

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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. Jones P. Butler (entered Ex. Session @7:00)
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy (left Ex. Session @ 6:30)

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
Attorney, Ralph N. Riley, Jr.

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller, the minutes for May 7, 8, and 14, 2018 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. Coun. Shealy reported she would be speaking at Palmetto Girls State later in the evening, June 11th.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 03-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE COUNTY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID INTO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT." Chm. Jones said the Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$7,064,400.00 minus revenues and credits reflected on the tax receipt from Fee-in-Lieu, Property Tax Relief, Homestead Exemption, Tier 3 Property Tax Relief, Merchant Inventory, Manufacturer's Depreciation and Motor Carrier, for a net amount of \$4,529,700.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes, as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 03-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL PURPOSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: TO PROVIDE FOR LEVY OF TAXES AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR: TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE COUNTY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PAID INTO THE RESERVE ACCOUNT." During discussion Chm. Jones stated the Saluda County Council shall determine and establish a tax of sufficient millage to support \$7,064,400.00 minus revenues and credits reflected on the tax receipt from Fee-in-Lieu, Property Tax Relief, Homestead Exemption, Tier 3 Property Tax Relief, Merchant Inventory, Manufacturer's Depreciation and Motor Carrier, for a net amount of \$4,529,700.00 from Ad Valorem Taxes, as county funding for the appropriations and levies made herein, and shall advise the Auditor who shall fix said millage as advised by the Council.
2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 05-18, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY RESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALUDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 TO BALANCE THE SALUDA COUNTY ANNUAL OPERATING

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.” During discussion Chm. Jones stated currently the amount would not exceed \$1,355,076.00. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Daniel, Shealy). (Opposed: Coun. Miller).

3. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller it was unanimously approved to enter into the One Call Agreement for Emergency Air Medical Services between Air Methods Corporation and Saluda County, South Carolina pending final review of the agreement. During discussion Council and Risk Manager, Hardee Horne discussed the County Attorney including an indemnification clause in the agreement to protect the County and approval would be dependent upon final review by the County Attorney.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Shealy, and approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 06-18, “AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM, WITHIN SALUDA COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT: TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR WHICH THE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECTS OR FACILITIES FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM AND TO CONCUR IN THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY IN WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX ARE TO BE EXPENDED; TO DEFRAY COSTS OF PROJECTS AND ISSUANCE COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.” During discussion Chm. Jones stated the projects were:

1) Library	\$125,000
2) Animal Shelter	\$125,000
3) Ridge Spring Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development	\$175,000
4) Brooks and Rosten Park restroom reconstruction	\$ 25,000
5) Saluda County Detention Center	\$9,950,000

Also during discussion Coun. Shealy said this was first reading and there were some technicalities that needed to be addressed by the Capital Projects Sales Tax Committee to be changed by second and third reading of the ordinance. Council praised the committee for compiling the list of projects in the short time frame they were given. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Miller, Shealy). (Opposed: Coun. Daniel.)

2. On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved to appoint Steven L. Miller of 125 John Rodgers Road, Ward, to the Saluda County Library Board with his first term effective July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2022.
3. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Dr. Ralph N. Riley of 109 Alamo Circle, Saluda to the Saluda Nursing Center Board with his second term expiring March 31, 2021.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss: 1) a personnel matter in the Public Buildings department and 2) to receive legal advice on the Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority's requests for an easement and to purchase property, to return at the Call of the Chair. (Coun. Butler entered during Ex. Session and Coun. Shealy left during Ex. Session).

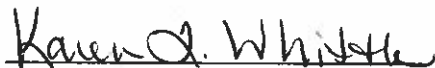
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Chair.

K. PUBLIC ACTION

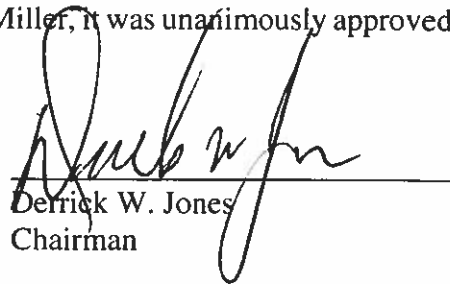
1. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council staff to advertise for the Public Buildings Supervisor position.
2. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for staff and the County Attorney to move forward with the process of the easement and property purchase requests by the Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority discussed in Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

June 25, 2018
Date Approved