

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
DECEMBER 17, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:38 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting. Robin Weinstein led with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act had been given of this meeting and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Freeholders Lindenmuth, Timberman, Bobbitt, Acton, Hogan and Director Ware. Freeholder Sullivan was absent due to illness.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the December 3, 2008 regular meeting and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion. The motion carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

Bond Ordinance 2008-7
ADMINISTRATIVE

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$500,000 OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF
CONSTRUCTING A TRUCK WASH**

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to open the Public Hearing, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion to open the Public Hearing carried a hand vote of 6/0. As there were no comments, Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Freeholder Timberman. The motion carried a voice vote of 6/0. Motion was then made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to adopt Ordinance No.2008-7, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there were no comments, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-7 carried a hand vote of 6/0.

On discussion, Deputy Director Lindenmuth noted that we should reach out to the municipalities for shared services. Freeholder Bobbitt stated that that was being done. Freeholder Acton asked if the Improvement Authority/landfill could use it. There arose a question if the landfill vehicles are road worthy, to which Freeholder Timberman stated that they were not.

Lee Toffinelli was recognized by the Director. The new Salem County logo was unveiled and the planned marketing campaign was discussed.

Robert Bumpus, Supt. of Schools introduced himself. He thanked Freeholder Acton and complimented her on the fine job she is doing as liaison, and stressed the importance of shared services between the Vo-Tech and the Special Services School Districts.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Third Legislative District – copy of the new NKEDA Grant program legislation

Marianne G. Risley, Environmental Specialist, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan, Assocaites, Inc. – letter asking for a pre-application meeting regarding Avis Mill Pond

Charles M. Kuperus, Department of Agriculture – letter of thanks for those who developed comprehensive plans to participate in the new county planning incentive grant program

Stacy A. Mitchell, Cozen O'Connor – copy of a Notice of Filing of Petition and Public Hearing to implement a distribution system improvement charge

Joseph Picciano, Deputy Director Preparedness, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness – copy of the status progress in completing the projects identified within the FY06 and FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Director, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development – copy of a letter sent to Kathleen Lockbaum, Director, and Salem County Board of Social Services stating their ADA plan is in substantial compliance

Barry Seymour, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission – copy of the Long-Range Vision for Transit report

Timothy G. Chelius, P.P., AICP, Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization – notice that the SJTPO reorganization meeting is set for Monday, January 26, 2009

South Jersey Economic Development District – copy of the Executive Status Summary Report for November 2008

Cumberland County – resolution opposing changes in the cost-sharing arrangement between the State of New Jersey and Counties for the maintenance of patients in State psychiatric facilities

Morris County – resolution regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Mary E. Jones – letter of resignation from the Mental Health Board

Pamela A. Springer – letter of resignation from the Mental Health Board

Gilda T. Gill, Salem County Clerk – letter regarding county reimbursement for the 2008 Presidential Primary costs

James E. Scull, Sr., Director of Transportation – copy of the Salem County Community Bus Service Report of Audit for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 from Bowman & Company

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the month of November

Adjuster

Emergency Services

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee November Minutes; February 2009 Agenda; and years 2009 meeting dates

Salem Community College Board of Trustees November Minutes

Public Services Committee November Monthly Update

Youth Services Commission/Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition December 3rd Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to accept and file the correspondence, departmental reports, and the committee and commission reports and be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. As there was no discussion, the motion was carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion. The motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

Director Ware stated that if no Freeholder objected, the resolutions would be read in bulk.

R. 2008-562

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$27,300 – Jersey Professional Management)

R. 2008-563

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION
OF AN AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$4,700 – Sims Refrigeration)

R. 2008-564

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING
TONER CARTRIDGES O.E.M. ONLY FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-565

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS
IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMITTAL SHELTER AT THE
SALEM COUNTY VETERANS PARK AND CEMETERY
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND APPOINTING MEMBERS THERETO

R. 2008-566

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE
CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
(Donald Pierce)

R. 2008-567

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICIAL SLOGAN AND LOGO OF SALEM COUNTY

R. 2008-568

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AWARDING CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINI AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT DOLLARS FROM THE
NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

R. 2008-569

ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2008-570
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

R. 2008-571
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these ten resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On discussion, Freeholder Acton wanted clarification on Resolution No. 2008-570 regarding the transfer of funds. CFO Doug Wright gave the explanation concerning the miscalculation of days worked in 2008. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

R. 2008-572
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING FROM THE
COUNTY OF SALEM TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH LAW PROJECT

R. 2008-573
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 004 FOR
PENNS GROVE BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

R. 2008-575
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF
2009 FUNDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM,
SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, THE TANF HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND
FEES FOR THE HMIS REPORTING SYSTEM

Freeholder Hogan moved for adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand/voice vote of 6/0.

R. 2008-575
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$13,620 – Civil Solutions, Division of ARGH)

R. 2008-576
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL TO COST SHARE ON THE SEABROOK FARMS

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Deputy Director Lindenmuth seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand/voice vote of 6/0.

R. 2008-577
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
TRUCK WASH FACILITY FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$464,825.36 – Kenneth Fones Construction, LLC)

R. 2008-578
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO TASK ORDER #16 TO
BASIC AGREEMENT NO. 95-DT-SLM-C008 SALEM HANCOCK'S BRIDGE ROAD,
COUNTY ROAD #658 IN LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-279
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR
ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS NEW BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1701399
OVER ALLOWAY CREEK IN LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$\$12,317.04 – McCormick Taylor, Inc.)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of these six resolutions, with Freeholder Lindenmuth seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

Under Unfinished Business, Freeholder Acton urged the Freeholder Board to attend the January 8th, 2009 meeting at the Vo-Tech where in they will present their budget and Freeholder appropriation.

Under New Business, Freeholder Bobbitt thanked George Marshall and Lester Harris for their hard work in initiating the Committal Shelter to be built.

Lester Harris spoke concerning the need for a committal shelter and thanking the Freeholders for their support.

George Marshall spoke regarding the Committal Shelter. He thanked the Board for moving so quickly on having the resolution adopted. He stated that there would be no cost to the residents of Salem County – they were looking to raise the funds through private donations. He contacted the students at the Vo-Tech to construct it and would like to see the materials purchased within the County. Freeholder Bobbitt stated that when the public knows about this project he feels that the money will come in. George then stated that it is the hope that this project will be completed by Memorial Day; this would be the perfect time for a dedication ceremony. Director Ware stated that he supports this project and that media buy in means a lot.

Freeholder Hogan thanked Pam Pedrick, who will be retiring as Executive Director from the Office on Aging for her years of dedication and hard work.

Deputy Director Lindenmuth wished everyone a Merry and safe Christmas and that this is the time of year to spend quality time with family. On that note, the other Freeholders stated as much.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Dale Cross of Pennsville commented on the wreath laying ceremony at Finns Point and noted that Finns Point is one of only two federal cemeteries in the State of New Jersey.

Rebecca Call of Salem thanked the Board for adopting the resolution regarding the official slogan and logo for Salem County.

R. 2008-580
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0. The Freeholders went into Closed Session at 8:21 PM.

Executive Session Minutes-December 17th, 2008
Closed session began 8:21 PM and ended 9:08

Attendees: Freeholders Ware, Bobbitt, Lindenmuth, Timberman, Acton and Hogan. E. Gage-administrator, R. Weinstein-HR manager, E. Voyles-solicitor, D. Wright-CFO.

1. Personnel matter- the replacement for Executive Director of the Office on Aging was discussed. The committee had interviewed four applicants; their recommendation to hire was Sherri Hinchman. She will be offered the position.
2. Litigation- Gilda Gills' attorney, Mike Mulligan, filed a summary judgment against the County in anticipation that the Freeholders would not fund the budgetary shortfall in the Clerks office. The Freeholders did fund that shortfall and noted that Clerk Gill had made an assumption that was now going to cost the taxpayers additional money to respond to the court appropriately.
3. Union negotiations. A tentative settlement was reached with four of the eight unions. Sheriffs Officers, Sherriff superiors, Prosecutors Detectives and investigators, Prosecutors Detectives and Investigators Superiors. Robin Weinstein led the Freeholders through the terms of the four contracts including term-XXXXXXXXXX, rate-XXXX, health insurance-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXX. The Freeholders advised HR to proceed.

The Freeholders came out of closed session at 9:08 PM. Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board

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