

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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  
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also Present were:

Sandra G. Padget, Administrator  
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Anderson 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 Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the minutes were unanimously approved for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Atkinson invited residents to attend a by-partisan event titled "Voting Your Values" to be held at the Saluda Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Anderson recognized and congratulated the Girls Softball teams that participated in the State and World Series events

Councilman Daniel expressed his gratitude for those in attendance.

Council Bedenbaugh also recommended citizens to attend the speaking engagement at the Presbyterian Church by Mr. Connelly. He also stated that he witnessed our public safety working well together in their performance of a call recently and that he was proud of their response.

Chairman Moore agreed that Saluda has a good public safety team. He stated that he attended a walk through of the road in the Commerce Park and a few small things will be addressed and we will have a ribbon cutting event. He also commented that he attended the SCAC Conference and learned about finance and disaster preparedness. Chairman Moore asked Councilmembers to review and present their recommended appointments to boards and commissions.

#### H. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

#### I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved third 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."

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved third 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."

#### J. NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to establish a pre-hospital blood program for EMS with the 10% match to be paid from contingency. Chairman Moore recognized Jacob Starnes, EMS Director to explain the program requested. Mr. Starnes stated that this would give our EMS service the capability to give patients' blood products in emergency cases. He explained that the grant covers the cost of equipping our ambulances and the initial startup and the county would then have a minimal ongoing cost to replace used product. He said that unused products are exchangeable. Brittney Hallman with Upper Savannah was introduced to explain the grant process. She also stated that our 10% match would come to approximately \$7,500.

On motion of Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved a resolution to commit matching funds for a CDB Grant. Chairman Moore read the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council approved a request for quote from Heritage Construction for the installation of insulation at the maintenance shop in the amount of \$8,043 to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve account. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Agent to explain the request. Ms. Griffin explained the issue with condensation and retaining heat or air on that side of the building that needs that barrier. The process proposed is to install spray insulation with an added fire-retardant coating.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, Council unanimously approved a grant match for the Airport Lighting Project in the amount of \$21,020 to be paid from contingency. Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren, Airport Manager who explained that this is part two of a project that was started with a planning phase and now the replacement of runway and exterior aviation lighting including rotating beacon, wind sock, and PAPI lighting. She stated this was the first update since the early 1980's so everything will be switched to LED lighting which will reduce electrical cost. She explained that this is a FAA funded 95% / 5% grant of \$840,000 and the state and the county will split the 5% portion which will be a county expense of \$21,020. She also notified Council that they would be bringing in dirt to fill in a washout area to place the new PAPI at a better location than it currently sits.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously approved to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to establish a community information hub. Chairman Moore recognized Josh Morton, our state recognized Emergency Management Director to explain the grant request. Mr. Morton stated that the need to install community information stations for residents to receive notices during some emergency events where the lack of power and other communication make the current avenues unavailable was made evident during the aftermath of our last hurricane event. He expressed that these stations would be helpful when digital communication is not working. The grant request will be to issue 10 information hubs throughout the community where residents will know to check for updates or other needed information. Josh stated that the budget of each station will be around \$2,500 each and the county's cost share will be an estimated \$6,500.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously approved the recommended update to the Use of County Grounds Policy. Chairman Moore stated that this change will allow the county to cancel a use of grounds event in case of weather or other extreme condition which may cause damage to grounds. Councilman Daniel ask if they applied to all county properties and the Chairman agreed that it would.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council unanimously re-appointed Jack Nichols to the Airport Commission with his second term expiring July 14, 2030.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson Council unanimously appointed Patricia Graham to the GLEAMS Board representing the Private Sector with her first term expiring on August 11, 2027.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss personnel in the Administrative Office and to receive legal advice on a Representation Agreement and we will return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: September 8, 2025

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James L. Moore, Chairman