

Gail Meyer

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding land use ordinances and the recent property sale. We appreciate citizens who are engaged and willing to participate in the process.

Saluda County is currently in the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan, which is an important step required before the County can consider and adopt zoning or broader land use ordinances. This process is intended to ensure that any future regulations are thoughtful, consistent, and reflective of the community's long-term goals.

Regarding the property sale mentioned, the County follows all applicable laws and procedures to ensure transactions are conducted appropriately. We understand the importance of transparency and public trust, and those remain priorities for County Council.

Input from residents is a valuable part of this process, and opportunities for public engagement will continue as the Comprehensive Plan moves forward. We encourage continued participation as these discussions evolve.

Regina Sanders

Thank you for your questions and for taking an interest in how this project may impact Saluda County.

Economic development projects are evaluated not only on initial investment and job creation, but also on their potential long-term benefits to the community. These can include increased tax base, infrastructure improvements, and opportunities for future growth.

Regarding the financial aspects mentioned, including funds and Special Source Revenue Credits, these are structured in accordance with state law and are typically tied to performance requirements such as investment thresholds and job creation. Any incentives are designed to support economic growth while still providing benefit to the County over time.

Decisions on how funds are allocated are made by County Council as part of the regular budgeting process, with the goal of serving the best interests of Saluda County residents.

We appreciate your engagement and encourage continued participation as these projects and discussions move forward.

David Clary

Thank you for your comments and for recognizing the important role our Fire Service and EMS personnel play in Saluda County.

We acknowledge the demands placed on our volunteer fire departments and appreciate the commitment of those who respond to calls, often at all hours, to serve their communities.

With regard to the funding referenced, the \$40,000 in rollover funds was used specifically to purchase air packs. These are essential pieces of safety equipment that are critical to protecting firefighters during operations.

The County works to ensure that necessary fire apparatus and equipment remain operational. To date, no fire trucks have been denied due to lack of funding, and maintenance needs are addressed promptly to keep units in service.

As with all departments, the County must balance multiple priorities within available resources while continuing to support public safety. We value continued input from both our first responders and the public as we work through ongoing budget considerations.

Barbara Padget

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding services and conditions in the Panhandle area. We appreciate hearing from residents and take all feedback seriously.

Following Hurricane Helene, debris removal operations were conducted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). The County did not perform debris removal. SCDOT coordinated and carried out debris clearance efforts in impacted areas. If there are remaining debris concerns, those should be directed to SCDOT for review and follow-up.

Regarding the missing stop sign at Loop de Loop and Old Goldmine, that sign is maintained by SCDOT, as are county limit signs. We encourage you to submit a request directly to SCDOT so it can be evaluated and addressed.

For road maintenance concerns on Loop de Loop Road, Saluda County Roads and Bridges handles maintenance on County-maintained roads. We recommend submitting a maintenance request to that department so the issue can be inspected and prioritized appropriately.

We understand the additional concerns raised regarding traffic, safety, fire service coverage, and signage. Some services and jurisdictions may vary depending on location, and the County continues to work with partner agencies and service providers to help ensure residents are served appropriately.

We appreciate your input and encourage you to continue reaching out through the proper channels so that specific issues can be documented and addressed.

Rev. Jackson

Thank you for sharing information about House Provision and your interest in expanding services into Saluda County. We appreciate organizations that work to support individuals and families through resources such as job assistance, counseling, life skills development, and community outreach initiatives like health fairs.

Saluda County welcomes collaboration with community partners and nonprofit organizations. We encourage you to connect with County staff or the appropriate departments to discuss your proposal in more detail and explore how your organization's goals may align with existing services and community needs.

We appreciate your interest in serving Saluda County and your willingness to contribute resources that may benefit our residents.

Jessica Lee

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding the future direction of Saluda County and the types of opportunities you would like to see for the community.

County Council is committed to supporting economic growth that benefits residents while preserving the character and priorities of the County. This includes considering a variety of development options, supporting local and small businesses, and evaluating projects based on their overall impact to the community, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and applicable regulations.

Public input plays an important role in these discussions, and feedback from residents helps inform ongoing conversations about growth, development, and long-term planning. We appreciate your engagement and encourage continued participation as these matters are considered.