for and Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh voted against. Chairman Moore recognized Allison Busch, Engineer for Thomas & Hutton. Ms. Busch explained the project and after review of the bids it was their recommendation to go with Green Acres Farm and Construction.

#### J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to for the purpose of receiving legal advice on the Commerce Park and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: March 10, 2025

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman