

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 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

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Derrick W. Jones at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

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

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. Butler, seconded by Coun. Shealy, the minutes for May 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, June 5, 7, 11, 19, 21 and 25, 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. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing 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.” Chm. Jones stated the amount to be transferred was \$718,909.00.

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

2. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 04-18, “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018: AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.” Chm. Jones stated the amount for Third Reading for the county operating budget was \$12,820,971.00 and debt service on bonds was \$133,426.06 for a total amount of \$12,954,397.06. Piedmont Technical College appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 would be revenue collected from three (3) mills and was not included in the above figures.

Mr. J. W. Atkinson spoke on the following, to include but not limited to, the budget process, the reoccurrence of balancing the budget from fund balance, and state funding.

No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and approved, Third 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.” (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel, Shealy). (Opposed: Coun. Miller). During discussion Chm. Jones stated the amount to be transferred was \$718,909.00. Council discussed, but not limited to: 1) the overall amount to balance the budget was lower this year than last year; 2) the local government fund from the state was not increased; 3) unfunded state mandates; 4) the state Department of Corrections has notified the County to hire three more Detention Center officers in addition to the seven officers they required the County to hire a few years ago without any state funding assistance; and 5) the need for industry to increase the county’s tax base.
2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 04-18, “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SALUDA COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING

JULY 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SALUDA COUNTY FOR ALL COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX REVENUES AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER COUNTY PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2018; AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT.” During discussion Chm. Jones stated the amount for Third Reading for the county operating budget was \$12,820,971.00 and debt service on bonds was \$133,426.06 for a total amount of \$12,954,397.06. Piedmont Technical College appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 would be revenue collected from three (3) mills and was not included in the above figures.

3. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, and approved, Second 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.” (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Miller, Shealy). (Opposed: Coun. Daniel). 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

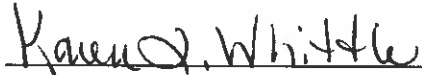
Chm. Jones said the projects, their order and amounts were presented to Council by the committee. Coun. Shealy announced the committee would meet on June 27th with the County Attorney to finalize wording in the ordinance for the public hearing and third reading to be held at the July 9th Council meeting.

H. NEW BUSINESS

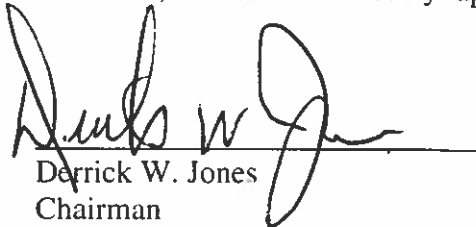
1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimous to adopt the Juror Pay Resolution. Jurors summoned to circuit court, magistrates court, or to serve on a coroner's jury shall be paid a flat \$10.00 per day of service.
2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimous to approve the School Resource Officer agreement between the County of Saluda and Saluda School District One. During discussion Chm. Jones said two more School Resource Officers would be added to the Saluda schools.
3. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimous to approve the Commercial Lease agreement between the County of Saluda and the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, the Administrative Entity for the S.C. Works.
4. On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimous to appoint Angie Rita of 762 Old Chappells Ferry Road, Saluda to the Saluda Nursing Center Board to fill an un-expired term ending March 31, 2019.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

July 9, 2018
Date Approved