

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 to follow a Called Meeting
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strawbridge called the Budget Work Session to order at 2:55 P.M.

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

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

B. 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. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County’s Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

C. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Chairman Strawbridge recognized Sandra Padget, County Director, and requested she proceed with the budget request.

Maintenance line item 85 was addressed by John Oscar Perry and he presented his request for a lawn mower. Council decided to stay with the funding of \$9,000 for that line item.

Insurance cost will be \$464,087 in the Public Building line item 62.

Emergency Management Director requested and council approved a two step salary increase to be funded from the LEMPG for the Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Council approved for the Emergency Management Director to head the IT Department and his salary will increase to a Grade 23 Step F to reflect that new Department Head Job Description.

The Sheriff has requested an additional Lieutenant position and Council requested more information and clarification.

Council Chairman notified council about registration for the Conference and urged Council members to be updating their appointments to the Tax Appeal Board and other Boards and Commissions.

D. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 3:18 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Raymond G. Strawbridge
Chairman

Date Approved