

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Anderson called the Budget Work Session to order at 9:00 A.M.

Present were: Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Frank Daniel
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

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

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Daniel 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 budget work session was 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.

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

County Council met with the following Departments.

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Josh Price discussed the need for an officer to attend Court Sessions and addressed Salaries, Overtime and the comparison with other surrounding counties. He also requested special department supplies.

Dispatch – Lynn Wertz asked for consideration of a 15% increase in salaries.

Detention – Sheriff Josh Price and Officer Demetric Moore presented the Detention requested budget.

Solid Waste – Jacob Schumpert discussed the increase in traffic at the convenience centers and requested an extra employee to be stationed at the Roads and Bridges site.

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Coroner – Keith Turner, Coroner, spoke on the increase in cases over the last two years and the steps they are working on to reduce cost of autopsies. He also presented items requested in special department supplies.

Clerk of Court – Sheri Coleman explained projected court cost due to jury cases now being heard. She also explained the need to have files scanned and available for public view. Council agreed that this would qualify for the ARPA funds that had previously been allocated.

Public Defender - Tri-County Public Defender, Robert Madsen reviewed the caseloads and court responsibilities of his office

EMS – Jacob Starnes discussed his budget line items and the future need for the replacement of the QRV and he listed several special department supply request.

EMD – Josh Morton and Luke Downing spoke on the Fire Service items and Josh Morton went over the Emergency Management Budget.

Break for Lunch

**Vice-Chairman Anderson left the meeting due to death in the family.

Council reviewed departments and agencies.

Council staff recommended that instead of increasing fuel accounts it would be best to put funds into Public Safety 17 that staff could transfer if needed.

E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 3:25 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Justin Anderson
Vice - Chairman

May 9, 2022
Date Approved