

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 at 10:00 A.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 Jerry Strawbridge at 10:00 A.M.

Present were:

Chm. Jerry Strawbridge  
Coun. Justin Anderson  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

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

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chm. Strawbridge asked for approval of the agenda as written, unless there was an objection.  
Chm. Strawbridge stated hearing no objection, the agenda was approved.

E. 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.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

**Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. You may also access the live stream of the meeting by going to the county's website at [www.saludacounty.sc.gov](http://www.saludacounty.sc.gov), click on the you tube box in the top right hand corner and click on the September 29, 2020 video.**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Strawbridge recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton to present the grant request for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

Mr. Morton informed Council the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant was for the court and criminal justice systems, which included the Magistrate, Sheriff, Detention Center, and the courtroom in the Courthouse. Mr. Morton said the total grant request was for \$38,800.00, with no match required by the County, to include: 1) 14 REEM Halo units to be installed in the air conditioning systems to sanitize the air at \$650.00 each for a total of \$9,100.00; 2) 4 thermal imaging temperature detecting devices for a total amount of \$2,700.00; 3) a year supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the amount of \$11,000.00; and 4) a year supply of disinfectant and sanitizing supplies in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Mr. Morton informed Council the REEM Halo units would be installed as follows: 4 at the Sheriff's Office; 4 at the Detention Center; 4 at the Magistrate's Office; and 2 at the Courthouse for the Courtroom the grant would only supply the units for the offices mentioned. Mr. Morton said there would be recurring costs to the County every two years for the replacement bulbs for the REEM Halo units at \$350.00 each.

Council, Mr. Morton and Ms. Padgett discussed research to be performed to see how much it would cost to install the halo units for the remainder of the Courthouse, and to consult with the Clerk of Court to see if funds available to the Clerk of Court could be used to purchase some units, if not all for the remainder of the Courthouse.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to allow the Grants Coordinator to proceed with the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant in the amount of \$38,800.00 with no match requirement from the County.

2. Chm. Strawbridge recognized Treasurer Tiffany Shaw for consideration to fill a vacant position in the Treasurer's Office.

Ms. Shaw informed Council the Treasurer Assistant had accepted a position elsewhere in the County and requested Council's consideration to fill the Treasurer Assistant position in the Treasurer's Office.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to allow the Treasurer to advertise to fill the position for Assistant Treasurer. During discussion Chm. Strawbridge stated the effective date would be November 1, 2020.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Grice, 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 (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss: 1) personnel in the Roads and Bridges Department; 2) personnel in the IT Department; and 3) economic development project Mayson and to receive legal advice. Chm. Strawbridge stated possible action may come out of Executive Session pertaining to personnel in the Roads and Bridges and IT Departments.

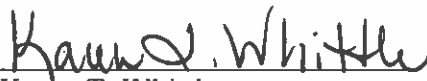
On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved for Council to come out of Executive Session.

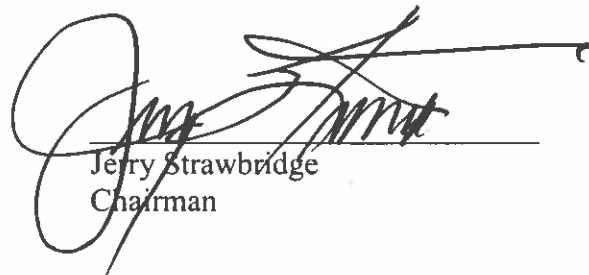
H. PUBLIC ACTION

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to advertise for the Roads and Bridges Superintendent according to County policy.
2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to advertise for the IT Analyst position according to County policy.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 A.M.

  
Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council

  
Jerry Strawbridge  
Chairman

October 12, 2020  
Date Approved