

October 14, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. 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
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Grice delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, the minutes for September 9, 16, and 18, 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

1. Vice-Chm. Daniel expressed condolences to the family of Ms. Geneva Harris who served on Ridge Spring Town Council for twelve years.

G. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

1. Chm. Jones recognized Mr. Stephen Johnson with the S.C. Youth Challenge Academy.

Recruiter Stephen Johnson with the S. C. Youth Challenge Academy informed Council and those in the audience that the academy was located at the National Guard training building at 5471 Leesburg Road in Eastover. Mr. Johnson said the academy was a Quasi Military 5 ½ month residential program for youth between the ages of 16-18 years old who were at risk of being or had been expelled or suspended from school, had behavioral or discipline issues, or that wanted a more regimented structure. Mr. Johnson said they were not military, but they fell under the umbrella of the National Guard in Washington which provided them with federal funds, as well as they received state funds and funds from other sources through their 501(C)(3).

Mr. Johnson said the academy offered two classes per year and had an average of 100 cadets per class, teaching the following 8 core components: academic excellence which prepared them for their GED; health and hygiene; job skills; leadership/followership; life coping skills; physical fitness; responsible citizenship; and service to the community.

Mr. Johnson said after cadets graduated from the 5 ½ month program the academy offered a 4 ½ month continuing education program partnering with Midlands Tech. The cadets go through an application, interview and recommendation process for the program and were offered continuing education training where they could receive certificates in certain trades.

Mr. Johnson distributed brochures to the audience and asked everyone to inform others of the program in the event they knew of someone that would like to participate in the program.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized Tri-County DJJ County Manager, Sandra Callaham for the request for additional office space for Tri-County DJJ.

Prior to Ms. Callaham's request, Chm. Jones informed her the request would be received as information in order for Council to meet with the other Tri-County members, Edgefield and McCormick counties.

Ms. Callaham questioned the status of additional space that she previously requested in July. Ms. Callaham said they needed additional office space to include a meeting/conference room. DJJ previously used the meeting/conference room in the Annex building which currently houses the new voting machines. Chm. Jones told Ms. Callaham he would be in contact with her the week of October 21st.

2. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton and Clerk of Court, Sheri Coleman for the approval of a camera system for the upstairs at the Saluda County Courthouse.

Mr. Morton informed Council there was no camera surveillance system on the third floor or in the courtroom of the Courthouse causing a security concern. Mr. Morton said due to the construction of the Courthouse, cameras could not be linked to the current camera surveillance system on the main floor (second floor).

Mr. Morton provided a quote in the amount of \$11,385.00 plus tax of \$511.71 from Adroit Systems Company for a four camera surveillance system for the third floor of the Courthouse. Mr. Morton said the system would be self-contained and would include cameras in the holding area, both hallways, and the courtroom. The system would be funded by the Clerk of Court's DSS Title 4-D Special Revenue account. Mr. Morton said there should be no recurring costs with the system and any future repairs would be paid as one time service calls.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved for Adroit System Co. to install the 3rd floor camera system at the Courthouse in the amount of \$11,896.71 to be paid from the Clerk of Court's DSS Title 4-D Special Revenue account. During discussion Council, Mr. Morton, and Ms. Coleman discussed the system would be viewed from the courtroom; the system would record at all times; and the system's video could be rewound in the event something happened.

3. Chm. Jones recognized Communications Supervisor, Kade Harding for the request to fill a vacant position in Dispatch.

Ms. Harding requested Council's consideration to fill a vacant Communications Officer position that was approved in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Dispatch budget. Ms. Harding said dispatch provided services to all public safety agencies in Saluda County to include the Sheriff's Office, Saluda Police Department, Ridge Spring Police Department, Saluda County Probation and Parole, Saluda County EMS, Saluda County Emergency Management Division, Saluda County Fire Service, and S. C. Highway Patrol.

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to fill the vacant Communications Officer position in Dispatch. During discussion Ms. Harding informed Council there were 12 approved positions in Dispatch.

4. GLEAMNS Board Appointments

- a. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to appoint Jacqueline Rhinehart of 184 Pleasant Hill Road, Saluda to the GLEAMNS Board representing the public sector with her term expiring July 1, 2021.

- b. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to appoint Betty Kenner of 433 North Main Street, Saluda to the GLEAMNS Board representing the private sector with her term expiring July 1, 2021.
- c. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to appoint James Coley of 151 Myrtle Road, Saluda to the GLEAMNS Board representing the low income sector with his term expiring July 1, 2021.
5. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to appoint Charlyn H. Staubes of 311 N. Jefferson Street, Saluda to the Saluda Library Board with her first term expiring June 30, 2022.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2)(3) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss: 1) a personnel matter in Family Court; 2) a personnel matter in the Sheriff's Office; 3) a communication security matter; 4) an economic development matter on ROYA; to receive legal advice and to return at the Call of the Chair.

Note: (Chm. Jones provided the Clerk to Council the following recusal statement: "I need to be recused from executive session pertaining to the Family Court employee matter. Also, if there's a vote in open session I need to be recused from that also.")

Chm. Jones left Executive Session during the personnel matter in Family Court.

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

J. PUBLIC ACTION

1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to fill the School Resource Officer position at the Saluda Middle School that is a 50/50 split between the School District and the County.
2. The following statement was read into the record:

The County accepts the funds allocated from the S. C. Department of Education for a School Resource Officer at the Saluda Primary School.
3. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to turn on the Fleet Talk radios for emergency communications.
4. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to discontinue the Push to Talk system once the Fleet Talk radios are activated.

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K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Karen T. Whittle
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Clerk to Council

November 11, 2019
Date Approved

Resigned prior to approval of minutes
Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
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Vice-Chair

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Justin Anderson
Council Member

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Jones P. Butler
Council Member

Wayne E. Grice
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Council Member