

August 19, 2021

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Jerry Strawbridge at 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Absent was: Councilman Justin Anderson

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the County Director 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).

E. NEW BUSINESS

Hardee Horne was recognized to give an update on the Covid-19 Leave Policy. On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to amend the Covid-19 Leave Policy to include new employees starting with their first date of employment.

Chairman Strawbridge deferred the information regarding the sale of Saluda County Industrial Park property until the next meeting so that the County Attorney could review it.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to issue a bid for the Library Abatement due to the Environmental Study.

Chairman Strawbridge stated that the purchase of two ambulances and the funding of the EMS shift change has already been committed to in the passing of the 2021-2022 Budget to be paid from the American Rescue Plan Fund. The County Council needs to submit its project plan to expend ARP Funds to the Federal Government by August 31, 2021.

Council, staff and department heads discussed all items on the attached list.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved for council staff to report the projects as listed to the Federal Government at this time.

F. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 A.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Jerry Strawbridge
Chairman

October 11, 2021
Date Approved