## MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 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: Chm. Jerry Strawbridge

Coun. Jones P. Butler Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.

Coun. Wayne Grice

Absent was: Coun. Justin Anderson

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget

Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

## B. <u>INVOCATION</u>

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

#### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Coun. Butler 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. Temporarily we are unable to live stream the meetings, but they are being recorded for upload.

#### F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Strawbridge stated Council had called the special meeting to institute an emergency declaration for Saluda County that only affected the county employees, county operations and functions; it did not affect the public.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adopt an Ordinance Reenacting a State of Emergency for Saluda County Due to the Threats Posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("Covic-19"). During discussion, Council discussed a drop box was provided outside the Courthouse for tax payments, as well as taxes could be paid online or mailed.

#### G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 A.M.

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Regina H. Turner

Clerk to Council

January 11, 2021 Date Approved