

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 4:00 P.M.

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

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Anderson delivered the invocation.  
Pledge was led by Chairman Moore.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the called 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. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government)**

E. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved to transfer year-end roll funds to the Capital Project Reserve Fund recommended by administration. (Administrations recommendation is attached.)

Chairman Moore recognized Andrew Coleman, Roads and Bridges Superintendent to present a request for a New Dump Truck. Mr. Coleman explained the need to replace the current truck due to age, mileage and condition. He also stated the difficulty in getting replacement parts.

Administrations recommendation was to fund the purchase of the quoted Dump Truck for \$184,121 from Heavy Equipment Reserve if roll funds allowed for a \$300,000 deposit into the account. Up to \$200,000 was requested to transfer to County Buildings Reserve for a projected match to complete the Library through the Community Development Block Grant. The remainder of up to \$25,000 was requested to roll into Vehicle Reserve with the balance of roll funds being deposited to the Capital Projects Fund Balance Reserve account.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, a 2.5% cost of living increase was approved **excluding** Council Members to be implemented on July 12, 2025. Councilman Daniel, Anderson and Atkinson voted for and Chairman Moore voted against. Chairman Moore stated that this would cost approximately \$246,160 and would be funded through a millage increase.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to implement a step increase for Lieutenants and below in the Sheriff's Department including County Funded School Resource Officers and the Animal/Litter Control Officer. Chairman Moore stated that this would be at a cost of an estimated \$29,210 and he recognized Sheriff Josh Price to explain this request. Sheriff Price said this would help recruit new employees and be more competitive with surrounding counties. Chairman Moore asked if this would help decrease overtime hours to help cover the cost and the Sheriff agreed that if the department was fully staffed there would be decreased overtime.

#### F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson 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 matters for the 2025-2026 budget 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 to accept the Administration's recommendation of employee pay changes for the 2024-2025 Budget Year to be implemented on July 12, 2025. Motion was amended by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Atkinson to amend the budget year to be 2025-2026 and was unanimously approved.

#### G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 PM.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: June 30, 2025

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James L. Moore, Chairman