

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 at 5:30 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 5:31 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore
Councilman Frank Daniel
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were: Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett
County Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION Councilman Anderson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel Third Reading was unanimously approved 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. Chairman Moore stated that Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$6,184,720.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council. The total budget at third reading for the school is \$25,764,253.00.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson Third Reading was unanimously approved 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.". Chairman Moore stated that the amount for Third Reading for the county operating budget is \$16,271,913.00. This total shows and approximate increase of 6 Mills where originally, we were looking at a 10 Mill increase.

G. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson the resolution transferring Fire Service Personnel from South Carolina Retirement System to the Police Officers Retirement System was unanimously approved. Chairman Moore read the resolution.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended for the purpose of receiving legal advice and 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.

Councilman Daniel announced that there would be a Summer Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College, Saluda Campus, on June 27th from 1:00 to 4:00.

Councilman Bedenbaugh wanted everyone to be aware of the new flashing signal light in front of the Saluda Nursing Center on Newberry Highway.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

James L. Moore, Chairman

Date Approved: July 10, 2023