

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 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 Carey Bedenbaugh  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Jack Atkinson

Also Present were:

Sandra G. Padget, Administrator  
Heather Griffin, Financial & Purchasing Coordinator  
Virginia Bozeman, County Attorney

Absent:

Councilman Justin Anderson  
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Administrator 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 Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the minutes were unanimously approved for June 30, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Atkinson and Daniel greeted the audience and thanked them for their attendance. Council Bedenbaugh greeted the audience and expressed thanks for their attendance; and also reminded everyone to check on their neighbors during the hot weather, Chairman Moore announced there would be called meeting on July 28, 2025 to discuss another round of Capital Project Sales Tax.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Theo Lane with Duke Power presented OnPoint with a \$8500 check from the HERO Grant sponsored by Duke Power. Jacob Starnes, Saluda County EMS Director, Gwen Shealy and Ricky Bailey, members of OnPoint, were present for the presentation of the check. Director Starnes stated the funds would be used to provide rain gear for EMS personnel.

KT Tepper presented the Saluda County Fire Service with the Fire Safe Award. She praised our volunteer service for their dedication in the proactive requirements of this award.

Mr. David Clary addressed Council about his concerns with the new location of the EMS Headquarters. He stated he felt like there should be improvements with the Fire Departments and EMS. Mr. Clary has concerns with the 911 readdressing.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance 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.". No one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance 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". No one signed up and the public hearing was closed.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved third 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 Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved third 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”.**

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved second 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.”

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council approved first reading on Ordinance No. 10-25, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DETENTION CENTER BE ISSUED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT.” Chairman Moore stated that currently the estimated amount is \$1,800,000. That amount will be adjusted as we receive additional information on the balance of additional Capital Project Sales Tax we may receive over previously projected amounts.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council approved first reading on Ordinance No. 11-25, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO SALUDA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.” Chairman Moore said that SCWSA requested this due to the need to install a line at the edge of the property.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council approved first reading on Ordinance No. 12-25, “AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THREGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.”

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council approved change order #2 in the amount of \$11,081 for the commerce park drive to be paid from the economic development account.

- L. On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council appointed Ted Hite to the Fire Board representing Circle Fire Department with his first term expiring June 30, 2029.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 P.M.

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Sandra G. Padget

Administrator

Date Approved: August 11, 2025

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James L. Moore, Chairman