

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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
Ginny Bozeman, County Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh 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 Anderson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson the minutes were unanimously approved for August 11, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Atkinson made comments regarding drugs from China and that the residents need to watch

out for them and their impacts on the community.

Councilman Anderson praised our public safety services and their expertise as he had used them all this past month.

Council Bedenbaugh notified every one of the upcoming Lions Club Golf Tournament and the benefits of those funds raised. He also expressed his sympathy to Councilman Daniel at the loss of his daughter. Councilman Daniel read a statement from his family of thankfulness to the community for all acts of kindness during the loss of his daughter, Michelle.

Chairman Moore stated that his thoughts and prayers are with the Daniels family. He let everyone know about the ribbon cutting for the newly completed roadway within the Commerce Park on the prior Thursday. He stated that the funding sources for the road was from a grant with Rural Infrastructure Authority, Dominion Energy and the remainder was from the Economic Development Millage Account. Chairman Moore announced that the Detention Center and the EMS Building is about 70% complete and hopes wrap things up by the end of the year.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore recognized citizen David Clary. Mr. Clary expressed concerns regarding EMS transports. He questioned funding in the EMS, EMD and Fire Board. And he also stated a few concerns with the radio system.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance 11-25, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO SALUDA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." No one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance 12-25, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." No one signed up and the public hearing was closed.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson, 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."

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved second 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."

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved second reading on Ordinance No. 12-25, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

K. NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, Council approved first reading on Ordinance No. 13-25, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 6 OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE, TITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, WITH MODIFICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." With Chairman Moore, Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh and Councilman Daniels voting in favor and Councilman Anderson and Councilman Atkinson voting against. Chairman Moore recognized County Attorney, Ginny Bozeman, to explain the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code. Attorney, Bozemen said this would insure that we follow the proper procedures in enforcement of codes.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 14-25, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 24, TITLED "SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." Chairman Moore explained that this ordinance repeals and old 1985 ordinance that is no longer in effect and it currently handled by DEHC.

On motion of Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved a proclamation recognizing the South Carolina State Guard. Chairman Moore read the resolution and recognized Col. Glenn Remsen who express his appreciation in Saluda County's support.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved to set the County Operating Millage for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at 145.6 Mills and the County Bond Mills at 6.7. The following Mills are to remain the same with Economic Development at 6 Mills, Law Enforcement / Detention at 12 Mills, Piedmont Technical College at 3.5 Mills, Public Buildings Maintenance at 4 Mills and Fire Board at 5 Mills.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved to set the Saluda School District One Operating Millage for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at 166.9 Mills and the Saluda School District One Bond Mills at a total of 54.5 Mills. Chairman Moore stated under discussion that the school operating millage will remain the same and the School Bonds will see a decrease over last year's bond millage due to a positive balance in the school bond account.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously approved to apply for a FAA Grant for T-Hanger Expansion Design. Chairman Moore recognized Jill Warren, Airport Manager to explain the details of the application. Jill stated that the Airport is looking to expand up to four T-Hangers and we currently have a waiting list for renters. The design cost would be approximately \$187,724 and is a 95% / 5% match grant. The state and the county would split the 5% which would make our portion \$5,532. Chairman Moore ask for clarification that this was for the design only and Ms. Warren stated yes. She said when we were ready for the building construction phase we would apply for another grant at that time. Councilman Daniel asked if these would accommodate small jets and Ms. Warren replied that our runway is not long enough for small jets.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss an Economic Development Opportunity and to receive legal advice and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council
Date Approved: October 13, 2025

James L. Moore, Chairman