

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strawbridge called the Budget Work Session to order at 9:00 A.M.

Present were: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Frank Daniel
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website and facebook page.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Chairman explained to everyone that Sandra would present the department budgets and the council staff recommendations for all accounts. He also noted that we were just going to address expenditure accounts today.

Council - Address Annual Conference and Training Attendance
Clerk of Court - Staff recommends budget to remain as requested.
Magistrate - Staff recommends budget to remain as requested.
Family Court - Leave as requested.
Solicitor - Leave as requested per Tri-County Agreement

Defender - Council does not want to increase by \$32,000 for an additional Attorney.

Probate - Leave as requested

Coroner - Fuel line increase by 5%, staff recommends \$1,000 for line 26.

Election - Prices checked and amount should be \$5,390 for other operating expenses.

Auditor - Leave as requested

Annual Audit - Request for Qualifications Awarded by Council

Assessor - Fuel line increase due to re-assessment, line 26 – Copier use 1,000, Explained license

Treasurer - Leave as requested

Tax Collector - Leave as requested / Funded under revenue, explained other operating account

Legal - Leave as requested / revisit in May

Emergency Management - Fuel line increase 5%, Radio line included repeater for R&B.

Council transferred this expense to public safety department.

Data for Towns - Leave as requested

Maintenance – Fuel line increase plus tires, discussion regarding a new lawn mower and Council decided to provide \$9,000 for this equipment line item and also get more quotes to view in another work session. Councilman Bedenbaugh excused himself from the meeting for the others to discuss the backflow install and repair.

10 minuet Break

Gov Buildings –Review Property and Vehicle Insurance in May, change professional services to \$6,000 for Actuary Services, new QS/1 Agreement, End of Lease on phone equipment.

Discussed Enterprise Lease and new vehicles

IT – Change salary lines to reflect one employee. Budget amounts to be submitted at a later time. Discussed licenses that will need to be upgraded and changes and steps that are currently being made to restructure the system.

Sheriff - Funds removed for guns, Fuel line increase by 5%, other items as requested.

Dispatch - Leave as requested

SRO - Leave as requested

EMS - Fuel line increase 5%, move contract for Site-med to Fire Account/Subtract \$6,750

Break for Lunch

Fire Board – Radio Account adjusted to remove responding software. Special Dept. Supplies – should be \$83,370, other accounts leave as requested.

Detention - Fuel increase 5%, Recommend \$15,000 and council decided on \$10,000, chairs requested will be paid from 20-21 funds

Victim - Leave as requested

Tri-Co Youth - Leave as requested

DJJ - Leave as requested

Airport - Review fuel in May, Leave as requested

National Guard – Will review at a later date.

Public Safety - Animal Control – Balance \$96,001.68

Roads and Bridges - 5% fuel increase, Phone line 21 should be 3,500.00, Line item 33 – Dept. request of a \$15,000 increase approved

Solid Waste - Leave as requested

WestView – Recommend to fund as in the past.

Indigent Care - Leave as requested

Bloodborn Path - Leave as requested

Health Center - Leave as requested

Burton Center – Council decided to fund the agency in the amount of \$5,000

DSS - Leave as requested

Council on Aging - Leave as requested

Veterans Affairs - Leave as requested

Recreation - Leave as requested. Check on 79 in May. Discussion on repair of the ditch to cost approximately \$80,000.00.

Clemson Ext - Increase funding requested. Council agreed to remain the same.

Library - Line 79 has been increased to meet State compliance

Library State Funds - Leave as requested

Soil Conservation - Funding as requested

Economic Development - Letter requesting increase. \$25,000 Budget and \$25,000 Millage

Upper Savannah - Leave as requested based on population

Insurance - Leave as requested

Annual Leave - Leave as requested

Unemployment - Leave as requested

E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 2:15 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Raymond G. Strawbridge
Chairman

Date Approved