

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 at 3:00 P.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 3:00 P.M.

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

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

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Strawbridge delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge 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 budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

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).

E. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Sandra Padget, County Director, and requested she proceed with the budget request.

Election Office line 79 needs to be decreased to \$4,000.

Maintenance line item 85 was increased to \$12,868 for the TORO mower and Council wants to keep the mower that we were going to trade. Line number 26 was updated to \$9,200.

National Guard appropriation has been removed.

Risk Management - recommend to leave as requested.

Recreation line 79 - Leave as requested.

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Sheriff Price to explain his request to hire a new Lieutenant position in the Sheriff's office and delete a position in Detention and Dispatch. Council approved to add the position as requested.

Public Safety / Animal Control - This reserve account has a balance of \$96,030 and \$50,000 of 20-21 year end funds council approved to add to the reserve.

The Chairman recognized Ben Ward, Roads and Bridges Superintendent to present his request for the replacement of a Backhoe, Dump Truck and the shop truck. Ben recommended to replace the 2004 Backhoe through the lease program we currently have through Blanchard. Council approved this purchase and it is to be funded from Heavy Equipment Reserve. Council also approved to look for a used shop truck from State Surplus Property and the vehicle will be purchased out of the Vehicle Reserve Account.

Council agreed to contribute \$100,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the Heave Equipment Reserve.

Council agreed to contribute \$40,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the Vehicle Reserve account.

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Jacob Starnes, EMS Director, to explain the new schedule he is recommending for his employees and Council agreed that the additional cost this year can come from the American Recovery Plan Fund.

Council agreed to contribute \$190,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the Ambulance Reserve.

Council agreed to pay for the Recreation Ditch project from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

Council agreed to contribute \$100,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the Jail Renovation Fund.

Council agreed to contribute \$40,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the Fire Reserve Fund for Cylinders.

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Council agreed to contribute \$50,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the County Building Reserve Fund.

Council agreed to contribute \$75,000 of the 20-21 year end funds to the County Building Repair Reserve Fund.

The Delegation Secretary requested position was added to the Delinquent Tax Collector and that position will be an 18D. The County will received \$2,500 from the State to cover this cost.

Council agreed that the Finance Purchasing Coordinator will assume the Fleet Management duties from Risk Management and change her grade to 20E.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 4:32 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Raymond G. Strawbridge
Chairman

Date Approved