

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 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
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh
Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were:

County Administrator, Sandra G. Padgett
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council
County Attorney, Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Bedenbaugh 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 meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

F. FEMA BRIEFING Presenter unable to attend.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked the Election office and workers for their efforts during the election and expressed his desire to keep improving functions of the county.

Councilman Anderson said that the Richland Creek Antique Festival was unable to be held this year due to the storm but looked forward to next year's event.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson stated that the first President he voted for was Eisenhower and he had not missed an election since. He thanked everyone that turned out to vote.

Councilman Daniel congratulated the two councilmen on their re-elections.

Chairman Moore also congratulated Councilmen Atkinson and Bedenbaugh. He recognized Veterans and their service and stated that he always responded to someone thanking him for his service by replying that you are worth it and this country is worth it. Mr. Bedenbaugh thanked Chairman Moore and other veterans for their service and mentioned that the Nursing Home was recognized as number four in the state.

H. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, First Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 10-24, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND CATALINA SOLAR, LLC, RELATING TO, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING THE PROJECT, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS". Chairman Moore said during discussion that this will allow additional properties into the agreement to expand the project.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council unanimously approved for the uniforms purchased for Firefighters to be paid from the Fire Board Millage account in the amount of \$11,590.12. Chairman Moore recognized Mark Lybrand, Fire Coordinator to explain the purchase. Mr. Lybrand explained that due to our recent loss of two firefighters our service purchased Class A uniforms for most firefighters and the additional uniforms will be requested during budget. Chairman Moore said that they did look nice in their uniforms.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council unanimously approved to extend the contract for roof repairs due to recent storm damage to Mid-State Roofing with the cost over insurance reimbursement to be paid from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. Chairman Moore recognized Regina Turner, Assistant Administrator, to explain the request. She stated that we are currently using Mid-State Roofing to replace the DSS roof and would like to extend the contract to address our other buildings that had minor storm damage. The cost over insurance coverage was requested to be taken from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. Josh Morton, EM Director, said that whatever is not covered under insurance can be filed with FEMA.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to appoint current alternate, Stacie Stevens Goff to the Saluda Nursing Center Board as of January 1, 2025 to fill the unexpired term of Angie Rita. Ms. Goff's first term will expire January 1, 2028. Chairman Moore announced that Angie Rita was elected to be Saluda County's next Coroner. Councilman Bedenbaugh said he was thankful for the Nursing Home Board that we have and that they do a great job.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Date Approved: December 9, 2024

James L. Moore, Saluda County Council
Chairman