

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson the minutes were unanimously approved for October 13th and 20th, 2025.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmen Daniel and Atkinson thanked everyone for attending and reminded everyone of Veterans Day and thanked all Veterans for their service.

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked all county personnel for the work they do. Her reminded everyone to stay safe with heating during the upcoming cold weather season.

Councilman Anderson recognized and congratulated our 10 and 12-year-old soccer all-star teams as they will be traveling to Florence representing Saluda in the State.

Chairman Moore notified everyone that there would be a workshop on the next Monday at 6:00PM to discuss Capital Project Sales Tax projects. He said that he had spoken with Ridge Spring the prior week about the process. He recognized veterans in attendance and said he appreciated all veterans and as a veteran himself, their service is for others and what this country believes in.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Greg Sanders spoke on Ordinance #16-25 and requested the attached Exhibit A document to be published.

Citizen Gail Meyer invited everyone to attend the Christmas events and Parade on December 6th.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance 12-25, "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." Will Williams from Western SC Alliance explained the process and the need for the addition of the ordinance to the county's regulations. He explained about distribution and transmission line and that solar facilities locate near transmission lines. He said that company's pay the land owners to lease and negotiate connection agreements with the utilities. Mr. Williams said that requirements such as vegetative buffer, appropriate fencing allowing for small wildlife and reclamation bonds would benefit the County. No one else signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved third reading on Ordinance No. 12-25, "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." Chairman Moore stated that the review of this ordinance has also been approved and submitted from the Planning Commission.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council approved third 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 Councilman Anderson voting against. Under discussion Chairman Moore explained that the adoption of the property maintenance code will allow for safe and equitable enforcement standards.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh, Council unanimously approved third 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 stated that this repeals and old 1985 ordinance that is no longer in effect nor handled by the County.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved second 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 said that this adds the Public Comment Section to the regular council meetings and also addresses the prior change of form of government in our Code of Ordinances.

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved first reading on Ordinance No. 17-25, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED SOLID WASTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY ("AUTHORITY") TO EXTEND THE TERM THEREOF THROUGH 2050, UPDATE TONNAGE COMMITMENTS AND INCREASE ANNUAL TIPPING FEES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PHASE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO." Under discussion Chairman Moore said we will be having a representative from Three Rivers attend our next meeting to explain the new construction phase and agreement. He was unable to attend tonight due to a prior commitment. He said this construction will add a new cell to the facility. Chairman Moore explained that the county's trash is sent to Tri-County, processed and then sent to Three Rivers Solid Waste facility to dispose of and the cost of this disposal to the county is close to \$1,000,000 per year.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved the Standard Operating Guidelines for EMS body camera us. Chairman Moore recognized Jacob Starnes, EMS Director to explain the new accountability standards. Mr. Starnes said that the cameras were purchased from Grant in Aid State funds.

L. 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 Emergency Management Office and to receive legal advice and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called Council back into open session.

Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve the job description of Public Information Officer in the Emergency Management Department as submitted at a grade 17 and to fund the position in the amount of \$28,054 from Contingency. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved.

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Date Approved: December 8, 2025

James L. Moore, Chairman