

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 at 5:45 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy at 5:48 P.M.

Present were:

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn C. Shealy
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chair Shealy delivered the invocation.

C. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the called meeting and agenda were given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vice-Chair Shealy announced new business was the consideration of building repairs and equipment for the remodeling of the Sheriff's department mobile unit formerly known as the S.C. Highway Patrol building.

Vice-Chair Shealy stated the building was donated to Saluda County through state surplus and plans were to remodel the building into two separate offices and move Victims Services and the Investigators of the Sheriff's department. Details of the various repairs, equipment and furniture along with quotes were included in Council's agenda package.

Council and Chief Deputy Chris Cockrell discussed the remodeling and equipment for the building to include: structural repairs, painting of walls, replacement of flooring, building an ADA compliant handicap ramp or installation of a handicap lift, IT and security equipment, and purchasing of furniture. During discussion topics also addressed were the necessity of the building due to overcrowding at the Sheriff's department; county

maintenance employees performing some of the repair work during winter months; and deputies volunteering with repair work of walls and floors to reduce costs.

Vice-Chair Shealy mentioned dividing the remodeling into three phases with the first phase to include the structural repair, painting of walls, replacement of flooring, and the handicap ramp; the second phase to include IT and security system equipment and installation; and the third phase purchasing of furniture.

Vice-Chair Shealy suggested the option of offering two separate motions, one for the first phase so employees could be working with repairs during the winter months and the third phase due to the time frame for building furniture.

Vice Chair Shealy entertained the following motion for the renovation: to complete phase one of the renovation of the former S.C. Highway Patrol building on Law Enforcement Drive, which includes carpentry work, flooring, painting, and demolition of the deck and reconstruction of the ADA handicap compliant ramp to be awarded to T & T Complete Construction for no greater than \$15,500.00 to be taken from building repair reserve account. No one moved for the motion; therefore the motion died.

Coun. Daniel said he was for the renovation, but would like to wait and address the renovation in January. County personnel informed Council quotes obtained were good through certain dates in December and after the first of January costs of the IT and security system equipment and installation and construction costs would be increasing.

After discussion with County personnel on the installation of the IT and security system equipment and increases in costs after January, Vice-Chair Shealy entertained a motion that the renovation of the former S.C. Highway Patrol building on Law Enforcement Drive be deferred until the mid-year budget review. Coun. Miller moved for the motion. Coun. Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Voting in Favor: Coun. Butler, Daniel and Miller). (Opposed: Vice-Chair Shealy).

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, to discuss personnel matters in Building Codes, Risk Management and Solid Waste Departments, to return at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

Council returned into open session at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

F. PUBLIC ACTION

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to offer the position of Risk Manager to Thomas Hardee Horne.

2. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to create a part-time Solid Waste Coordinator position, 10 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$12.89, to adopt the job description and to advertise according to county policy.

G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Karen T. Whittle
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Clerk to Council

Gwendolyn C. Shealy
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Vice-Chair

January 8, 2018
Date Approved