

August 26, 2019

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Derrick W. Jones at 3:01 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.

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

Absent was: Coun. D. J. Miller

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized EMS Director, Jacob Starnes for the request to fill vacant positions in Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Starnes requested to fill three vacant full-time EMT positions and one vacant full-time Paramedic position with funds that were allocated in the FY2019-2020 EMS budget.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to fill the three vacant full-time EMT positions and the one full-time Paramedic position in the EMS department. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget.

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2. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was approved to fill the vacant Communication Officer position in Dispatch. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Butler, Daniel). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).
3. Chm. Jones recognized EMS Director, Jacob Starnes for the consideration of Cradle Point Wi-Fi System Grant.

Mr. Starnes informed Council the Cradle Point wi-fi system grant was received by the Edgefield Emergency Management office, to include surrounding counties, and would be fully reimbursable by DHEC. Mr. Starnes said the Cradle Point wi-fi system would transmit EKG's from the ambulance to the hospitals.

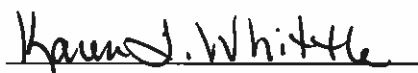
IT Director, Mitchell Kneece explained the current heart monitors had a wi-fi device attached that currently operated on 3G, but at the end of the calendar year the monitors would no longer function due to 3G being cut-off. Mr. Kneece said the Cradle Point wi-fi system would allow the heart monitor information to continue being sent to the hospitals and also the entire ambulance would have a hot spot which would allow the laptops to have internet access as well.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Saluda County EMS to participate in the Cradle Point Wi-Fi System grant received by Edgefield County, to include surrounding counties, to purchase 9 units for the Cradle Point Wi-Fi System for \$6,300.00, 1 antenna for \$300.00, and installation of the 9 units at \$2,700.00 for a total cost of \$9,300.00 to be funded from the grant account, to be fully reimbursable by DHEC. During discussion Council and Mr. Starnes discussed the grant was reimbursable by DHEC and the monthly data fees should be the same if not cheaper due to new rates for first responders.

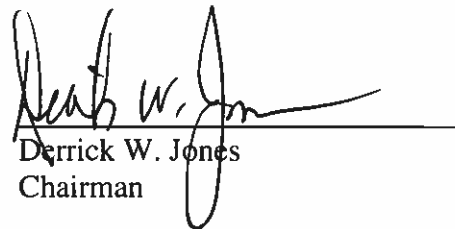
4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to purchase one 7.5 ton Carrier three phase gas pack unit for the Agriculture Building in the amount of \$8,250.00 as quoted by Edwards Heating and Cooling, LLC to be paid from the public building repair reserve account. During discussion Coun. Anderson questioned were other bids received. Director Padgett informed Council that a prior Council decided for the heat and air service provider be kept local.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

September 9, 2019
Date Approved