

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerry Strawbridge called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padgett  
Clerk to Council, Regina H. Turner  
Attorney, G.P. Callison

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Daniel, the agenda was unanimously approved.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, the minutes for January 11 and 26, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

F. 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.

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. Temporarily we were unable to live stream the meeting but a recording was made for upload to the web site.**

G. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Councilman Daniel encouraged everyone the importance of getting the COVID vaccine.
2. Councilman Atkinson stated that he attended the memorial service for Richard Ergle.
3. Councilman Anderson expressed sympathy for the family of Richard Ergle.
4. Councilman Bedenbaugh stated the effects of COVID was real and the importance of protecting yourself and your family. Councilman Bedenbaugh also stated that he attended the funeral of Mr. Gerald Powell who was a prior employee for the county.

H. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Chairman Strawbridge stated the need to publicize vaccination sites on our website and supply a notice for the local paper.

Josh Morton stated the dates that vaccines will be given at Saluda High School and Councilman Bedenbaugh gave the Greenwood location and address.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 12-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3-77, PROHIBITING NEPOTISM OR THE HIRING OF RELATIVES BY SALUDA COUNTY." During discussion Chairman Strawbridge noted the new nepotism policy was within the adopted Saluda County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual; therefore the Nepotism Ordinance from 1977 needed to be repealed.
2. On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, and unanimously approved, Second reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-21 "TO AMEND THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY AND AIKEN COUNTY ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE I OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-13; TO ADD OTHER PROPERTIES REQUESTED TO BE PLACED IN THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO".

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Strawbridge recognized Jill Warren, Airport Director, to present the Airport Commissions request to Rent the Quonset Hut as a hanger for small aircraft. Jill Warren stated that there was interest from an experimental aircraft owner to rent the building, as is. The building is not large enough for regular aircraft and does not have electrical or water access. Chairman Strawbridge asked about additional aircraft of this size and Ms. Warren stated that the building may hold up to about four of these and that each individual will have their own rental agreement. She stated that these were all FAA registered aircraft.

Ms. Warren presented a lease agreement which is under review by interim County Attorney G.P. Callison. The rent would be \$100 per aircraft. Councilman Atkinson questioned property being insured on an “as is” building and Ms. Warren said she would verify with our insurance that it would be covered.

On motion of Councilman Danial, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved for First Reading on Ordinance No. 02-21 “AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE THE QUONSET HUT OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT”.

2. On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint William C. Rutland of 420 Hallman Road, Ward, South Carolina to the Saluda Airport Commission with his second term expiring 6-13-2025.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss contract for proposed county attorney, and to receive legal advice on CDBG opportunities and industrial park development. Possible action may come out of executive session regarding the county attorney.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, it was unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, it was unanimously approved to Award the Request for Proposal for Saluda County Attorney upon approval of contract to Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney, P.A. of Columbia, SC to become effective March 1, 2021.

February 8, 2021

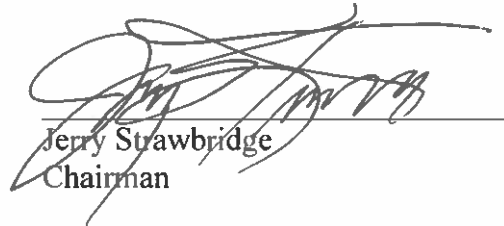
Councilman Atkinson requested it be noted the name of the Attorney that would be assigned to the County. Chairman Strawbridge stated that the named attorney is James Knox.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 P.M.



Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council



Jerry Strawbridge  
Chairman

March 8, 2021  
Date Approved