

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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

The work session was called to order by Chm. Derrick W. Jones at 6:04 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller (in at 6:09)

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley (in at 6:10)

Others present were:

Moseley Architects, Dan Mace
Moseley Architects, Todd Davis
SCAC Director of Risk Mgmt., Robert Benfield
Sheriff John Perry
Chief Deputy, Chris Cockrell
Jail Administrator, Janice Ergle
Asst. Jail Administrator, Lorine Kelly
Risk Manager, Hardee Horne
RD Specialist, Gwen Shealy

B. INVOCATION

Chm. Jones delivered the invocation.

C. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

D. WORK SESSION

A work session was held to discuss preliminary plans for the new jail facility.

Dan Mace, Vice President of Moseley Architects presented a power point introducing team members of Moseley Architects and reviewed services provided.

Todd Davis, Senior Associate with Moseley Architects reviewed the needs assessment study performed on the current jail facility based on data between 2013 and 2017. Mr. Davis reported the jail averaged 45 inmates and at various times over 71 inmates. Mr. Davis projected the minimum bed needs of the new jail facility through 2040 was 84 provided all laws stayed the same as to date and separation of inmates as needed.

Mr. Mace presented two design options for the new jail facility as a planning phase and informed Council these designs could be changed. The first design (bowtie design) was a 37,500 square foot two story facility with 98 beds; housing of inmates on the second level; a tower observation control room extended out to allow staff to view the inmates in all housing; and this design could reduce the number of staff needed. The housing included 2 medium security units with 23 beds each; 2 medium/maximum units with 8 beds each; 1 minimum security dormitory with 24 beds; and 1 maximum security unit with 12 beds. The six housing units allowed for separation of the classification of inmates. The first level included the kitchen, storage, intake/booking, laundry, medical unit, magistrate unit, jail administration, video visitation, etc. The projected construction cost was \$13,123,687.50, contingency fund to include furnishings was \$1,462,987.19 for a total cost of \$14,586,674.69.

Mr. Mace said the second design was a 26,600 square foot 60 bed single level building that included 4 housing units with one side being used as single units and one side being used as double units, with each side having a control room unit. The construction cost was \$9,609,600.00, contingency fund to include furnishings was \$1,064,008.00 for a total cost of \$10, 673,608.00. The single level design would require more staffing due to the two control room units versus the one tower control room unit in the two story design.

Council and Mr. Mace discussed the current designs for the Magistrate area were based on jail related use of the Magistrate and currently was not designed for the entire Magistrate department and courtroom.

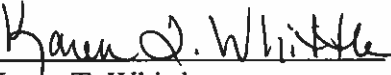
Mr. Mace said both designs could be expanded in the future and the site would need to be designed for future expansion. Mr. Mace reviewed a proposed design and construction phase schedule for the new jail facility with the time frame being 30 to 34 months. Mr. Mace recommended adding 5% to the construction costs for each year until the beginning phase was started due to the cost projections for the two designs were based on costs as of April 2018.

The conclusion of the work session was Moseley would design the new jail based on the decision of County Council as to the size of the jail and the budget; and verify the site could accommodate future expansion.


March 5, 2019

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Jones adjourned the work session at 7:23 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

April 8, 2019
Date Approved