

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance followed prayer by Deputy Director Laury.

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 Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 1, 2012 Workshop and Regular meetings and February 4, 2012 Budget Meeting. Minutes to be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, and carried 7/0.

Motion was made by Freeholder Timberman that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 3 and 17 on tonight's agenda. Deputy Director Laury seconded her motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Director Acton stated before we do our presentations tonight I have a 2012 budget statement. At this time I would like to make a statement concerning the ongoing budget discussions at the County level.

Needless to say 2012 has been a difficult year on a number of levels in addition to addressing a \$2.3 million dollar deficit this year, we are also looking at ways to reduce the county's overall responsible debt of \$74 million and a potential surplus balance of \$3.9 million.

Due to the continue increase of surplus and long-term debt to balance the last two years budgets we are taking a proactive approach to insure that we make the best educated decisions possible with many facts as possible. We have to take the additional time to do our due diligence to our taxpayers therefore I will be asking the Freeholder Board tonight to approve a resolution to extend the time of our budget introduction.

We are currently experiencing a decrease in revenue and an increase in expenditures which is of great concern to us. Our goal is to decrease expenditures as much as possible and still retain valuable services. Unfortunately we are still faced with a large deficit of nearly \$2.3 M. We are delaying the introduction of our budget so we have time to meet again with our department heads to review new budget figures and work out a viable compromise for all.

As county leaders we realize we must also focus our efforts on generating new revenues for the county. Two weeks ago, we met with PSEG to receive a business company update and current and future employment opportunities.

We are in the process of scheduling additional meetings with Kosher Dairy Milk producer and Siegfried Chemical Company to discuss opportunities for attracting new businesses, ratables and jobs. I had also scheduled a meeting with DuPont Chambers Works to discuss their state of business and start dialogue regarding any future job opportunities at the site.

As a bipartisan committee of seven along with administration we have been studying the budget and awaiting final figures to be generated from various sources for a couple of months. It is the intent of this Board to balance this budget with as few decreases in valued services possible. We appreciate our dedicated and hard working employees.

We are very conscious of the fact that our taxpayers are suffering as well. During these tough economic times "we will do the right thing" and balance this 2012 budget.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Loren Thomas stated Larry Schmidt who is one of the administrators at Appel Farm so first of all thank you for having us. Normally when I'm here it's on behalf of regarding special services district or the vocational technical school district and normally I'm begging for money so I'm not going to. Actually my first experience in Salem County was over 20 years ago when I came from my home and at that point in Cape May to visit Appel Farm to go to the Arts and Music Festival and I've gone off and on over the years. For the last twelve years I've been involved in school administration as all of you know at Pittsgrove Township Special Services Vocational School and we've enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with Appel Farm over those years. I've been honored in the last three years to serve on Appel Farm's Board of Trustees and so it's just a real privilege to be here in that capacity and to say that I am really proud of the work that Appel Farm does really thrilled that the high quality artistic expression they have the extent of their involvement in our county schools that some of you may not know about and just really a privilege to present Larry Schmidt who is one of the senior administrators at Appel Farm do a slight overview and handout to the Freeholders.

Thank you Loren and thank you so much for the opportunity to be here tonight to tell you a little bit more about the work that Appel Farm has been doing in our County and the type of impact that it has. As Loren had mentioned my name is actually Lawrence Schmidt and I am the director for development and special projects at Appel Farm. Work closely obviously with our executive director Mark Parker who sends his apology and regrets that he wasn't able to attend and make the presentation himself this evening. Since I'm sure so many of you are familiar with Appel Farm but there are different aspects of our organization that I wanted to try to apprise you of this evening as part of this presentation. Many of you probably know exactly where we are located in Upper Pittsgrove Township near Elmer but what you might not know is that we have an organization that runs a 3 million dollar annual budget, has 20 regular year round employees augmented by 85 additional staff in the summer for our camp program and that we manage 115 acre campus with over 20 buildings on it. We have a 52 year history of providing arts programming to the region. Originally we were founded as a summer arts camp for children in 1960 by Albert and Claire Appel and since then we've grown into one of the largest and most dynamic organizations cultural organizations in South Jersey with a number of those different programs the acclaimed summer arts camp the concert and family theater matinees that we offer, annual arts and music festival that Loren alluded to, awards winning arts education and outreach programs for schools, vulnerable populations such as seniors people with disabilities and at risk children and families in crisis and then special community based projects that we offer such as our art in the market place which produced some murals in some of the local South Jersey Communities. Over time we've really developed a reputation for producing and presenting high quality arts programming which has earned state wide and national accolades for our work. It's also instituted and benefited from a strong business model that includes sound fiscal policies and practices supported by earned and contributed income so it really presents a wonderful public private partnership. Our services to the people of Salem County are wide ranging. A partnership with the Salem County Vocational Technical School and Pittsgrove Townships Arthur P. Schalick High School inaugurated in the fall of 2010 has had a positive impact on the quality of arts education for students in the districts academy for the creative and performing arts. Appel Farm provides artistic oversight to the academy program through guest artist visits off site cultural experiences and community outreach enhancing education and career guidance for those students. The program also encourages an internship opportunity for students at our Appel Farm after school program for Pittsgrove Township children and registration for the 2011-2012 academic year I'm pleased to report and heard this from Loren previously increased by 39 percent and we think that, that was directly because of the quality of the programming that we helped to implement with, in concert with, Loren and the folks at Schalick. We are working with those academic partners to continue to grow this program and I'm pleased to also report that the other night when we had a recent open house there were 110 visitors that came in to take a look at this program, learn more about it and almost half of them came in from out of the county which will create some financial benefit as well for the program. In a related partnership we worked with Pennsville High School, the host school, for SCVT's music academy this year composers Sheridan Seyfried and Ya-Jhu Yang. Graduates of the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia were working in residency with Martha Frampton music theory teacher and the students. Last year they produced they composed an original work and then performed it and I'm pleased to report that that was also an example of public private partnership. Pennsville National Bank provided money as did the New Jersey State Council for the Arts to help complete that residency. Students at the County's Daretown School have benefited from participatory residencies with artist such as Pauline Houston Mcall and Kathy Casper and Lamont Dixon together

they've created permanent installations of artwork that improves the environment by creating a secrete space in which to learn exemplifying concepts of DARE Dream Attain Rise and Evolve. These students many of whom suffer from behavioral disorders and disabilities have benefited on a health prospective by these artistic endeavors. In the meanwhile we continue to do assembly programs and residencies in schools throughout the county and outside the county. Alloway Township, Mannington School, Salem's Fenwick Elementary School and the Middle School there, Elmer School have all benefited from programs that we have done in concert with our artist that we have brought in. The Elmer mosaic mural at the Elmer School was created by students and community members in response to an out pouring of interest while they were preparing to do something on the boroughs centennial and so that's a legacy of that. Heart and Health is a program that we initiated with the generous support of the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation in order to serve vulnerable populations here in Salem County whose access to the arts is limited. Our partners include nursing homes and social services agencies such as Holy Dale 21 Plus Family Success Center, Mater Dei Nursing Home, Friends Village at Woodstown and Health Care Commons. The programs concept is simple to provide therapeutic benefits of the arts to individuals and groups whose health and well being can benefit from the Heart and Health Program and I am also pleased to tell you that we received a state award for this program for improving the access to the arts for disadvantaged populations and those with disabilities. Our art camp is our longest running program something you probably know quite a bit about. We pull people in from all over actually about seventeen different states and as many as eleven different foreign countries. Several years ago we were able to provide scholarships for cohered of children about seventeen children right here from Salem County so that they would be able to attend the camp for three years in a row and benefit from this wonderful summer learning program. The arts classes that we provide year round instruction during the academic year for over three hundred adult children from the area in a number of disciplines including visual arts and ceramics and such. Children as young as three years old can benefit from cognitive development hand, motor and mind coordination and bonding with their parents or caregivers who participate in the programs in an obviously adults are also able to pursue interest in new skills through the classes. Our concerts and family matinee programs have offered high quality live performances at affordable prices in music theater and stage performances for people in the county and it also draws in people from outside the area in Philadelphia and South Eastern Pennsylvania which helps contribute to tourism and the economic benefit that accrues to Salem County. Because of the work that we have done here we've been recognized by the State Arts Council for eighteen consecutive years as a major arts presenting organization and we've done programs not only at our theater but at places like Salem County Community College where the crooked road tour was presented with country music. The annual arts and music festival is an important component of the cultural tourism in the county and since its establishment in 1989 nearly 200,000 people have come here to enjoy the benefit of that program. Sponsored and supported by numerous local businesses roughly about sixty or so regularly support this program through program ads sponsorships and then we have over 400 volunteers from local communities who come in to help support. That produces about \$20,000 to \$30,000 in in-kind contributions quarterly. The most important thing I think that you'd like to know is that that calculates out to produce an economic benefit to the local economy of about 2.5 to 3 million dollars based on our actual direct expenditures plus all the extra ancillary expenditures that people are making as they come in to visit whether they're staying here at a bed and breakfast or at a hotel or a camp ground, buying gas, food at local restaurants etc. The center derives about two thirds of its income from program fees but I hasten to point out that many of the community outreach and educational services that I've mentioned here are provided at little or no cost to many of our service populations and so that represents the equivalent of a gift that we are making to the community and those organizations and populations. We make our facilities available for retreats, conferences, workshops, weddings, public service programs and the like. Some of these people come from out of the county and stay for overnight or weekend visits we host the flu clinic each year at no charge for the County Health Department and we've also served as a drop off location for toys for tots and can goods for the community. It's directly benefited some of the neediest among us. We are proud of the fact that we are a contributor to the preservation effort of Upper Pittsgrove Township and Salem County little over two years ago the center acquired an additional 46 acres of land across Shirley Road so that it was still in the possession of Albert Appel. As we piece together financing we sought funding from DEP's Green Acres Program and other land preservation mined sources consequently we've been able to preserve 115 acres from commercial development helping to maintain Salem County's beautiful natural resources and the pastoral landscape that makes the county so beautiful to reside in and to work in. As we look to the future we continue to strive for excellence for

programming and operations while we find more effective meaningful ways to connect with the community. We looked and are prepared ready to work with other partners we work with the County Cultural and Heritage Commission and by the way I have to tell you hiring Jim Turk for that position was one of the best things you folks have done among the many but certainly for that program he has been a great resource to work with as has Loren. I thank you for the opportunity to share this additional information and if you have any questions I will be happy to answer those for you.

Director Acton presented Mr. Schmidt with a proclamation recognizing Appel Farm for the work they've done in Salem County.

Freeholder Vanderslice presented a proclamation to Loren Thomas recognizing and commending Salem County Vocational Technical School for all their work on National Career and Technical Education Month.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **GENERAL**

Edwin Masker, Woodstown, letter of resignation from the Salem Tourism Advisory Council

Stephen H. Caltabiano, Carneys Point, potential conflict of interest with Alaimo serving as County Engineer at the same time as they service as Engineer for Pilesgrove Township and Pilesgrove Township Planning Board

Louis J. Pasquale, Penns Grove, abandoned houses throughout the town

Linda A. DuBois, Mayor, Pittsgrove Township, Steven R. Wymbs, appointed as Salem County Solid Waste Advisory Council Representative

Douglas Wright, CFO, County of Salem – 2011 Annual Debt Statement for the County

Freeholder Bob Vanderslice, wish to change vote on Resolution 2012-88 from yes to an abstention since on the Board of Trustees at the hospital

John k. Fiorilla, Capherhart & Scatchard, P.A., in the matter of J.P. Rail, Inc., d/d/a Southern RR Company of New Jersey – verified notice of exemption – notice of operation of rail line

John Keith Davis, Panting Hart Music, request to use the Old Salem Courthouse to hold a public Gospel Music concert

Dante Rieti, Cumberland County Department of Employment & Training, additional WFNJ Work Activities Allocation for PY 2011-12

Maureen R. Abdill, Township of Pilesgrove, Deputy Mayor Jesse Smith is Township Committee nominee to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Salem County Office of Emergency Management – January 11, 2012

Salem County Court Operations Security Meeting – January 12, 2012

Inter Agency Council of Human Services Board of Directors – January 23, 2012

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross. Motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

If no freeholder objected the resolutions would be read in bulk.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Ware**

R. 2012-132

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION REJECTING PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL – EMPLOYMENT

R. 2012-133

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY  
ADVISORY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL

R. 2012-134

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

**HEALTH COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Cross, Acton**

R. 2012-135

HEALTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$175,000 - MEDICAL EXAMINER)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury**

R. 2012-136

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(KENT AVENUE APARTMENTS)

R. 2012-137

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT  
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE YEAR 2012  
(LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP - \$3,513.34  
OLDMANS TOWNSHIP - \$4,074.33, QUINTON TOWNSHIP \$3,903.00)

R. 2012-138

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FEDERAL 2012 ANNUAL  
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FTA ASSISTANCE APPLICABLE TO  
THE FOLLOWING GRANTS: SECTION 5310, JARC, 5311, 5317 NF PROGRAM(S)

R. 2012-139

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALEM COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

R. 2012-140  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES  
FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$73,000 – MARYVILLE, INCORPORATED)

R. 2012-141  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE COMMISSION ON DRUG AND  
ALCOHOL ABUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$10,000 - B.R. WILLIAMS, INC.)

R. 2012-142  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING MALE/FEMALE HALFWAY  
HOUSE SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$3,000 – HENDRICKS/HANSEN HOUSE)

R. 2012-143  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING SERVICES  
FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$13,300 – NEW HOPE FOUNDATION)

R. 2012-144  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS  
SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$33,277 – SODAT, INC.)

R. 2012-145  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS S  
ERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$21,000 – SODAT, INC.)

R. 2012-146  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING EDUCATION AND  
PREVENTION SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$10,000 – LORI TEDESCO SINGLEY, EDUCARE)

R. 2012-147  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING MALE/FEMALE HALFWAY HOUSE  
SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE  
(\$7,000 – HENDRICKS/HANSEN HOUSE)

R. 2012-148  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
COMPRHENSIVE GRANT FUNDS SUPPORTING SANCTIONS AND SERVICES FOR  
DELINQUENT YOUTH AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these thirteen resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Vanderslice, Timberman**

R. 2012-149

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES  
CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR  
THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
(\$27,200 – DONALD R. AYARS)

R. 2012-150

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR  
WARRANT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
(\$31,300 - GLENDON W. BELL)

R. 2012-151

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES  
CONTRACT FOR WARRANT PROCESSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION SUPPORT  
(\$31,300 - DALE CARLSON)

R. 2012-152

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES  
CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE  
SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
(\$31,300 - DONALD R. DOBSON)

R. 2012-153

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR  
WARRANT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
(\$26,700 – ROBERT FISHER)

R. 2012-154

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR A MEGAN'S LAW COORDINATOR/POLYGRAPHER AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
(\$32,300 – STEPHEN LITTLE)

R. 2012-155

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AN  
APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS  
FOR FUNDING FOR THE FFY12 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

R. 2012-156

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING THE  
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE'S APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL  
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MEGAN'S LAW AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of these eight resolutions, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion.

Freeholder Cross stated rather than separating them out I will be casting an abstention vote on resolution R. 2012-154.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the resolution R. 2012-149 thru R. 2012-155 and R. and R. 2012-156 carried a hand vote of 7/0. Resolution R. 2012-154 carried by a hand vote of 6/0/1 with Freeholder Cross abstaining.

**TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ware, Timberman,**

Laury

R. 2012-157

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS TO THE CONTINUED SAFETY, STABILITY, AND  
RELIABILITY OF THE RAILROAD FOR THE RAILROAD FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$55,400 – RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY)

Freeholder Ware moved for the 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 7/0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Cross**

R. 2012-158

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #5  
REPLACEMENT OF WEBSTER'S MILL BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1700-455  
AND THE REHABILITATION OF SPILLWAY STRUCTURE #30-10 ON  
EAST LAKE ROAD, IN PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(SAMBOL CONSTRUCTION CORP.)

R. 2012-159

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1 EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO  
AVIS MILL ROAD, A LOCAL ROAD, IN PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$2,880 – R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.)

R. 2012-160

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF ROAD STABILIZATION  
AND SLOPE PROTECTION MATERIALS DELIVERED TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF SALEM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HURRICANE  
(\$55,000 – RICHARD E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION)

R. 2012-161

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND QUINTON TOWNSHIP  
(COUNTY PLANNER AND/OR SUB OFFICIAL)

R. 2012-162

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING DEER  
CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM  
(\$15,000 – DEER CARCASS REMOVAL, LLC)  
(TABLED)

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of resolutions R. 2012-158 thru R. 2012-161, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Deputy Director Laury stated we have an opportunity in the county it's a \$15,000 for deer carcass removal our Sheriff Chuck Miller has approached me and others as far as letting the inmates do that

work for the county and I'm in the process right now of talking to Salem County Improvement Authority for a place of disposing them and the cost of it so I'm going to make a motion to table resolution R. 2012-162 with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion motion to table carried by hand vote of 7/0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Vanderslice stated as you know we have been working exhaustively on the county budget for a number of weeks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our CFO Doug Wright, our County Administrator Evert Ford, our Clerk of the Board Earl Gage and members of the Admin team – Freeholder Ware and Director Acton for their participation and contribution to the process. I would also like to thank the individuals who oversee both departmental and non-departmental budget line items for their patience and perseverance as we have sought an equitable outcome for this 2012 budget. While we have not come to a final conclusion, it is imperative that everyone understands that our goal is to minimize the impact on all of the stakeholders in Salem County during this very difficult budget cycle.

During this process, I have become aware that Salem County's Gross Debt, during the last decade, has increased from just over \$17 million to slightly over \$74 million and our surplus has gone from a peak of over \$17 million to low of just under \$8 million. It would be easy to use additional surplus or borrow more money to balance this budget, but it would not be prudent or fair to the residents of Salem County.

That said, and in line with our philosophy of smaller, more fiscally responsible government, it is time for this Freeholder board to explore the possibility of merging the operations of the Salem County Improvement Authority into the County government. I am therefore making the motion that we direct and authorize the County Administrator, Evert Ford, to reach out to the various county professionals to determine the feasibility of merging the operations of the Salem County Improvement Authority into the County government and if there are any savings associated with the same. That's my motion. Motioned second by Freeholder Cross.

Freeholder Ware stated this is basically exploratory.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated yes that's correct.

As there was no further discussion motion carried by hand vote of 7/0.

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Director Laury stated the Waterways Committee has set a date for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Ware Building I put an email out and I got a good response we should have a good committee and we will proceed from there. I will report after March 8<sup>th</sup>. I also got information on what they call home funds which is a great process where Salem County did not qualify because we didn't have a large enough population. I went to Cumberland County where they use home funds in their larger municipalities. I talked with Freeholder Bill Whalen he expressed interest and they're to be making a resolution to join with us in our smaller communities trying to get to that \$500,000 threshold so they are interested and they will be making that resolution so could be possible we can get home funds will help keep people in their homes the elderly and disabled keep them in their homes rather than going to a home or a nursing home. So that's exciting going down the road. I also had a chance and Julie was with me today to go over to the Vo-Tech they had the Challenge Cup today it's an amazing place to watch these kids learn and what they're learning to learn a trade in high school. It's fantastic what they are doing they do the work of what a lot of adults do and we are very proud of Vo-Tech and what they've done and the kids were just simply amazing and I'm sorry Loren isn't here just to give him kudos for what he's done.

Director Acton stated and that is amazing the presentation that they have. It's the 39<sup>th</sup> Quality Cup Competition and like Freeholder Laury said the kids are just taught so much and they cross trained they learn from electrical to painting to designing so there's a lot of cross training and we are building up our workforce for Salem County. I see in the audience former Freeholder Jeff Hogan. Jeff thanks for being here.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Margaret Maxwell-Mood, Quinton with postponing the budget will you be continuing the Saturday workshops. I found them interesting and I learned quite a bit by attending so my question is will that continue.

Director Acton stated there is one tentatively scheduled on March 3<sup>rd</sup> as far as the budget workshop we are doing some meetings in between with the department heads with the administration committee but as March 3<sup>rd</sup> I have for us scheduled to come back together to really go over updates.

Mrs. Mood stated I've been watching rather closely to see whether or not you have deemed a grant writing professional for the county has any decision been made on that.

Director Acton stated last two weeks ago we approved Triad Associates. They have been working with us on the Tiger 3 Grant we went ahead and approved that resolution for them to continue.

Mrs. Mood stated letters will be going out to those folks who did not receive funding or was not chosen I should say.

Clerk of the Board Gage responded standard procedure.

Mrs. Mood stated with exploring the merger of the Improvement Authority under the county's umbrella will you be conducting a feasibility study.

Director Acton stated right now we are just instructing the County Administrator to just explore what we need. I think he's going to be contacting the State and the State I'm sure will have a bullet list.

Mrs. Mood stated I'm sure there are a couple models out there.

Director Acton stated for him just to even direct him to how we go to explore any kind of possibility but as far as any kind of expenditures being spent on this direction there is none attached to it. But please be assured we're not just even exploring for the Improvement Authority it's all departments and all non departmental departments that we're exploring.

Mrs. Mood stated and the one other question I had a month ago I sent a letter providing \$10,000 worth of in-kind services to the EMS project with grant writing and consulting have not gotten a signed copy back so am I presuming that you've decided against it.

Director Acton stated that was read into the minutes.

Mrs. Mood stated but nothing was returned to me.

Deputy Director Laury stated we are waiting for the May deadline.

Mrs. Mood stated so if I get other opportunities to write grants I mean you guys if you come to me and say hey and I found a few EMS grants I'm going to have to say I can't do it because I'm busy doing other things.

Deputy Director Laury stated we need to talk your letter was read into the minutes so it's part of the public record for what you're offer was to write was extremely generous.

Mrs. Mood stated yes I thought so too because I believe in the project but yet you have to see my side of it with trying to build a business so just let me know one way or the other.

Director Acton stated thank you folks for all coming out tonight we are blessed with some beautiful weather no "s" word.

Mr. Martha Rogers, Pennsville member of Woodstown Women's Club and serve as their legislative chairperson. I am here to night because we are concerned we as a group of members of the safety of the traffic light at Routes 40 and 45. We have our meeting Friday and I'm always on the agenda with the traffic light and they want to know some positive information that might be available to them that something might be working on it do you have anything Mr. Laury. I think you are the chairman of this program.

Deputy Director Laury stated we had a Public Works meeting and it was discussed and we are still right now Wawa is still going to be fixing their side as part of a state road and we will be continually working towards that right through the Public Works meeting its going to be a discussion on our agenda also. As positive things happen I will be contacting you and when we have a meeting that's going to discuss it I'll also be contacting you.

Mr. Martha Rogers stated I know about the corner that Wawa is going to work on and that's very nice but this traffic light really needs a left hand turn. I know it's expensive you people all have it all on your burden right now and I don't feel that it's all Pilesgrove problem and I don't think it should all come out of the taxpayers money but I think we need to sit down as a group everyone who is benefiting from this traffic light and share the cost of what it's going to take to get this traffic light so that it's safe. I'm not the kind of person to stand on the corner with a sign on me and say the traffic lights unsafe I'd rather do it professionally with you and anything I can do to help you I'd be glad to do it. We have a luncheon meeting where lunch is served at 12:00 if Mr. Laury would like to come and meet our ladies and give a little update on it I would appreciate it.

Director Acton stated we have Council President Karen Tuthill here thank you for coming Karen

Stacey Pennington, Elsinboro, just want to commend Freeholder Director Acton for eliminating the practice of providing snacks and meals during meetings. I know it wasn't a lot of money and it was if you look back over the books over time it was across the board both parties but everybody's got to tighten their belt and we really do appreciate the taxpayers appreciate the gesture.

Freeholder Timberman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice, and carried 7/0 at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Gage  
Clerk of the Board