SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2014 6:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton:

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton

PRESENTATIONS

John Donnadio

New Jersey Association of Counties

The mission of the New Jersey Association of Counties is to advocate for county government and be proactive, to be a non-patrician voice that represents both sides of the isle. They work on regulations, legislation, policy directives and whatever is important to counties to operate more effectively. Mr. Donnadio discussed the benefits of being apart of the Association and as well as an overview of pressing issues they are working on.

Joan Baillie, President Salem Community College

Mrs. Baillie talked about decreased legislative funding and performance based funding. Mrs. Baillie discussed in detail the different performance measures used for performance based funding, student success measures and the things the college is implementing to measure student success. This fall the College will offer a process operator course in partnership with Paulsboro Refinery and BSN in Nursing in partnership with Wilmington College. She highlighted last years programs in workforce development, discussed clean audit, reduced expenditures, overhead and improved internal controls. For this year's budget, they are looking for areas where they can cut cost through outsourcing and shared services. There will be no increase in tuition but asking the County for a 2 percent increase.

John Swain

Salem County Vocational Technical School

Presentation outlined the schools desire to add five additional classrooms, a physical education area and a green house at a total cost of \$3,946,625. Mr. Swain went through strategic planning, student achievement, facilities, school culture, community/parent involvement, audit 2013, budget initiatives, Salem County Special Services School District, child study teams and early intervention. Mr. Swain stressed that the following services and programs are under review: Non-Public Services, Related Services—P.T., P.T. and Speech, Early Intervention Program, GED Testing, Early Childhood Center and School Based Youth Mall. The 2014-2015 budget continues to be formulated for submission. Both districts hope the freeholders increase their funding by 2 percent.

Katie Coleman CFO

Budget Update

The budget is balanced and scheduled for introduction on March 5, 2014. Surplus is \$7.2 million and there will be no tax increase.

Director Acton called for a recess at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin Crouch Clerk of the Board