

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CALLED MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Derrick W. Jones called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:39 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

Absent was: Coun. Jones P. Butler

B. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

C. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Clerk of Court

Clerk of Court, Sheri Coleman reviewed travel, employee training, professional services, and special contracts of her budget with Council. Ms. Coleman informed Council she was in the process of obtaining quotes for the Real Estate Program in the Clerk of Court's office due to the current contract expiring July 31, 2018.

Ms. Coleman and County Attorney Spradley reviewed Juror pay with County Council. Attorney Spradley informed Council the last recorded Juror pay for Saluda County in the state statute from the early 1970's was \$7.00 per day and .10 per mile. Atty. Spradley said Council could pay more than the state statute, but not less than. The Juror pay currently is \$15.00 per day and .52 per mile, but no record of when pay and mileage increased, but was not by state statute. Ms. Coleman informed Council she would like to change to a flat rate with no mileage reimbursement and reviewed the cost savings to the county. Ms. Coleman reviewed the rates of other counties and informed Council other counties changed their rates by Resolution.

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General consensus of Council and Ms. Coleman was to change Juror pay to a flat rate of \$10.00 with no mileage reimbursement, which decreased line item #46 to \$27,000.00.

Attorney Spradley recommended for Council to change the Juror pay to a flat rate by Resolution in a regular Council meeting for there to be a record.

Ms. Coleman also requested cost of copies be increased from .25 to .50. Council staff will check the Freedom of Information Act policy concerning cost of copies and whether the policy would need to be revised.

Family Court

Ms. Coleman was in agreement with Council decreasing line item #10 to \$100.00, but informed Council that figure may have to increase in future years when DSS funds were no longer given to Clerk of Courts. Ms. Coleman said currently DSS funds were used to purchase office supplies.

Coroner

Chm. Jones stated the Coroner was not present and sent the Deputy Coroner to sit in his place.

County Council and the Deputy Coroner discussed the Coroner's budget.

General consensus of Council to change the following line items to:

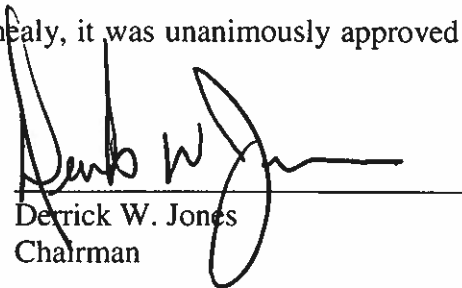
- #10 \$700 Deleted a color printer due to an existing color printer in office if color printing was needed; deleted cost of office paper due to being provided by the County; deleted petty cash due to petty cash in the Council office; reduction of misc. supplies according to last year expenses.
- #15 \$865 Deleted one night accommodations due to time the last day of conference is over.

D. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 8:12 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

May 14, 2018
Date Approved