

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson  
Councilman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget  
Fin. and Purchasing Agent, Heather Griffin  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

Absent: Clerk to Council, Regina H. Turner

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Moore delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the regular meeting was 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 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).**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Bedenbaugh the Agenda was approved as presented.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Atkinson, seconded by Coun. Bedenbaugh the Minutes for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Bedenbaugh said he had no reports at this time but good to see everyone.

Coun. Anderson reminded everyone of the Richland Creek Antique Tractor Pull the first weekend in November. He also stated the Recreation Committee of Council would have a report later in the meeting.

Coun. Atkinson reminded everyone of “Early Voting” and the referendum on the ballot regarding the change of government.

Coun. Daniel reported the Ridge Spring Harvest Festival was a success.

Chairman Moore reported that Tractor Supply Company would not be locating in Saluda.

## H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Jim Bowie regarding Guppie Lane Property Development. Mr. Bowie recapped the project that he plans to develop in Saluda County on Guppie Lane. He stated he had been in contact with SAFEbuilt personnel and was denied permitting of his project and was advised that the next group to address would be County Council. Chairman Moore referred Mr. Bowie to the Appeals Board.

Chairman Moore recognized Miriam Atria, President/CEO of Capital City/Lake Murray Country RTB. Ms. Atria made a presentation on several events that her organization sponsors to promote tourism on Lake Murray. She requested use of the accommodations tax to fund their tourism promotion activities.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh, seconded by Coun. Atkinson the “Cherokee Resolution” was unanimously approved. Chairman Moore read the Resolution.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to award the Bid for painting the airport buildings in the amount of \$24,150 to First Class Construction to be paid from Building Repair Reserve Account. Heather Griffin, Purchasing Coordinator presented the recommendation of award.

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh, seconded by Coun. Atkinson it was unanimously approved to award the request for qualification for Fire Service Billing to EF Recovery, LLC. Luke Downing, Fire Service Coordinator presented the recommendation of the review committee.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to purchase and equip two brush trucks using state contracts not to exceed the balance of designated ARPA funds. Luke Downing presented this request.

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh, seconded by Coun. Anderson it was unanimously approved to authorize an additional School Resource Officer position to be fully funded by a State Aid Grant. Sheriff Josh Price presented the items that will be covered under the grant and it is reoccurring.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Atkinson it was unanimously approved to award the bid to renovate the Library to First Class Construction to be paid from the Library Reserve Account contingent on the negotiation with contractor and upon funds being raised to support the project. Library Director, Heath Ward, presented the recommendation and explained the need to negotiate.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh, seconded by Coun. Anderson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss a personnel matter in the Recreation Department, contracts, economic development matters, capital projects and for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh and Coun. Daniel it was unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to enter lease agreement between Saluda County, South Carolina and Westview Behavioral Health Services contingent on approval of the contractual minimum insurance requirements of the Saluda County Risk Manager.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Sandra G. Padget  
County Director

November 14, 2022  
Date Approved