MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 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

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.

Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget

Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle

County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

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. Daniel, the minutes for February 11, 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

There were no reports of County Officials.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for consideration of replacement of security cameras at the Courthouse and the Holding Facility.
 - Mr. Morton informed Council he would address the cameras for the two facilities separate.
 - a. Mr. Morton informed Council the camera at the holding facility was no longer functioning and needed to be replaced. The cost of the camera was \$675.50 including sales tax.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to replace the security camera at the holding facility in the amount of \$675.50 to be funded from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. During discussion Mr. Morton informed Council the camera was installed shortly after the holding facility was built and discussed several reasons the camera could have failed. Mr. Ed Hubbard with Adroit, who was present at the meeting said due to the age of the camera it could not be repaired and with current technology it needed to be replaced. Mr. Morton also informed Council Adroit was the county's contracted security company.

b. Mr. Morton recognized Mr. Ed Hubbard with Adroit to address the cameras at the Courthouse.

Mr. Hubbard informed Council Adroit had replaced the video recorder for the surveillance cameras at the Courthouse. Mr. Hubbard said there had been issues with the old cameras working with the new video recorder and they had worked with the manufacturer's technical support on the issues. Mr. Hubbard said they feel it's the network and not the cameras and have discussed removing the cameras from the Saluda County shared network and placing them on a dedicated network to the video recorder in order to have broader bandwidth before installing all new cameras.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Hubbard informed Council the cost was unknown for a dedicated network, along with the cost of running cables due to the age, design and building materials used in the Courthouse. Mr. Hubbard said to run cabling in the Courthouse it would need to be done after hours due to drilling through concrete walls and floors and would also involve electrical contractors.

Both Coun. Miller and Mr. Hubbard suggested investigating the issues and try a dedicated network before removing the cameras from the Saluda network.

Mr. Hubbard said Adroit could send two technicians at \$85.00 per hour each, for one day (eight hours) to come and work with the County IT staff to diagnose the problems, to include trying a new camera.

Coun. Miller suggested approving a day of diagnostic testing instead of purchasing new cameras.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was approved for a day of diagnostics for the security cameras and network system at the Courthouse not to exceed \$1,360.00 to be paid from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Daniel, Miller, Butler). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).

- 1. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to authorize Council staff to prepare a bid package for Janitorial Services for county buildings.
- 2. On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Angie F. Rita of 762 Old Chappells Ferry Road, Saluda to the Saluda Nursing Center with her first term expiring March 31, 2022. During discussion Chm. Jones stated this was Ms. Rita's first full term since she had served several months of an un-expired term of a previous board member.
- 3. On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to appoint Hardee Horne to the Saluda County Employee Grievance Committee with his term expiring March 12, 2022.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, 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 a 1) personnel matter in the Public Buildings department, and 2) a contractual matter and receive legal advice in relations to the new jail facility, 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.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Karen T. Whittle

Clerk to Council

Derrick W. Jones

Cnairman

April 8, 2019

Date Approved