

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 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  
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  
Vice-Chairman Carey Bedenbaugh

Absent:

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

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Daniel seconded by Councilman Anderson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Atkinson seconded by Councilman Daniel the minutes were unanimously approved.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Anderson made everyone aware that the Richland Creek Antique Tractor festival will be back on schedule this year. It was canceled this past year due to the storm and they have been working on grounds clean up.

Councilman Atkinson reminded everyone to watch the full eclipse of the moon that was a every 70-year event. Councilman Daniel thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and said he was very proud of our county employees. Chairman Moore recognized the President of the SC Emergency Management Association, Jessica Stumpf who wanted to share the States recognition of Josh Morton as Emergency Management Director of the Year for his outstanding service.

#### H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Chairman Moore recognized EMS Director, Jacob Starnes to present a video of the receipt of the Small Service of the Year Award for South Carolina. He thanked his team in making this award happen. Councilman Anderson also recognized our EMS for the delivery of supplies to those in need during the disaster and thanked them for their service to our County and others. Chairman Moore said that we were fortunate to have outstanding public safety personnel in Saluda County.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 01-25, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON HWY 178 SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO INDUSTRIAL MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.". Chairman Moore stated that this was a metal fabricating company that will be locating just past Southland Log Homes.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved the purchase of a 2018 Ford F350 Work Body truck to be paid from the Vehicle Reserve Account in the amount of \$23,020 plus taxes and fees. Chairman Moore recognized Fleet Manager, Hardee Horne who explained demise of the county's beloved "Red Goose" and the need to have it replaced.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was approved to award the RFQ for Disaster Recovery Advisory Assistance to CohnReznick. Chairman Moore recognized our EMD of the Year, Josh Morton to explain the proposal. Josh explained that this contract would help with any future disaster reporting to FEMA.

#### J. 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) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss Economic Development, 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 Councilman Atkinson, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: April 14, 2025

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman