

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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

Chairman Derrick W. Jones called the Budget Work Session 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.
Coun. D. J. Miller

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

B. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Coroner

Coroner Keith Turner met with Council and requested their consideration to fund an additional \$6,000.00 for the Chief Deputy Coroner and \$6,000.00 for an additional part-time Deputy Coroner. Coroner Turner informed Council the funding from the state for the Coroners offices was not approved in the legislature that could have been used for these requests along with other requests in the Coroner's budget.

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line items to:

#15 - \$1,650
#83 - \$305 (Purchase a chair for the Chief Deputy Coroner.)

Desks will be exchanged between the Coroner's office and the Council office in regards to the request for a new desk in the Chief Deputy Coroner's office.

Library State-Aid

Interim Library Director Russell Altman met with Council and informed them the state had funded an additional \$25,000.00 for libraries for a total amount of \$100,000.00 in Library State-Aid for Saluda County. Mr. Altman said the state library had agreed for \$10,000.00 of the additional \$25,000.00 be added to the Library Director's salary to bring the salary in line with other counties the size of Saluda County.

General consensus of Council agreed for \$8,100.00 be added in line item #01 towards the Librarian's salary, \$1,900.00 additional for Librarian's pensions, and \$15,000.00 added to line item #79.

Clerk of Court

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line item to:

#46 - \$15,000

Magistrate

General consensus of Council did not agree for the following requests:

Microphone for window - \$1,350
Garrett Super Scanner - \$206
Additional security cameras - \$9,072

Public Buildings

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line items to:

#21 - \$85,275
#62 - \$513,493

Fire Board

General consensus of Council did not agree for \$4,000 be placed back in line item #79.

Detention Center

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line items to:

#21 - \$5,200
#45 - \$55,500

Victim Services

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line item to:

#82 - \$0

Roads and Bridges

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line item to:

#21 - \$3,115

Recreation

General consensus of Council agreed for the Recreation Director to turn in the county cell phone and have long distance added to the county office phone, which resulted in line item #21 changing to \$700.

EMS

General consensus of Council agreed for line item #64 to remain at \$8,000 to include sending an employee to Paramedic school, but for the County Director to consult with the EMS Director and the County Attorney on stipulations of the employee remaining employed with the county after schooling.

Council staff informed Council that currently there were two ambulance lease payments that would need to be paid in FY2019-2020. \$171,781 was needed from FY2018-2019 roll monies to make the two lease payments. If Council considers purchasing a new ambulance, whether it was bought outright or leased, the payment would also be due in FY2019-2020.

Sheriff

Council discussed activating the Fleet Talk radios for the Sheriff's department versus the push to talk phones for road deputies. After discussion, general consensus of Council was to leave the 14 push to talk phones in the budget for road deputies.

General consensus of Council changed the following budget line item to:

#71 - \$6,566

Mileage Reimbursement

Council discussed increasing the mileage reimbursement according to the federal guidelines. After discussion, general consensus of Council was not change the mileage rate.

LEMPG Funds

General consensus of Council agreed to the following:

Council to review the LEMPG application/requests in order for Council to make comments or request changes before being submitted.

Salary and Personnel Requests

Election/Voter Registration & Tax Assessor Offices

General consensus of Council for the Election/Voter Registration Director and the Tax Assessor come to a meeting to discuss coordination of part-time assistance in the Election/Voter Registration office from personnel in the Tax Assessor's office.

Vehicle Maintenance

General consensus of Council to freeze one of the Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic positions and move the other Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic to the Roads and Bridges department and combine the two budgets for FY2019-2020.

Hiring Freeze

General consensus of Council to freeze all hiring with the exceptions of Sheriff's office, EMS, Dispatch, and Detention Center.

Coroner

General consensus of Council did not agree for: 1) the additional \$6,000.00 for the Chief Deputy Coroner; and 2) \$6,000.00 for an additional part-time Deputy Coroner.

Recusal

Chm. Jones turned the budget work session over to Vice-Chm. Daniel. Chm. Jones recused himself from the following two employee request. Chm. Jones left the budget work session.

Probate Court

General consensus of Council did not approve moving the Probate Clerk to Senior Probate Clerk, grade 12.

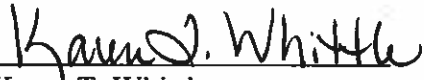
Family Court

General consensus of Council did not approve moving the Deputy Family Court Clerk up 4 steps on current grade 12.

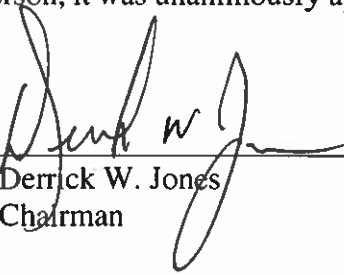
Chm. Jones returned to the budget work session.

E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 8:10 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

June 24, 2019
Date Approved