

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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
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Also Present were:	Sandra G. Padget, Administrator Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council Ginny Bozeman, County Attorney
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B. INVOCATION Chairman Moore 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 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 Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the minutes were unanimously approved for September 8, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Daniel and Atkinson stated they were happy to be at the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Councilman Bedenbaugh said that he was proud of our EMS service.

Councilman Anderson reminded everyone to attend the Richland Creek Festival on October 31 thru November 2nd.

Chairman Moore asked council members to review the list of Boards and Commissions to see what vacancies need to be filled. He commented that he attended the state fair and suggested everyone stop in and see the SC250 exhibit next to the rocket. He stated that the Town of Saluda will have its Christmas Parade on December 6th and that he had shared CPST information with the town at their meeting. Chairman Moore also said he attended a meeting with Susan Jackson who is a representative from Representative Biggs office and they spoke about funding for the Sheriff's Office expansion. He notified council members that there would be a called meeting on Monday, October 20th regarding a tanker truck. Chairman Moore announced the ground breaking at Piedmont Tech. on the 28th for the new industrial section. He also announced the new public comments section of the agenda for anyone who would like to speak.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to speak.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore recognized the Chairperson of the Republican party, Amy Potts. Ms. Potts spoke on values of Saluda County residents and how the public can use the power of political involvement to build trust and transparency. She expressed belief that public comment periods will give citizens a voice for positive impact.

J. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

K. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved third 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 Daniel, Council unanimously approved second 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

THERE TO.” Under discussion Chairman Moore explained that this would help give our building codes officials a way of enforcing those existing codes.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved second 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.” Under discussion Chairman Moore explained that the functions of this ordinance is being carried out by the Department of Environmental Services and no longer the responsibility of the county.

L. NEW BUSINESS:

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 15-25, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND PROJECT OCTANS TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES; APPROVING THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY TO AN EXISTING MULTICOUNTY PARK WITH AIKEN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND PROJECT OCTANS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. Under discussion Chairman Moore stated that this was a business.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 16-25, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLES I AND II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. Under discussion Chairman Moore stated that this amends the requirements under the public comments and presentation section. It also addresses the change from Director to Administrator in this section of the code.

On motion of Councilman Anderson seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved a resolution Providing for Negotiation of a Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement. Chairman Moore read the long resolution. Chairman Moore explained that this allows the company to proceed with developing their project.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson, Council unanimously approved to purchase four transport ventilators in the amount of \$36,032.02 to be paid from contingency. Chairman Moore recognized Jacob Starnes, EMS Director, and he explained how the automatic ventilators work compared to the manual devices they currently use. He also explained the savings of purchasing them now through this particular vendor before the cost increases due to other vendors adding them to their inventory. Chairman Moore explained his hesitancy in purchasing them now due to current funding. Discussion was made considering just purchasing three. Jacob stated that the devices would be used approximately 60 to 80 times per year and carries a 1 to 5-year warranty.

M. 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) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended to receive legal advice and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council
Date Approved: November 10, 2025

James L. Moore, Chairman