

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:00 P.M.

Present were:	Chairman Jim Moore Vice-Chairman Carey Bedenbaugh Councilman Justin Anderson Councilman Jack Atkinson
Absent:	Councilman Frank Daniel
Also present were:	Clerk to Council, Regina Turner County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett County Attorney, Ginny Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson led the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the called meeting and agenda were 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 by going to the County’s Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government)**

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up for Public Comment

G. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved Third Reading on Ordinance No. 17-25, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED SOLID WASTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (“AUTHORITY”) TO EXTEND THE TERM THEREOF THROUGH 2050, UPDATE TONNAGE COMMITMENTS AND INCREASE ANNUAL TIPPING FEES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE AUTHORITY OF

ITS REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PHASE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.” Chairman Moore recognized County Attorney, Ginny Bozeman to go over details of the Ordinance. She explained our agreement with Tri-County and Three Rivers Solid Waste and how to calculate the expected tonnage which is 90% of the prior year multiplied by the member rate which is currently 2.50 but expected to increase over the next few years. She stated that all member counties are responsible for the repayment of the debt to build the new cell and cost is based on expected tonnage. The Tri-County cost is divided by population between Edgefield, Saluda and McCormick. Chairman Moore responded that this would increase our budget around \$24,000.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 PM.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council
Date Approved: March 9, 2026

James L. Moore, Chairman