

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, July 10, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Absent was: Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were: County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget
Heather Griffin

Absent was: Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION Councilman Bedenbaugh delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore 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 the council meetings are 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).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Frank the agenda was approved as written.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson the Minutes for June 12th, 19th and 26th, 2023 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh mentioned welcomed the members of the audience along with two former Council members, Gwen Shealy and Jacob Schumpert.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson commented on the Fourth of July fireworks show that was sponsored by Saluda Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Bedenbaugh commented on the fireworks display sponsored by the Shealy Family.

Chairman Moore made no report.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Chairman Moore recognized Theo Lane, Government and Community Relations Manager with Duke Energy SC.

Mr. Lane announced an award for \$5000 to OnPoint EMS Network 501(c) (3) and Saluda EMS. This grant was made on behalf of Duke Foundation. EMS Director Jacob Starnes, Russell Altman, President of OnPoint and Gwen Shealy, Treasurer of OnPoint accepted the grant award. There were other members of the OnPoint Board present for the presentation.

Director Jacob Starnes stated the funds from the grant will be used for “weather ready go bags”.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07-23, “ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR SALUDA COUNTY COMMERCE PARK, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA” was opened and no one signed up to speak.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel second reading was - unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 7-23, “ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR SALUDA COUNTY COMMERCE PARK, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA”.

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Ms. Annette Mathias was appointed to the Planning Commission with her term expiring July 10, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Mr. Sammy Connelly was appointed to the Fire Board representing Midlands Fire Department to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bill Keisling ending June 30, 2024.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to pay \$64,840 from the Public Building Improvement/Repair account for masonry and roofing work at the Courthouse.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to pay \$7575 for replacement of the air conditioning unit at the Courthouse Annex Building from the Public Building Improvement/Repair account.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to pay \$8210 for roof repair at the Courthouse Annex Building from the Public Building Improvement/Repair account.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to discuss Economic Development as related to the Commerce Park and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called the council meeting back to open session and there were no actions coming out of Executive Session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

James L. Moore, Saluda County Council
Chairman

Sandra G. Padget
County Administrator
Date Approved: August 14, 2023