

July 8, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chm. Derrick W. Jones called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

Absent was: Coun. D. J. Miller

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Anderson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the minutes for June 24, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meeting and agenda were given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

1. Chm. Jones thanked everyone for attending the bridge naming ceremony in memory of Corporal Dale Hallman on June 22, 2019.

G. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

1. Chm. Jones recognized DJJ County Manager, Sandra Callaham to discuss "Raise the Age" law and its impact on the growth of the agency.

Ms. Callaham gave an overview of the change in law effective July 1, 2019 raising the age to 17 year olds as juveniles and its impact on DJJ and the programs they provide to juveniles. Ms. Callaham thanked Council for housing DJJ, but requested any available meeting space the county may have due to the impact of the law change.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized EMS Director, Jacob Starnes for consideration to Purchase/Lease a Demers Ambulance.

Mr. Starnes requested Council's consideration to purchase a Demers ambulance in the amount of \$205,959.40 to be financed in four annual payments of \$54,519.40 with the financing information provided in Council's agenda package. Mr. Starnes said if approved, he planned to sell one of the spare ambulances with the proceeds being applied to the first payment.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to purchase a Demers ambulance in the amount of \$205,959.40 and finance according to the plan as submitted in the agenda package. During discussion Mr. Starnes said if approved, he would place the spare ambulance on GovDeals for sale approximately two months prior to the delivery of the new ambulance. Mr. Starnes stated it would take approximately six months to receive the new ambulance, which would be fully equipped and match the four newer ambulances in the fleet.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to ratify the Resolution as presented to Tina M. Shealy who recently retired as Saluda County Treasurer. (A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)
2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, the Resolution recognizing Captain Toby G. Horne for his heroic acts on April 5, 2019 was unanimously approved. (A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office.)
3. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 05-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A FIXED BASE OPERATOR, SALUDA SKY AVIATION, LLC AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."
4. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Asst. Director, Jill Warren for approval to submit the application for a FAA Grant.

Ms. Warren requested approval to submit an application for a FAA grant for the development of plans to reconstruct the apron area at the front of the terminal building and reconstruct the taxiway at the Saluda County Airport due to the condition of the apron and taxiway. Ms. Warren said the total amount of grant funds would be \$126,760.00 with the FAA share amount of \$114,084.00 (90%), the state match of \$6,338.00 (5%), and the county match of \$6,338.00 (5%).

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to submit the application for the FAA grant to develop plans to reconstruct the apron area at the front of the terminal building and reconstruct the taxiway with the County's 5% match of \$6,338.00 being funded from Contingency. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the total grant funds were \$126,760.00 with the FAA share of \$114,084.00, the State share of \$6,338.00, and the County share of \$6,338.00. During discussion Council and Ms. Warren discussed this was for the planning phase and not construction.

5. Chm. Jones recognized Financial Services Coordinator, Regina Turner to present consideration to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy and Forms.

Ms. Turner requested consideration of Council to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy and forms as submitted in Council's agenda package and as previously discussed in a budget work session.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Purchasing Card Policy along with the forms as submitted in Council's agenda package.

6. Chm. Jones recognized Chief Deputy Toby Horne to present filling the vacant positions in the Saluda County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Horne requested Council's consideration to fill three vacant positions in the Sheriff's Office with funds as allocated in the Sheriff's FY2019-2020 budget.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to fill the three vacant positions in the Sheriff's Office. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were in the FY2019-2020 budget for the three positions.

7. Chm. Jones recognized Chief Deputy Toby Horne to present temporarily filling a vacant SRO (School Resource Officer) position with the Saluda County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Horne requested Council's consideration to fill the vacant SRO (School Resource Officer) position at the Saluda Elementary school temporarily due to the full-time officer being on military deployment.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to temporarily fill a vacant SRO position in the Sheriff's Office. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were in the FY2019-2020 budget for the SRO position. The

temporary SRO would only serve until such time as the full-time SRO returns from deployment.

8. Chm. Jones recognized Assistant Jail Administrator, Lorine Kelly to present filling vacant positions at the Saluda County Detention Center.

Ms. Kelly requested Council's consideration to fill three vacant positions at the Saluda County Detention Center with funds allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget. Ms. Kelly stated these positions were needed to meet requirements by the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to fill three vacant positions at the Saluda Detention Center. During discussion Chm. Jones stated funds for filling the three vacant positions were in the FY2019-2020 budget and the positions were needed to meet the requirements set forth by the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

9. Chm. Jones recognized EMS Director, Jacob Starnes to present filling vacant positions in Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Starnes requested Council's consideration to fill two EMT positions for the transport truck, which transports Saluda Nursing Center patients and patients throughout the County to dialysis. Mr. Starnes also requested to fill one part-time EMT position. Mr. Starnes said these positions were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget.

- a. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill the two vacant EMT positions for the transport truck in the EMS department. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget.

- b. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill one part-time EMT position in the EMS department. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget.

10. Chm. Jones recognized Solid Waste Coordinator, Jacob Schumpert to fill vacant positions in the Solid Waste Department.

Mr. Schumpert requested Council's consideration to fill two regular attendant positions for the Solid Waste department.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill two regular attendant positions in the Solid Waste Department. During discussion Chm. Jones stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019-2020 budget.

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Mr. Schumpert gave the following figures to Council for informational purposes:

Week of July 4th, 2018 – 3,000 vehicles entered county convenient centers

Week of July 4th, 2019 – 4,320 vehicles entered county convenient centers with 1,500 of those vehicles entering the Circle convenient center

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION


On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, to receive legal advice on a petition to close a county road and an agreement with the South Carolina State Election Commission, to return at the Call of the Chair.

Council returned into open session at the Call of the Chair.

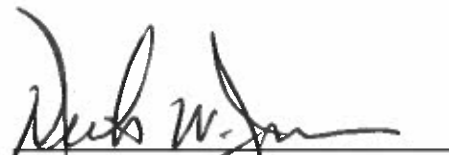
No action came out of Executive Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

August 12, 2019
Date Approved