## MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL FRIDAY, JULY 24, 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. J. Frank Daniel, Sr. Coun. Jones P. Butler Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget

Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

Absent was:

Coun. Justin Anderson

## **B. INVOCATION**

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge 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 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 that in response to the threat of COVID-19, the Saluda County Council Chambers will be restricted access to Council and required staff only. The public and press/media access to the live meeting will be provided by a live stream. You may access the live stream when the called meeting begins by going to the county's website at <a href="https://www.saludacounty.sc.gov">www.saludacounty.sc.gov</a>, click on the you tube box in the top right hand corner and click on the July 24, 2020 called meeting video.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Strawbridge stated Council had a request from Sheri Coleman, the Clerk of Court to fill the Family Court Clerk position, which was already in the budget and would need no additional funding.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill the Family Court Clerk position.

## F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Coun. Daniel made the motion to go into Executive Session. Coun. Grice seconded the motion. During discussion Chm. Strawbridge stated Council may go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to conduct an interview for the Roads and Bridges Superintendent position, and to discuss personnel in the Probate Court office, to return at the Call of the Chair with possible action. The motion was unanimously approved.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for Council to come out of Executive Session.

## G. PUBLIC ACTION

- 1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to temporarily fill the Clerk position in the Probate Judge's office not to exceed six (6) months.
- 2. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to promote Donald Bedenbaugh to the position of Roads and Bridges Superintendent effective August 3, 2020.

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 A.M.

Karen T. Whittle Clerk to Council

Ungust 10, 2020 Date Approved