

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 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 Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Justin Anderson

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

B. INVOCATION Councilman Daniel delivered an inspiring 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 Atkinson seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the agenda was amended to remove items 3 and 4 under new business. The delay would give our Bond Attorney more time to complete the needed preparations. Council members unanimously approved the amended agenda by motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and the second of Councilman Daniel.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the minutes for February 12, 2024 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman Moore reminded everyone of the firefighter training that would take place across the street at 6:00 PM and he reminded Council of the scheduled retreat on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Airport. Chairman Moore stated that he was saddened by the death of Bill Perkins who was the Veterans Advocate here for many years.

Councilman Daniels did not have anything to report.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson made a heartfelt acknowledgment that with all things that are going on in the world that there is no place that he would rather be than here in Saluda.

Councilman Anderson said that it was hard to follow behind Councilman Daniel's prayer and Vice-Chairman's comments. He welcomed everyone in attendance and wished Councilman Bedenbaugh a Happy Birthday.

Councilman Bedenbaugh stated on behalf of the Lions Club that Mr. Perkins was a valuable member that has been missed. He also attended a service at the Nursing Center in remembrance of Bob Bowles and others that have passed away and thanked the staff for their efforts. He thanked the Library Board members that were in attendance for their service to the County.

Chairman Moore also commented on the green he was wearing for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore recognized Jill Altman of the Saluda County Library Board to speak regarding the future of the Library. Ms. Altman read a statement regarding everyone's commitment to the upcoming project and the need for working together.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-24, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TITLED "AIRPORT COMMISSION;" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO".

No one signed up to speak.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Third Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 01-24, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TITLED "AIRPORT COMMISSION;" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren, Airport Manager for discussion. She stated that this will replace the original Ordinance #5-83 establishing the commission 40 years ago and that it needed to reflect how it is set up now. It also adds and alternate member to the commission who can fill in when needed.

On motion of Councilman Daniel seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, Second Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 02-24, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 302 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO COMPORIUM INC.".

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson, a Proclamation honoring the 106<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mary C. Berry was unanimously approved. Chairman Moore read the proclamation and presented Proclamation to her family.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to allow Upper Savannah and staff to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for Library Renovations in an amount up to \$750,000 with the 10% required match of \$75,000 to be paid from the Library Reserve account. Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren, Grants Coordinator to give more information on the process. Ms. Warren thought this would take care of most of the renovations and said she and the Library staff would be working together with what Upper Savannah would need to get this approved.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant to install In-Car Computer Systems in Sheriff's Department Vehicles in the amount of \$165,400 with the 10% County match of \$16,540 to be paid from Contingency. Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren to present the grant details. Jill stated that the grant was for 20 patrol car laptops that they would have on scene access to needed information. This is for Toughbook computers, mounts, software and printers. She did notify council of the continued expense of \$17,850 per year and the cost of replacement if one is damaged.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to allow staff to issue a Request for Quote to replace the carpet at the Agriculture Building. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Coordinator to present the request. She stated as part of the lease agreement with USDA we agreed to replace the flooring and paint.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Doris Hicks to the Nursing Center Board with her term expiring January 12, 2027.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson council went into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1), (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss a department in Public Safety, the closing of sale to F&A of Saluda, LLC and for the purpose of receiving legal advice on contracts and roads and to return at the call of the Chair.

A motion coming out of Executive Session by Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson was unanimously approved to accept the recommendation for Dispatch pay to be effective April 6, 2024.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to waive the County's portion of the fees associated with Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority's development known as the Waste Water Treatment Plant located behind the Commerce Park.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. with Councilman Anderson voting against.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: April 8, 2024