

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2013  
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Director Acton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Director Acton.

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Richard Stepura and Dr. Tracey Severns, EdD. Chief Academic Officer, State of New Jersey*

Dr. Severns gave of an overview of Common Core Standards including why and how they were implemented. Students are given the opportunity to graduate ready for success in college and careers. There was also discussion surrounding new standards. Standards are available to the public via the DOE website.

Mr. Stepura along with Doris Isaacs presented a \$7,445 operating budget for the Superintendent of Schools.

*B J Ayars/Curt Harker presentation Employee Initiatives Update*

BJ gave an update on the Emergency Go Bag project, which is ready to roll out, and safety initiatives for county employees.

*Lou Joyce – Wastewater Management Plan & update on Avis Mill Pond*

Mr. Joyce answered the Boards questions about the septic management program and potential sewage line system between Woodstown, Carneys Point and DuPont in response to a resolution that was tabled in October for the Submission of County Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Joyce also informed the Board that the Avis Mill Pond bid document, specs and plans are ready to put the project out for bid.

Deputy Director Cross noted that the discussion on County Wide dispatch would be moved to closed session because of negotiations.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to recess until 7:30 pm and second by Freeholder Bobbitt. Motion carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Evern D. Ford  
Clerk of the Board