

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Vice-Chm. Daniel announced that Coun. Grice, Coun. Butler and he were present and Coun. Anderson was joining the Council meeting by video conference.

As Clerk to Council, I verify that Coun. Justin Anderson, attending by video conferencing, could be seen and heard by the public.

Present were: Vice-Chm. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. Justin Anderson (by video conference)  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. Wayne Grice

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

B. INVOCATION

Vice-Chm. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chm. Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, the minutes for March 9, 17, and 19, 2020 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (CONT.)

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda and also on the county's website home page:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19, THE SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED ACCESS TO COUNCIL AND REQUIRED STAFF ONLY. THE PUBLIC AND PRESS/MEDIA ACCESS TO THE LIVE MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY A LIVE STREAM. YOU MAY ACCESS THE LIVE STREAM WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS BY GOING TO THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT [WWW.SALUDACOUNTY.SC.GOV](http://WWW.SALUDACOUNTY.SC.GOV), CLICK ON THE YOU TUBE BOX IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER AND CLICK ON THE APRIL 13, 2020 VIDEO.**

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

1. County Council asked for remembrance and prayers for the victims from the storm on the morning of April 13<sup>th</sup> in South Carolina as well as victims from other states, and from COVID-19. Council also thanked the first responders, volunteer firemen, and law enforcement for their assistance throughout the county after the storm.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 04-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, 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 Vice-Chm. Daniel stated Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$7,551,956.00 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 \$4,867,802.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.
2. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 05-20, "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, 2020; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA

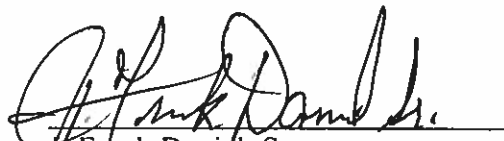
COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.” During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated the amount for First Reading for the county operating budget was \$13,675,358.00 and debt service on bonds was \$131,452.00 for a total amount of \$13,806,810.00. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$850,514.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$ 241,914.00 for FY20-21 appropriations. They are funded through millage and were not included in the figures.

3. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Fair Housing Month Resolution as read by Vice-Chm. Daniel. (The resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council’s office).
4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to terminate the policy regarding the use of sick leave for child care due to school closures due to COVID-19 approved on March 17, 2020 due to the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)** signed into law by the President on March 18, 2020 and effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
5. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to authorize the County Director to transfer funds from Contingency to balance accounts for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
6. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to freeze departmental year-end spending with only normal monthly bills and necessary purchases to perform the job and safely operate equipment and vehicles.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 P.M.

  
Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council

  
J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Vice-Chairman

May 11, 2020  
Date Approved