

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:	Chairman Jim Moore
	Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
	Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh
	Councilman Justin Anderson
Absent:	Councilman Frank Daniel
Also present were:	Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
	County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Moore delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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. The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda: **Please note the council meetings are currently open to the public. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government)**

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss personnel matters in county departments and to return at the call of Chair. Possible action may come out of executive session on personnel matters in county departments.

Chairman Moore called the council meeting back to open session and the following are motions coming out of Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to issue a 3% cost of living increase for all employees, to include part-time, elected and appointed, effective July 1, 2023.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to authorize a part-time Administrative Clerk and job description in the Coroner's office for 12 hours per week at a grade 10.

Chairman Moore asked to entertain a motion to compensate a Reserve Deputy at \$100 per week in the Coroner's office. No Motion was made.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved that County will not absorb the taxes associated with any State supplement.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to authorize a part-time Clerk and job description in the Probate Judge's office for 12 hours per week at Grade 10.

A motion was made by Councilman Bedenbaugh to authorize a part-time Fire Coordinator Assistant and job description at Grade 14 but it died for lack of a second.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to allow paid Saluda County Fire Service personnel to participate in PORS.

On motion Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to move Grade 15 road deputies to Grade 16 and Grade 16 corporals and School Resources Officers to Grade 17 in the Sheriff's office.

A motion was made by Councilman Bedenbaugh to authorize an additional full-time road deputy in the Sheriff's office but it failed for lack of a second.

Chairman Moore asked to entertain a motion to increase Dispatch employees to Step H. No motion was made.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to move the Assistant EMS Director to Grade 23.

Chairman Moore asked to entertain a motion to increase Recreation Director to grade 22. No motion was made.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to adopt the proposed job description of Delinquent Tax Collector to add Public Information Officer duties, Grade 19.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adopt proposed job description for Library Assistant to Library Manager, Grade 14, to be funded within the Library budget.

## G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council

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James L. Moore, Chairman

Date Approved: June 12, 2023