

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:	Vice-Chairman Carey Bedenbaugh Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. Councilman Jack Atkinson Councilman Justin Anderson
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Also present was:	Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council Sandra G. Padget, Administrator Virginia Bozeman, County Attorney
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Absent:	Chairman Jim Moore
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B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh 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 Atkinson 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 for May 12th and 13th, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Daniel stated that the Peachtree 23 was a success.
Councilman Atkinson thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilman Anderson invited everyone to attend vacation bible school at Richland Springs Church or others that will be starting in the area.

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh reminded everyone to attend the last meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan which is to be held in Council Chambers. He said the Hollywood Ruitan would be having a steak supper on June 21st and Family night on the 19th. He expressed his congratulations to the High School Graduation Classes in the surrounding areas. Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh announce that Batesburg-Leesville High School Baseball team was the State AA Champions and he congratulated Saluda's Softball team also. He notified everyone that in September the Lions Club will be having their annual Golf Tournament at Persimmon Hill. He thanked our local power companies and their response to our latest storms.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh stated that the Duke Energy Representative would move their presentation to next months meeting.

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh recognized Stephanie Bonner, Airport Commission Member. Ms. Bonner let everyone know about some of the volunteer programs that have been going on at the Airport such as Kids Adventure Day, Fly-In Pancake Breakfast and Boy Scouts.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 04-25, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR No one signed up to speak.

Vice Chairman Bednebaugh opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 05-25, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.". No one signed up to speak.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved second reading on Ordinance No. 07-25, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44 OF TITLE 12, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND FAIRVIEW SOLAR, LLC, THE EXPANSION AND INCLUSION OF THE PROPERTY IN A MULTICOUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, THE INCLUSION OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.".

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved second reading on Ordinance No. 08-25, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND AIKEN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO". Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh stated that the investment is being made in Edgefield and we are the partner county.

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 09-25, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE SALUDA COUNTY COMMERCE PARK, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council approved to transfer funds from contingency to balance accounts with Councilman Daniel, Councilman Atkinson and Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh voting for and Councilman Anderson voting against.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved the replacement for an A/C unit at the Courthouse to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve fund.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Danial, seconded by Councilman Anderson Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to receive legal advice on the commerce park and to return at the call of the Chair.

Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh called Council back into open session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Date Approved: June 30, 2025

Carey Bedenbaugh, Saluda County Council
Vice-Chairman