

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023 at 6:00 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 6:00 P.M.

Present were:	Chairman Jim Moore Councilman Frank Daniel Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
Arrived at 6:02	Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh
Absent:	Councilman Justin Anderson
Also present were:	Clerk to Council, Regina Turner County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett County Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel the agenda was approved as written.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to amend the agenda to replace item G. with Executive Session and add item H. Adjourn.

E. 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 currently open to the public. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government)**

F. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-23, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, 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.

Chairman Moore opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 05-23, "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, 2023; 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, 2023; 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, 2023: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”.

No one signed up to speak.

G. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to transfer year-end roll funds to Capital Project Reserve funds as recommended. Chairman Moore read the following recommendation:

We estimate that we will have a balance of around \$575,000 to roll.

- \$30,000 to Vehicle Reserve to cover the grant match for the Emergency Training Trailer that was applied for in May.
- \$250,000 in the Heavy Equipment Reserve to cover lease payments on motor graders, tractors and backhoe loaders
- \$75,000 to Ambulance Reserve for future replacement
- Balance to County Building Reserve for the Coroner Building

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to appoint Amelia M. Herlong to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of William E. Spearman, III with her term expiring August 8, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to appoint Steve A. Mills to the Planning Commission with his term expiring June 19, 2026.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved 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 a personnel matter to return at the call of the chair.

Chairman Moore called council back in to open session and there was no action to come out of Executive Session. He reminded everyone that there was a 5:30 Called meeting next Monday, June 26, 2023.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Date Approved: July 10, 2023

James L. Moore, Chairman