

April 8, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chm. 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. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Anderson 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. Anderson, the minutes for March 5 and 11, 2019 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

1. Coun. Butler announced Mayson Fire Department would be having a country fried steak supper on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

2. Chm. Jones thanked everyone for their support at the Dale Hallman memorial blood drive on Saturday, April 6th.

Chm. Jones also expressed condolences to the family of county employee, Mr. James Rolland.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized Asst. Emergency Management Director, Jill Warren for the consideration to award the request for qualifications for engineering and consulting services for FAA funded projects at the Saluda County Airport.

Ms. Warren reported Saluda County was eligible to receive the \$150,000.00 appropriations from the FAA, but in order to receive the funding Saluda County was required to have an engineering and consulting firm for FAA funded projects.

Ms. Warren informed Council a request for qualifications was put out and four companies submitted a response: Holt Consulting Company, Talbert Bright & Ellington, Dennis Corporation, and Maysawyr LLC. Ms. Warren said the Airport Commission reviewed the submittals and decided on Holt Consulting Company as their recommendation to Council.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to award engineering and consulting services for FAA funded projects at the Saluda County Airport to Holt Consulting Company, LLC. During discussion Ms. Warren informed Council Holt Consulting would be funded through the FAA grant, with the County and State each providing a 5% grant match.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, 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 \$7,551,956.00 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. Miller, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 02-19, "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, 2019; 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, 2019; 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, 2019: 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 \$14,236,490.00 and debt service on bonds was \$126,250.50 for a total amount of \$14,362,740.50. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$2,470,628.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$225,178.00 for FY19-20 appropriations. They are funded through millage and were not included in the figures.

3. Chm Jones read the Fair Housing Month Resolution.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Fair Housing Month Resolution. (A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)

4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to authorize the County Director to transfer funds from Contingency to balance accounts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) and (3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss: 1) personnel in the Public Buildings department, 2) a contractual matter with Safebuilt, 3) security matter at the county convenience centers, to receive legal advice and to return at the Call of the Chair.

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

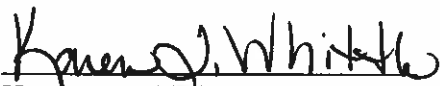
J. PUBLIC ACTION

1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to purchase seven (7) security camera systems for the county convenience centers at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 to be funded from the Solid Waste Revenue account.

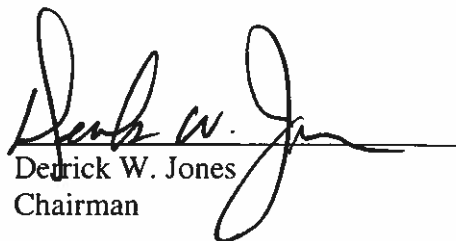
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K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

May 13, 2019
Date Approved