

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Donald E. Hancock called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present were: Chm. Donald E. Hancock  
Coun. Jones P. Butler  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. D. J. Miller

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

Absent was: Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel 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 budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

D. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Tax Assessor

County Council and the Tax Assessor reviewed the request in #26 maintenance service contracts for two licenses for the Marshall Swift appraisal program. Coun. Miller asked would one license suffice in the department. Mr. Ridgell said one license would probably work, but once the reassessment process started, the department would need two licenses. Mr. Ridgell informed Council the reassessment process would begin toward the end of calendar year 2018/beginning of 2019, to be implemented in 2021.

Mr. Ridgell said the new proposed MAPS system through QS/I would not require licenses, but would require a yearly software maintenance contract which would be cheaper than the yearly cost for two Marshall Swift licenses. The proposed MAPS system would integrate with the current QS/I tax system.

**Library and Library State-Aid**

Librarian Lisa Lyon met with County Council and reviewed the Library and Library state-aid budgets.

Ms. Lyon and County Council discussed the following, but not limited to: in order to receive state-aid for the Library, the proposed Library total budget amount could never be lower than the current total budget amount; #79 other operating expenses could be used for operations, purchase of books, and CD's; unexpended funds from the County Library budget at the end of the fiscal year rolls into the Library Building fund account; the Friends of the Library have their own library building fund; grants are sought for the Library by Library staff, but they could work with the Grants Coordinator; and estimated cost of the Library addition.

**Sheriff**

County Council and Chief Deputy Chris Cockrell reviewed the request of \$8,800.00 for #64 employee training. Chief Cockrell said he had seven officers who were instructors of different disciplines that trained officers in-house. Chief Cockrell said the remaining classes an officer needed, offered by the academy, cost \$320.00, but he rounded to \$400.00. Chief Cockrell said 22 officers times \$400.00 was how he arrived at the \$8,800.00. Chief Cockrell said he did not feel he would need all of the \$8,800.00 unless he had several new hires.

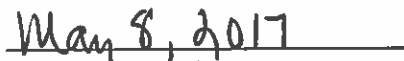
General consensus of Council to change #64 to \$5,000.00.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the budget work session at 7:23 P.M.

  
Karen T. Whittle  
Clerk to Council

  
Donald E. Hancock  
Chairman

  
Date Approved