

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 3:00 P.M.

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

B. INVOCATION Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Pledge was led by Chairman Moore.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the 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.**

E. Council Discussion

- Comparison of current and proposal for 1<sup>st</sup> reading was discussed.  
Large purchases of Fire Truck and Dump Truck will be considered at a later date.  
Council discussed cost of living increase and requested that it be considered after adjustments to budget requests.  
SCAC Millage Rate Limitation discussed  
Current Job Openings and needs advised  
Jill Warren and Angie Saxon presented the need for an updated website. Council requested the search for this item be requested at the regular meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- State Mandates and Bills effecting Counties were presented and discussed  
Boat Bill, Health Plan 4.6% increase, Election Board and Clerk pay, VA Staffing
- Accommodations Tax Discussion on disbursing funds to promote local tourism.
- Capital Projects Sales Tax from the 2018 plan discussed and a preparation timeline given for the up-coming 2026 Referendum if Council wants to continue.

- Other discussion was had on the SCAC Annual Conference and updating expired board and commission members.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

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

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James L. Moore, Chairman