

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
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 regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Jones P. Butler
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
Attorney, Amber C. Fulmer

B. INVOCATION

Chm. Jones offered a moment of silence in memory of Deputy Dale Hallman. Coun. Daniel followed with the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the minutes for March 6 and 12, 2018 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Council Members offered condolences to the family of Deputy Dale Hallman, the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch, the Detention Center, and First Responders and thanked the County citizens for their support.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 12, FLOODS, ARTICLE II, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, SECTION 12-31 THROUGH SECTION 12-152 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA."
2. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 02-18, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION TO BE CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 12, FLOODS, ARTICLE II, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA."
3. Chm. Jones recognized Public Buildings Supervisor Kent Long to address renovations to the Sheriff's Office mobile unit (formerly Highway Patrol building).

Mr. Long reviewed the additional renovations and materials needed to complete the renovation of the Sheriff's Office mobile unit to include, re-decking of porches and new set of steps, glass and soundproof panels for the interrogation room, concrete pad at the handicap ramp and a hand/pull rail for the handicap ramp. Mr. Long informed Council the total cost of the project was \$5,655.00 using an estimated cost from Price's Metal Shop on the hand/pull rail and \$5,455.00 using a quote from Clint Durst on the hand/pull rail, with an allotment of \$200.00 included in each total cost for unforeseen materials needed for the porches.

Coun Miller questioned would these renovations complete the project. Mr. Long responded it would with what had been communicated to him as being needed and to meet building codes. Coun. Miller questioned staff had there been any other request for the building not included in the figures. County Director Sandra Padget informed Council of the request for the card reader system. Coun. Miller and Mr. Long discussed the additional renovations to the porches not being included in the previous renovation quote that was approved.

With Mr. Long being recently hired in the Public Buildings Supervisor position and inheriting this project, Chm. Jones requested of Mr. Long for future projects to be complete of requested renovations when submitting to Council for request of funding.

Council Miller suggested postponing the vote for the renovations until all quotes, to include the card reader system, were received.

Chm. Jones entertained a motion to defer the renovations until Council has all of the quotes. Coun. Miller moved the motion. Coun. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized Ms. Kathy Culclasure to present the Saluda School District One Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget.

Ms. Culclasure stated School District One was requesting an increase of the CPI from the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 appropriations. Ms. Culclasure said the growth rate for Saluda County had not been received and was not included. Ms. Culclasure said the School District was requesting \$6,990,127.00 minus revenues and credits reflected on the tax receipt from fee-in-Lieu, property tax relief, homestead exemption, tier 3 property tax relief, merchant inventory, manufacturer's depreciation and motor carrier for a net amount of \$4,465,427.00 from ad valorem taxes. Ms. Culclasure said most of those revenue/credits were set by the state.

Coun. Miller questioned if there were any big projects/expansions/upgrades included in the budget. Ms. Culclasure said the budget was for salaries, pensions, insurance, minor building maintenance, utilities and service contracts directly related to education; not building fund projects.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 03-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE COUNTY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID INTO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT."

During discussion Chm. Jones stated Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$6,990,127.00 minus revenues and credits reflected on tax receipt from fee-in-lieu, property tax relief, homestead exemption, tier 3 property tax relief, merchant inventory, manufacturer's depreciation and motor carrier for a net amount of \$4,465,427.00 from ad valorem taxes.

2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 04-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018: TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS: TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES: TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

During discussion Chm. Jones stated the amount for First Reading for the county operating budget was \$15,208,446.00 and debt service on bonds was \$133,426.06 for a total amount of \$15,341,872.06. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$3,743,355.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$ 248,853.00 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 appropriations. They are funded through millage and are not included in the above figures.

3. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Fair Housing Month Resolution. During discussion Coun. Miller questioned was Council required to adopt the resolution every year. County Director Sandra Padget said the resolution was adopted every year in case it was a requirement of grants Saluda County had or grants that were processed through Saluda County. (A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and on file in the Clerk to Council’s office).
4. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimous to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command and the County Council of Saluda, South Carolina.
5. Chm. Jones recognized Mr. David Ballard with the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Geodetic Survey Division to present the geodetic survey of common boundaries of Aiken Edgefield and Saluda Counties and Edgefield Saluda Counties.

Mr. Ballard informed Council their job was to position county boundaries as they were defined in the S.C. Code of Laws. Mr. Ballard said the S.C. Geodetic Survey was contacted years ago to look at the common boundary of Aiken Edgefield and Saluda Counties. Mr. Ballard said S.C. Geodetic Survey was contacted again by county GIS departments as to whether or not they were following the monumented lines. Mr. Ballard said the necessary work had been completed and they had verified the boundary line being used by the counties did follow the monumented line very closely. Mr. Ballard reviewed the steps for clarifying the boundaries and the requirements needed to complete the re-establishment. Mr. Ballard informed Council over 550 properties were reviewed along nearly 34.75 mile section of the re-established boundary and determined there were no significant impacts. Mr. Ballard informed Council a significant impact was defined as a residence, place of business, or the majority of a parcel being found in a different county based on the proposed re-established boundary and county GIS lines. Mr. Ballard said the GIS maps for the Aiken Edgefield Saluda line from Fox’s Creek to Chinquapin would not require much adjustment at all.

Mr. Ballard reviewed the boundary line between Edgefield and Saluda Counties. Mr. Ballard said approximately 80 properties were reviewed along nearly 9.5 mile section of re-established boundary and determined there was only one potential impact of a one acre vacant parcel that was in Edgefield County but taxed by Saluda County. Mr. Ballard said the property owner also owned the surrounding property and was going to consolidate the one acre parcel into the adjacent

property. Mr. Ballard said the GIS departments for Edgefield and Saluda were working on the adjustments.

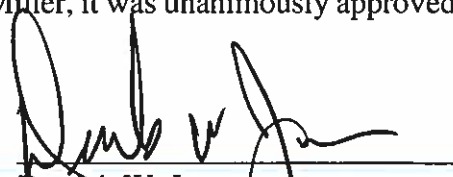
6. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to change the Saluda County Personnel Policies and Procedures manual to reflect the change to receive annual and sick leave credits on the 1st of every month and new hires to receive leave credits on the 1st of the month after beginning employment with the County. During discussion Coun. Miller asked Finance Coordinator Joni Drafts would a new employee hired on the 1st of the month lose the eight hours of annual and sick leave for that month. Ms. Drafts responded if an employee's hire date was the 1st of the month, they would not lose the eight hours annual and sick leave for that month, but it would not post to their accrual bank until the first of the following month.
7. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to authorize the County Director to transfer funds from Contingency to balance accounts.
8. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to appoint Sharon Joy Antley of 146 Clear Lake Road, Prosperity to the Westview Behavioral Health System Board with her first term expiring April 10, 2021.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

May 14, 2018
Date Approved