

June 20, 2022

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 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 Councilman Daniel in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Anderson at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Frank Daniel
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

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

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Bedenbaugh delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was approved to nominate Councilman Daniel as acting chairman in accordance with the Code of Ordinances for Saluda County, South Carolina, Chapter 2, article 2, division 2 Section 2-56 (f) (9), which states that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Council shall elect an acting Chairman to serve until the return of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman 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.

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

Please note the council meetings are currently 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).

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, the minutes for June 13, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 04-22 "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR." Vice-Chairman Daniel noted that the total school budget for 22-23 at third reading is \$23,882,616.00 and Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$8,728,038 minus revenues and credits reflected on the tax receipt from Fee-in-Lieu, Property Tax Relief, Homestead Exemption, Tier 3 Property Tax Relief, Merchant Inventory, Manufacturer's Depreciation and Motor Carrier, for a net amount of \$5,600,000 from Ad Valorem Taxes as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 05-22 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT." Vice- Chairman Daniel noted that the total county budget for 22-23 at second reading is \$15,385,682 and debt service on bonds is \$135,941 for a total amount of \$15,521,623. This includes using the fiscal year 2022 millage cap of 1.23% and the fiscal year 2023 millage cap of 4.7%.

H. Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss Economic Development Projects.

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On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to come out of executive session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Frank Daniel
Acting Vice-Chairman

July 11, 2022
Date Approved