

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 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 Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. Councilman Jack Atkinson Councilman Justin Anderson
Absent was:	Vice-Chairman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also Present were:	Sandra G. Padget, Administrator Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council Ginny Bozeman, County Attorney
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B. INVOCATION Councilman Anderson 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 Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel 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 February 9th and 17th, 2026.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Daniel, Anderson and Atkinson commented on the attendance and welcomed everyone. Chairman Moore stated there was a Town meeting tonight and commented on the YMCA. He also spoke about the need to replace the TCSWA floor.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Meyer spoke on her desire for Council to adopt a land use ordinance.

Regina Sanders spoke on the FILOT regarding the solar farm.

David Clary spoke on his concern for the EMS budget and funds spent from the Fire Board Rollover account.

Barbara Padgett spoke on concern for the removal of debris from Hurricane Helen on her property.

Also, four wheelers riding on her property and missing road signs in her area. She stated that the fire service in her area is limited and she wanted to know who the service provider is in her area.

Rev. Jackson spoke on a non-profit organization that helps low income individuals.

I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously approved third 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."

J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 01-26, "AN ORDINANCE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AMENDING AND RESTATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO." Chairman Moore stated that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved a resolution and asked the Council to accept this 2026 Comprehensive Plan. He also said that he was working on a land usage plan and map to add.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 02-26, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM (REASSESSMENT), AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-43-217 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED." Chairman Moore explained that this motion would postpone the reassessment process for one year.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council unanimously approved a Resolution to Honor the Retirement of County Administrator, Sandra Padget. Chairman Moore invited Ms. Padget and her family to come to the front of the meeting room where he read and presented the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council awarded the Request for Quote for Actuary Services to JLM Actuarial unanimously. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Coordinator and she stated that this was the lowest cost of three quotes received.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Ms. Jacqueline Rhinehart to the GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners representing the Public Sector with her term to expire March 9, 2028.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 as amended to discuss personnel in the Solid Waste and the Election Office and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to accept the Job Description of Solid Waste Coordinator as recommended.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to open a Temporary Election Assistant position through the end of June to be funded from contingency.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council
Date Approved: April 13, 2026

James L. Moore, Chairman