

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 at 10:00 A.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 Jerry Strawbridge at 10:00 A.M.

Present were: Chm. Jerry Strawbridge
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Wayne Grice

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

Absent was: Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

E. 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 the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. You may also access the live stream of the meeting 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 October 19, 2020 video.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 07-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 2 COUNTY COUNCIL, DIVISION 2 RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, SECTIONS 2-55.1 THROUGH 2-70."

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Strawbridge announced Ordinance No. 10-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH RALPH SHEALY, DBA, SALUDA STANDARD SENTINEL, FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE SALUDA COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING."

Chm. Strawbridge informed Council a lease was attached to Ordinance No. 10-20 which provided assistance to Mr. Shealy to lease one room in the County Annex building for a period of six months for a nominal rate until Mr. Shealy could find a different location.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to present this lease to Mr. Shealy for his approval and then signatures for the lease. During discussion Council discussed Mr. Shealy would only use the one office to prepare the mailing of the papers. Council also discussed there were currently no additional vacant offices at the County Annex building.

2. Chm. Strawbridge addressed with Council the job description for the Assistant Fire Service Coordinator which was prepared by the Emergency Management Director and a copy was provided in the agenda package.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to accept the job responsibilities (description) for the Assistant Fire Service Coordinator for Emergency Management.

3. Chm. Strawbridge informed Council the Magistrate's office had requested for Council to change the position name of Assistant Magistrate to Deputy Criminal Clerk according to the Condrey Plan, which the County followed for job descriptions.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to accept the change in the position name to Deputy Criminal Clerk.

4. Chm. Strawbridge addressed the consideration and a decision to develop a Request for Proposal for auditing services due to the current contract for auditing services was out of date. Chm. Strawbridge said this was a consideration to develop a Request for Proposal; not choosing or eliminating anyone.

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved for staff to present and develop a Request for Proposal for auditing services.

5. Chm. Strawbridge addressed the consideration to develop a Request for Proposal to provide legal counsel for Saluda County government due to the current contract for legal counsel was out of date.

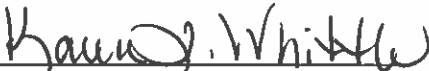
On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to develop a Request for Proposal to provide legal counsel.

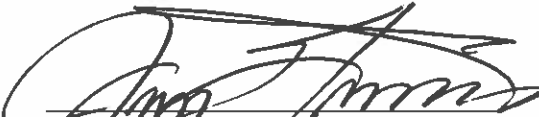
PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Strawbridge informed Council the emergency ordinance for COVID-19 would be expiring soon and a called meeting may be needed to extend the ordinance depending on the status of COVID at such time.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 A.M.


Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council


Jerry Strawbridge
Chairman

November 9, 2020
Date Approved