

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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.

Present were:

Vice-Chm. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

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

Absent was:

Coun. Justin Anderson

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler 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 April 13 and 29, 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:

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, CLICK ON THE YOU TUBE BOX IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER AND CLICK ON THE MAY 11, 2020 VIDEO.

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

There were no reports from County Officials.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 02-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-263 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALUDA COUNTY FIRE BOARD."
2. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to amend Ordinance No. 04-20 (Saluda School District One Budget for FY20-21) deleting the reserve account as referenced in Section 4 and providing for a new Section 4 to receive all funds generated by the school millage.
3. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, Second 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." During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated the FY2020-2021 proposed general fund budget for Saluda County School District One did not request the increase for the CPI and growth from the 2019-2020 county appropriation amounts due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 financial impact at this time. Therefore, Saluda County School District One has based second reading on the 2019-2020 revenues. 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.

4. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Second 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 Second Reading for the county operating budget was \$13,531,937.00 and debt service on bonds was \$131,452.00 for a total amount of \$13,663,389.00. The difference in proposed expenditures and revenues was \$237,211.00. Piedmont Technical College was requesting \$ 241,914.00 for FY2020-2021 appropriations. They are funded through millage and are not included in the figures.
5. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, the Emergency Ordinance for COVID-19 Amendment No. 2, "AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SALUDA COUNTY DUE TO THE THREATS POSED BY THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")" was unanimously approved.
6. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to award the quote for generator inspection and repair to Generator Services, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$2,760.00 for the year 2020-2021 to include inspection and monitoring of six generators for county buildings. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated the amount would be placed in FY 2020-2021 budget.

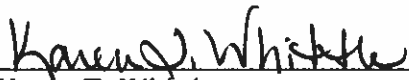
H. NEW BUSINESS

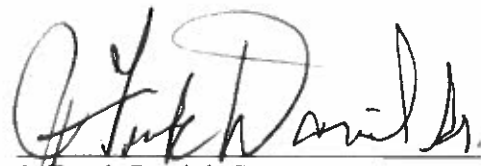
1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Saluda and the Town of Ward for the Town of Ward to assume all responsibilities for the upkeep and maintenance of Ward Park.
2. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved for Adroit Systems Company to upgrade the security alarm system in the Courthouse in the amount of \$8,671.90 to be paid from the Public Building Repair Reserve account.

3. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for Edwards Heating and Cooling LLC to replace 2 HVAC units for a total cost of \$9,360.00 to be paid from the Public Building Repair Reserve account.
4. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for Generator Services, Inc. to replace the automatic transfer switch (ATS) at the Saluda Detention Center in the amount of \$7,643.92 to be paid from the Jail Renovation account.
5. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for Georgia Detention Services to replace the camera system at the Saluda Detention Center in the amount \$34,455.66 to be paid from the Jail Renovation account. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel said the current camera system was 10 years old and this would replace the entire camera system at the Detention Center.
6. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to replace the vacant Family Court Clerk position.
7. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to appoint Joan Hipp of 656 Bethany School Road, Saluda, to the Saluda County Library Board with her first term expiring June 30, 2024.
8. On motion of Vice-Chm. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to reappoint Dr. William C. Sawyer of 176 Hampton Road, Saluda, to the Saluda Nursing Center Board with his second term expiring March 31, 2022.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman

June 8, 2020
Date Approved