MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 at 5:30 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 Vice-Chairman J. Frank Daniel, Sr. at 5:30 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

B. **INVOCATION**

Coun. Butler delivered the invocation.

C. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the called meeting and agenda were given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19, THE SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED ACCESS TO COUNCIL AND REQUIRED STAFF ONLY. THE PUBLIC AND PRESS/MEDIA ACCESS TO THE LIVE MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED BY A LIVE STREAM. YOU MAY ACCESS THE LIVE STREAM WHEN THE CALLED MEETING BEGINS BY GOING TO THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT www.saludacounty.sc.gov, CLICK ON THE YOU TUBE BOX IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER AND CLICK ON THE May 18, 2020 CALLED MEETING VIDEO.

D. NEW BUSINESS

 On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Anderson, and unanimously approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 06-20, "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 2020-2021 TO BALANCE THE SALUDA COUNTY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021." During discussion Vice-Chm. Daniel stated Council was going through the ordinance process in the event Council had to balance the budget from fund balance and currently the amount was not to exceed \$225,000.00.

- 2. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to remove the hiring freeze on the emergency departments.
- 3. Consideration to fill a vacant Communications Officer position in Dispatch was on the agenda, but Vice-Chm. Daniel stated since the motion passed removing the hiring freeze on the emergency departments, the vacant Communications Officer position would be allowed to be filled.
- 4. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to authorize staff to develop a request for qualifications package for a private security company for courthouse security.

E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 P.M.

Karen T. Whittle Clerk to Council

Frank Daniel, Sr.