

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Vice-Chm. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
Attorney, Ralph Nichols Riley, Jr.

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chm. Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, the minutes for February 10 and 18, 2020 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. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Vice-Chm. Daniel opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 02-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-263 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALUDA COUNTY FIRE BOARD."

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

1. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Ms. Mallory Coffey for the presentation on litter issues and grant solutions by Palmetto Pride. (Ms. Coffey gave her presentation after new business.)

Ms. Mallory Coffey, the Keep S.C. Beautiful Director gave a power point presentation on Palmetto Pride. The presentation included, but not limited to, educational programs offered in the schools; litter buster hotline information; statistics regarding litter collections by volunteers through the Adopt A Highway Program and state inmates; and free cigarette butt receptacles and trees available to counties obtained through grants by the state.

Ms. Coffey presented information on an initiative for all 46 counties in South Carolina to partner with the state to have a government employee as an affiliate to begin a litter program. Ms. Coffey said there was a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 available to assist with starting the program and everything that was performed through Palmetto Pride would be performed through the local county affiliate such as assisting with the Adopt A Highway Program, increasing the county's recycling rate, and assisting with communication between law enforcement and the public. Ms. Coffey offered her assistance to work with the county on litter enforcement or the affiliate program and provided Council with her contact information.

Council received the presentation as information.

2. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Ms. Nancy McCorkle for the presentation to discuss a vote to make Saluda County Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Ms. McCorkle gave a presentation and said now was the time for Saluda to pass the 2nd amendment County Resolution. Ms. McCorkle said Anderson, Greenville and Horry counties were approaching passing ordinances or resolutions in April, with other counties watching Saluda's action the night of March 9th. Ms. McCorkle said Saluda County had the opportunity to become 2A sanctuary and for Saluda to be made a 2A sanctuary county the night of March 9th. Ms. McCorkle said 35 out of 46 counties in South Carolina had grass root movements underway to become 2A

sanctuary counties. Ms. McCorkle presented Council with signed petitions from the area with over 300 signatures.

Coun. Anderson asked for the counties that had passed the resolution. Ms. McCorkle stated Horry, Oconee, Pickens, Cherokee, and Kershaw counties.

Council received the presentation as information.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 01-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-151(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF YEAR TERMS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION." During discussion, Vice-Chm. Daniel stated the change in membership terms were from three years to five years served by an airport commissioner.
2. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 02-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-263 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALUDA COUNTY FIRE BOARD." During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel said the wording was being changed from meeting monthly to regularly scheduled meetings.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, and approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 03-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 33 (BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSE) TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE." (Voting in Favor: Vice-Chm. Daniel, Coun. Butler, Grice). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).
2. Vice-Chm. Daniel stated next was the Resolution by Saluda County Council Expressing Its Support of Second Amendment Rights. Vice-Chm. Daniel read the resolution.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution by Saluda County Council Expressing Its Support of Second Amendment Rights as read. (A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office).

3. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adopt the revised Saluda County Freedom of Information Act Policy. During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel said the policy had to be revised due to some changes in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
4. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Roads and Bridges Superintendent, Billie Corley to present the revised Saluda County Pipe Policy.

Mr. Corley informed Council the County had been furnishing one driveway onto private property at the County's expense. Mr. Corley recommended due to the increasing costs of materials associated with a driveway, to move the expense to the property owner requesting the entrance. Mr. Corley said an application would still be required along with an application processing fee and the Roads and Bridges department would still install and inspect the driveways. Mr. Corley said the property owner would be responsible for the costs of materials, but would not be responsible for any labor, fuel, or equipment costs associated with the installation of the driveway. Mr. Corley asked for Council's consideration to adopt the revised Saluda County Pipe Policy to include the above mentioned change.

Council and Mr. Corley discussed the normal length of pipe for a driveway was 24 feet, which was agreed upon by Council approximately 20 years ago. Mr. Corley said the department installed approximately 30 driveways per year with the costs of materials and sales tax to date being \$514.10 per driveway. Mr. Corley said this would be an approximate \$15,000.00 savings to county taxpayers.

Mr. Corley stated if the policy was approved, the policy would be placed in the Roads and Bridges section on the county website for public information.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adopt the revised Saluda County Pipe Policy.

5. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Asst. Emergency Management Director, Jill Warren to present the grant request for the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Warren asked for Council's consideration to proceed with the Justice Assistance Grant application to purchase personal protective equipment and gear for the Saluda County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team for a total equipment cost of \$26,446.00 with a 10% match of \$2,644.60 required by the County.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved for staff to proceed with the grant request for the Justice Assistance Grant program to purchase personal protective equipment and gear for the Saluda County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team for a total equipment cost of \$26,446.00 and for the 10% county match of \$2,644.60 to be funded from Contingency. During

discussion Ms. Warren said the equipment would consist of bullet proof vests, armor plates, helmets, ballistic goggles, equipment pouches, tactical holsters, knee and elbow pads, gloves, and tactical shirts and pants.

6. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Asst. Emergency Management Director, Jill Warren to present the FAA grant request for reconstruction of the taxiway and apron at the Saluda County Airport.

Ms. Warren said currently the County had a grant for the planning portion for the repair of the taxiway and apron around the main building. Ms. Warren said the taxiway and apron had broken spots, huge cracks, and loose rocks, which could cause hazards for aircraft. Ms. Warren said the second phase of the grant would be for the reconstruction of the taxiway and apron at a total project cost of \$528,590.00 with the FAA contributing 90%, the state contributing 5%, and the County's 5% share in the amount of \$26,430.00.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved for staff to submit the FAA grant application for reconstruction of the taxiway and apron at the Saluda County Airport for a total project cost of \$528,590.00 with the 5% county match of \$26,430.00 to be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve account.

7. Vice-Chm. Daniel recognized Chief Deputy, Toby Horne for the request to fill vacancies in the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Horne requested Council's consideration to fill three vacancies in the Sheriff's Office. Chief Horne said one position was a School Resource Officer that was awarded by the state and the other two were deputy positions.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to fill the three vacant positions in the Sheriff's Office. During discussion Chief Horne stated the School Resource Officer position would be for the primary school and was fully funded by the state and the other two deputy positions were funded in the 2019-2020 budget.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

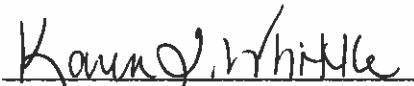
On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to receive legal advice on a contractual issue in relation to emergency services, to return at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

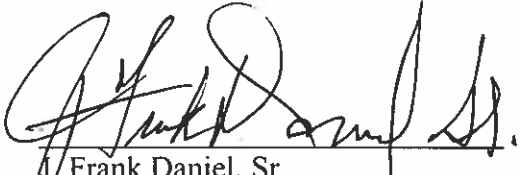
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Vice-Chair.

No action came out of Executive Session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman

April 13, 2020
Date Approved