

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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, Ralph N. Riley, Jr.

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler delivered 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. Shealy, the minutes for April 9, 16, 17, 18, 23, 30, and May 3, 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

Coun. Shealy thanked the citizens of Saluda County for the condolences and prayers in the death of her sister, Paulette Corley Hendrix.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing 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." No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.
2. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing 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." No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Third 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. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Third 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." During discussion Chm. Jones stated the \$30.00 flood permit fee and the \$30.00 flood verification fee would remain at the same rate.
3. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Second 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 \$7,064,400.00 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 \$4,529,700.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes.

4. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Second 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 Second Reading for the county operating budget was \$14,224,299.00 and debt service on bonds was \$133,426.06 for a total amount of \$14,357,725.06. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$2,759,208.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$248,853.00 for FY18-19 appropriations. They are funded through millage and are not included in the above figures.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized Jason Fell, General Manager for Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority to present their request to acquire an easement on Saluda County Parcel Number 100-00-00-038 and to purchase a portion of Saluda County Parcel Number 099-00-00-016.

Mr. Fell distributed maps to Council and staff on the property the Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority was requesting to acquire an easement on Saluda County Parcel Number 100-00-00-038 and to purchase a portion of Saluda County Parcel Number 099-00-00-016.

Mr. Fell informed Council the Authority currently had an easement on parcel number 100-00-00-038 for a sewer main force line. The Authority was requesting an additional easement on the property to construct a permanent safety compliant sewer discharge site. The proposed site would be a graveled circular area for a tanker truck to be able to turn around. Mr. Fell said he had spoken to Economic Development Consultant Ed Parler and Emergency Management Director Josh Morton and both were agreeable with this request.

Mr. Fell informed Council the Authority was requesting to purchase 20.4 acres of parcel number 099-00-00-016 to locate the Authority's proposed waste water treatment facility adjacent to Saluda's Commission of Public Works waste water treatment plant. Mr. Fell said the acreage would allow space for growth and a buffer. Mr. Fell said the Authority was also looking to partner with the Town of Saluda and the Commission of Public Works

which would save both entities money. Mr. Fell said the proposed waste water treatment facility would allow existing customers and industry to grow. Currently in order for customers to expand, the Authority had to contact the entities they are transmitting sewer through and seek additional sewer capacity. Mr. Fell discussed the proposed facility and information on future customer/industry growth. Mr. Fell informed Council he would like to move as quick as possible on the proposal in order to acquire funding this year.

Council received the presentation as information and Chm. Jones informed Mr. Fell Council would have to decide how to move forward with the requests; both requests would require three readings and public hearings; and Council would have to discuss the financial and contractual portion of the proposals in Executive Session.

2. Chm. Jones recognized Finance Specialist Regina Turner to present consideration to paint the main floor public access areas and one stairwell of the Courthouse.

Ms. Turner reviewed the proposal and the quote provided in the agenda package on painting the main floor public access areas and one stairwell of the Courthouse in the amount of \$5,060.00. Ms. Turner said the Clerk of Court had agreed to pay for the painting upstairs, one stairwell, and the addition of a chair rail to protect the walls in the amount of \$3,795.00 from DSS court funds. Ms. Turner recommended the County's portion of \$5,060.00 be funded from the public building repair account.

Chm. Jones offered a motion to paint the main floor public access areas and one stairwell of the Courthouse in the amount of \$5,060.00 as quoted from T & T Complete Construction to be paid from the public building repair account. Coun. Shealy moved the motion and Coun. Butler seconded the motion. During discussion Coun. Miller questioned the timing for the project. Ms. Turner responded quotes were sought for the project for Council to decide whether to include the project in the FY18-19 budget or if Council wanted to do the project now. Coun. Miller said he did not feel comfortable with Council spending money when there was currently a spending freeze and Council had requested department heads to stop spending. Ms. Turner said the request was sought at the beginning of February and she had informed bidders Council may decide to do the project now or it could be a project for the FY18-19 budget year; it may not be a project within 30 days of the quote. Coun. Miller said he would like to defer the project till after budget. Chm. Jones called for the vote and the motion failed. (Voting in Favor: Coun. Shealy). (Opposed: Chm. Jones, Coun. Daniel, Miller, Butler).

3. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director Josh Morton to present consideration of GIS Data Charges.

Mr. Morton explained the challenges currently faced in Saluda County in regards to inaccurate data utilized by GPS providers. Mr. Morton said they had been contacted by some GPS providers that would like to acquire the correct data. Mr. Morton said currently the price was \$300.00 for E-911 address points and \$500.00 for road centerlines (to include address ranges) which would be cost prohibitive for companies to purchase the data from every county in the country. Mr. Morton said since it would be impossible to fairly

determine who would and would not qualify to receive the data for this purpose, they were proposing for Council to provide the following data layers to all GIS data users free of charge: road centerlines (to include address changes) and E-911 address points. Mr. Morton said these layers did not provide any personal identifiable information. Mr. Morton also informed Council no one had ever purchased the road centerline data and since 2012 only three people had purchased the address data.

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to provide the following data layers to all GIS data users free of charge: GIS road centerlines (to include address ranges) and E-911 address points.

4. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director Josh Morton to present consideration to develop a request for proposal for a contract for the monitoring and maintenance of the county's access control and alarm systems.

Mr. Morton informed Council the current contract with Protection One (now ADT) for the county's access control, security and fire alarms, and camera systems would be expiring soon. Mr. Morton requested of Council to approve for staff to develop a request for proposal for the monitoring and maintenance of these systems to ensure the county was receiving the best possible service at the best price.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for staff to develop a request for proposal for a contract for the monitoring and maintenance of the county's access control system, security and fire alarm system and camera system. During discussion Mr. Morton said he felt more companies would respond to the request for proposal than in the past because more companies were selling the system like the County's.

5. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to freeze the hiring of all non-emergent positions with the County. During discussion Chm. Jones said this would not include Sheriff's law enforcement officers, EMS staff, dispatchers and detention center staff. Coun. Miller said he hated to do this, but felt positions needed to be evaluated as they came open.

#### J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

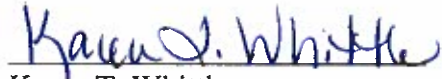
On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss 1) Sheriff's Office and Detention Center personnel and work schedules; and 2) receive legal advice concerning the Building Codes Department, to return at the Call of the Chair.

No action came out of Executive Session.

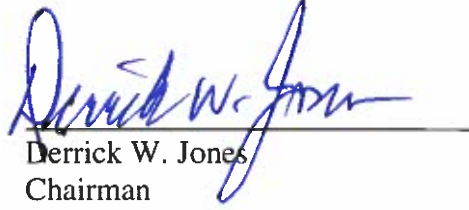
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K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones  
Chairman

June 11, 2018  
Date Approved