

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore
Vice-Chairman Carey Bedenbaugh
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Frank Daniel
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were: Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett

B. INVOCATION Councilman Anderson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Pledge was led by Chairman Moore.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting and agenda were 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 the council meetings are open to the public.**

E. Council Discussion

Chairman Moore discussed the upcoming steps to continue the Capital Project Sales Tax and went over the timeline to implement the procedure with the citizens approval. He recognized departments in attendance to explain their projects.

- Hardee Horne, Risk Manager, presented two projects that the county needs to keep county properties safe. First was the resurfacing of the parking lot at the DSS/Health Department Building due to the breakdown of the surface causing an unsafe area for citizens, staff and handicap accessible areas. The other project was the demolition of the Old Detention Center as it can not be used for other purposes.
- Sheriff Josh Price explained the proposed expansion of his office and the need for additional space for investigations and evidence storage. He said this would be the same plan as presented two years prior.
- Scott Carroll, EMS Assistant Director presented three projects. He explained the need to transition the current EMS substations at the Circle and Ridge Spring to permanent structures. He said that both 10-year-old mobile units have served there purpose well but it

would be best to build permanent structures with-in the next 8 years. He also expressed the need to replace one of the Ambulances in the future.

- William Wideman, Recreation Director spoke on the reconfiguration of the current sports facility and also the addition of a Gym.
- Mark Lybrand, Fire Coordinator stated four possible projects with the most urgent being the building of a substation around the area of Popular Springs and Duncan Road to cover an underserved area with high ISO ratings. He said the second priority would be a substation in the Fruit Hill area where we already own property. The other two needs are a Tanker/Pumper Truck and a Fire Truck.

Chairman Moore asked that Council list the projects in order of what they thought were priority. After discussion the order was agreed upon as follows:

1. Parking Lot at DSS/Health Department
2. Sheriff's Department Expansion
3. EMS Substation located in the Circle Area
4. EMS Substation at Ridge Spring
5. Fire Station at Popular Springs and Duncan Road Area
6. Fire Substation at Fruit Hill
7. Recreation Reconfiguration
8. Tanker/Pumper Truck
9. Fire Truck
10. Ambulance
11. Demolition of Detention Center

F. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Regina H. Turner

Clerk to Council

Date Approved: December 8, 2025

James L. Moore, Chairman