

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 16, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Wayne Carter, Elmer, U.S. Army 1958-1980 led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then led by prayer offered by Pastor Dave Repenning.

Mayor Joseph P. Stemberger of the Borough of Elmer, Thanked and Welcomed the Freeholders and Public to the town of Elmer.

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.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 2, 2014 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, second by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Freeholder Timberman that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 21 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Laury seconded the motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation Recognizing Alcohol Awareness Month April 2014

Proclamation Designating April 2014 as Volunteer Appreciation Month

- MAPSA- Grass Roots program for the Prevention of Substance Abuse
- OEM/ Sheriff's Office; Cert Team - Trained to Protect Themselves, their families and their community from Natural or man-made disasters
- Office on Aging- Peer Leader for Wellness Programs with Seniors & Disabled
- Sheriff's Office- SALT Committee/ TRIAD: Seniors Assisting Law Enforcement: Provide seniors with information to protect them from the newer crimes which target their age group
- Corrections - Provides religious services and spiritual counseling for the inmates housed in the facility

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO 2014 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

R. 2014-183

ADMINISTRATIVE

SALEM COUNTY BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Deputy Director Cross moved to open the public hearing on the Amendment to the 2014 Salem County Budget, with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, motion to open the public hearing carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Christina from Pennsville wanted to know what the Amendments were, Copy of Resolution was given.

Freeholder Laury moved to close the public hearing, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no more discussion, motion to open the public hearing carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Freeholder Laury moved to Adopt the Amendment to the Budget, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. Freeholder Bobbit asked if this was adopting the budget itself, CFO Katie Coleman explained this was Adopting the Amendment to the Budget. As there was no more discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Freeholder Ware-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

R. 2014-197
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2014 BUDGET

Freeholder Laury moved this resolution to amend the 2014 budget, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman noted that \$2,000,000.00 dollars are being taken out of surplus because the state did not recognize the anticipated revenue.

CFO Katie Coleman explained \$1,500,000.00 dollars of it is for the state requirement for the County to reduce the amount for jail revenue and \$500,000.00 dollars is the additional reduction of taxes, leaving us with slightly over \$4,000,000 dollars.

Freeholder Timberman noted that auditors said \$6,000,000.00 to \$7,000,000.00 dollars is the safe zone.

CFO Katie Coleman then noted she anticipates another \$3,000,000.00 dollars from various things to come back throughout the year.

Freeholder Timberman asked if there are going to be any anticipated layoffs in any departments or closings.

Director Acton stated there will not be any anticipated layoffs or closing of any departments. When all 7 Freeholders formulated the budget, there were no anticipated layoffs.

Freeholder Bobbit stated that in a prior meeting, Freeholder Vanderslice declared there would be a reduction in the tax rate by \$0.01. Is this still in effect?

Director Acton clarified that it was a reduction of the tax levy; \$550,000.00 dollars was saved by reducing expenses, which translated into a penny less that we are asking taxpayers to pay.

Freeholder Vanderslice also clarified he was asking for a \$0.01 reduction, not anything that was being decided on.

Deputy Director Cross thanked CFO Katie Coleman and her staff for all of their hard work on putting together the budget by stabilizing taxes.

As there was no further discussion, the motion to amend the 2014 Salem County Budget resolution carried by a roll call vote 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Freeholder Ware- for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

Deputy Director Cross moved this resolution to adopt the 2014 Salem County Budget, with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion to amend the 2014 Salem County Budget resolution carried by a roll call vote 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Freeholder Ware-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

CORRESPONDENCE
GENERAL

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Salem County Pollution Control Financing Authority – April 1, 2014
Veterans' Advisory Committee – March 27, 2014

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross that the Treasurers Report be received and filed and subjected to audit and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Resolutions were read in bulk.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2014-198

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

R. 2014-199

ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2014-200

ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2014-201

ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2014-202

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, SALEM COUNTY SHERIFF, THE SALEM COUNTY SHERIFF'S SUPERIOR OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, THE SALEM COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE K-9 UNIT OFFICERS

R. 2014-203

ADMINISTRATIVE

AMENDMENT TO R. 2014-1 TO ESTABLISH JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES

R. 2014-204

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COLLECTIVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, THE COUNTY SHERIFF, AND THE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS & CORRECTIONS SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATIONS

R. 2014-205

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING PRINTING SUPPLIES (LETTERHEAD, ENVELOPES, BUSINESS CARDS, ETC) FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2014-206

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

R. 2014-207

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION CHANGING CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

R. 2014-208
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2014-209
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, SALEM COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2014-210
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, SALEM RANK AND FILE UNIT (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2014-211
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, SALEM COUNTY UNIT (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (14) fourteen resolutions, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Laury announced that they are looking forward to Steve Shalick filling the County Road Supervisor position.

Freeholder Bobbit asked if any interviews were done for R. 2014-208 Resolution Appointing a County Road Supervisor

Director Acton stated that the position was appointed.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

R. 2014-212
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AND APPROVING A SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 261 OF THE FEDERAL "HELP" AMERICA VOTE ACT OF "2002" (HAVA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY

R. 2014-213
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER

R. 2014-214
SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING PROPRIETARY CLERK IMAGING AND TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

R. 2014-215

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUNDING THE FFY14 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

R. 2014-216

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

R. 2014-217

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING GPS ELECTRONIC MONITORING FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$40,000.00 – SECUREALERT, INC.)

R. 2014-218

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT RESPECTING THE TERMINATION OF A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, INC., RESPECTING THE PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman asked what R.2014-217 resolution awarding a contract for supplying GPS electronic monitoring for the county of Salem was for.

Director Acton and Deputy Director Cross explained together that it is for the new bracelets in the Sheriff's department and the County is saving approximately \$0.80 per.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2014-219

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC SOUTH GREENWICH STREET, COUNTY ROAD #540, EAST MAIN STREET, COUNTY ROAD #581 AND ALLOWAY-FRIESBURG ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #640 IN ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, SALEM COUNTY

R. 2014-220

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$39,439.22 – KAM CONSTRUCTION, LLC)

R. 2014-221

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$12,193.00 – LACY'S EXPRESS, INC.)

R. 2014-222

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$19,555.00 – ROBINSON FARMS)

R. 2014-223

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$94,676.67 – SOUTH JERSEY FARMERS EXCHANGE)

R. 2014-224

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$81,618.00 – STEPHENS CONTRACTING, LLC)

R. 2014-225

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$58,645.00 – BIL-DOL FARMS)

R. 2014-226

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$76,820.00 – DPA CONSTRUCTION)

R. 2014-227

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$14,686.96 – FONES CONSTRUCTION, LLC)

R. 2014-228

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ROCK SALT FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$80,850.00 – MID-ATLANTIC SALT, LLC)

R. 2014-229

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2014-230

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION PLAN FOR THE 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

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (12) twelve resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman mentioned that R. 2014-230 Resolution Approving a Modification Plan for the 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, had already been resurfaced and fixed after Hurricane Irene.

Freeholder Laury explained the entire structure was redone, but there needs to be some modifications to the original plan.

Director Acton made mention of all the additional bills due to the snowy season that was not budgeted for, and thanked CFO Katie Coleman for getting everything figured out.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputy Director Cross read the following statement:

I would like to address statements made by FH Bobbitt that were later “echoed” by FH Timberman concerning the OneStop Center at our last freeholder meeting.

First, let’s look at what was said.

FH Bobbitt stated in the meeting minutes that he “strongly objected to the layoff of 6 more County employees.” The fact of the matter is, the six employees in question are not “county employees.” The County Community College, acting as fiscal agent for the past 13+ years employs these individuals and subsequently, is laying them off effective July 1, 2014. Also for the record, lest us not forget that a local resident [State employee] stands to lose her position as well.

“I’m here to find solutions; this issue in my opinion is a no brainer.”

How would you know if you don’t ask the questions as to why previous fiscal agents have refused to continue this responsibility? Due diligence should include getting both sides of every story before making an educated decision, not just getting what you want to hear and then moving on... all meetings cannot be settled in 10 minutes.

Regardless, let’s look at the actual actions taken.

Resolution 2014-124 was passed on February 19, 2014 that effectively transferred the OneStop to the Division of Social Services and it is recorded that both you and FH Timberman voted “for” this transfer as the resolution passed unanimously, 6-0. Also noteworthy, FH Timberman, our FH representative on the Board of Social Services, voted “for” the transfer during their Social Services board meeting.

In addition, Freeholder Bobbitt serves as liaison to both the Community College and the OneStop Center. Ironically, you have attended only one of four college Board meetings and none of the four OneStop meetings.

It appears that you say one thing yet do another.

The reality is that these individuals could have used your representation prior to this action taking place, not after the fact in a disingenuous attempt to win their support. When you consider that you voted “for” the transfer resolution(s) and you chose not to attend seven of the eight (8) meetings that have been held between these two groups? Pardon me if your plea to “save jobs” rings a bit hollow.

With all due respect FH Bobbitt, a strong case could be made that this is nothing more than a politics at its worst as you attempt to create a campaign platform. Your actions speak louder than someone else’s written word and how quickly you forget that you voted to layoff the entire Nursing Home staff which was a county asset.

Our residents and these employees deserve better as we move forward...

Thank you.

Freeholder Bobbit states he understands they are not county employees, but as Freeholders “we can save their jobs”. Also explains that Salem County needs economic development and it’s absurd to lay off people with jobs. These people need their jobs, their lives depend on it. Call it political platform if you want, these people need their jobs and we can save them. We have to work to keep people employed instead of laying them off. (16) Sixteen people were laid off last year.

Freeholder Timberman responds to Deputy Director Cross’s statement by saying she takes offense to his accusations because she feels as if all of the Freeholders do not have enough information on the matter. Also states that the entire Board of Social Services was not fully informed either, and this topic will be discussed at the next Social Services meeting. Freeholder Timberman clarifies that this area used to be ran by the county until it was moved to Salem Community College in 2001 under the Republican administration. These are self-governing employees who would not cost the county any money. It would take very little to oversee their fiscal responsibilities, and we are going to pass that money onto the board of social services who will not even hire anymore employees but instead make their already burdened employees do all the work. Freeholder

Timberman has a problem with it because they are employees under the Board of Social Services, and is not sure they have the knowledge or expertise to do the additional work.

Freeholder Timberman would like to make a motion to rescind the resolution that was moved to the board of social services and take a good look at it as a Freeholder Board to make sure we are taking full responsibility of this decision very seriously, which was seconded by Freeholder Bobbit. Salem County has a very high percentage of unemployed people.

Freeholder Laury makes a motion to table Freeholder Timberman's motion as a result of not having all the information readily available, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no more discussion, the motion to table the foregoing resolution does not pass with a hand vote of 3/4: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-against, Freeholder Ware- against, Freeholder Bobbitt-against, Freeholder Timberman-against, Freeholder Acton-for.

Freeholder Timberman makes a motion to rescind.

Freeholder Ware states that in the 14 years he has been Freeholder, he had never voted to lay somebody off. He wants to know if there can be an opportunity at the Vo-Tech for these employees.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that he has spent a lot of time talking to individuals and exchanging emails and has been very impressed with the quality of research and information provided. He has spoken with fellow freeholders and came to the conclusion that the decision made is a hasty one and believes the resolution needs to be rescinded and go back to the drawing board. Freeholder Vanderslice has spoken with Salem Community College and they have refused, but opened dialogue with Salem County Vo-Tech and hope to schedule a meeting sometime soon. The idea is to keep people who are passionate about their jobs. Rescinding the resolution is the right thing to do.

Freeholder Cross states that he voted for the motion to pass for the simple reason that it gives the Freeholders 3 additional weeks at a minimal to continue conversations with all the respected people involved as options and reaching out in efforts for someone to take responsibility and own the program. We want someone for a long time. Freeholder Cross wishes to table the motion in hopes to go back and check out all potential options and continue all discussions. It will still stay on the record.

Freeholder Vanderslice would like to have a bi-partisan committee to work through the process.

Solicitor Mulligan questioned the resolution.

Director Acton stated the resolution motioned to be rescinded is R. 2014-124.

Freeholder Laury wants to also leave this motion on the table as a standing resolution and look for different alternatives. There is going to budget issues at the board of social services if the resolution is rescinded.

Director Acton noted that there is no alternative right now to rescind the resolution anywhere.

Freeholder Vanderslice reiterated that he wants a bi-partisan committee on this issue comprising of Freeholder Bobbit, Freeholder Vanderslice, and Deputy Director Cross.

As there was no further discussion, the motion to rescind the resolution 2014-124 carried with a hand vote of 4/3: Deputy Director Cross-against, Freeholder Laury-against, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Freeholder Ware-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-against.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Bobbit asked what the procedure is to get onto the Freeholder Agenda.

Solicitor Mulligan explains that the Freeholder Director assesses the Agenda with the Freeholder Board Rules, and that if someone wishes to make a presentation, they need to go through a committee, which ultimately makes the agenda. No member of the public has a right to be put onto the Agenda, it is up to the discretion of the Freeholder Board, but any member of the public is allowed to speak in Public Comment if they wish to address an issue or topic.

Freeholder Laury states he is very excited to have had a Freeholder meeting held in his hometown of Elmer, and would like to thank his Mother, Wife, and Sister for being present.

Freeholder Vanderslice went out and bought his tie in honor of Freeholder Ware winning 604 games, and congratulated him again.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record.

Each speaker will have **TWO MINUTES** to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Katie Harris, Pennsville, stated her concern about animals during emergency events, and if a pet friendly emergency shelter could be put up in Salem County, and she would be proud to volunteer.

Freeholder Acton stated that this has been discussed and the Salem County Fairgrounds are being looked at as a possible place for all types of rural animals.

Bob DiGregorio stated that he has been in contact with Avalon and learned about their pet friendly trailers and plans and would love to take Katie's information down to talk at a later time.

Deputy Director Cross thanks Katie for the letter and coming to the meeting to voice her concern. Together with the Sheriff, grounds around the correction facilities have been looked at as well, so the inmates could be utilized to look after the animals as well.

Anne Sullivan, Alloway questioned R. 2014-229 on who got the contract and why is it up for bid.

Director Acton explained Line Systems Inc. won the contract for 2 years not to exceed \$100,000.00. They were chosen over Verizon as a cost saving factor.

Anne Sullivan questioned R. 2014-218.

Director Acton explained Nextel was terminating their contract with the county, which has to be overlooked by the Freeholder Board.

Anne Sullivan wants to know if the 2014 Budget had any reduction in vehicle fleet.

Director Acton stated that a few years ago a large reduction occurred, but there has been no reduction this year.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point had a few fundraiser announcements. On May 2 from 6pm to 9pm, the Salem County Center for Autism is having a "Girls Night Out" at the Riverview. It will consist of all types of vendors and a \$5 donation at the door. Habitat for Humanity is building a house on Highland Ave. in Carneys Point, pink 2x4s will be for sale and a message can be written on them and built into the house on May 3rd. Also announced she was a part of social services and believe they did not receive all the proper information as well, kudos to Freeholder Vanderslice, and both surprised and disappointed by Deputy Director Cross.

Rebecca Sobelman, Pennsville asked about the one-stop.

Maggie Maxwell Mood, Quinton recommends putting a civilian on the board who knows about grants, County Road 581 is treacherous during snow storms and needs to be better maintained during storms, asked if potholes are associated with all the brine used and not salt.

Freeholder Bobbit and Freeholder Laury both explained that the brine has nothing to do with the potholes, potholes occur when the water underneath the asphalt freezes and is then pushed up to the surface causing cracks which get caught by the snow plows.

Christine Hoehn, Pennsville talked about some upcoming fundraisers for Family Promise.

Bill Jones, Pittsgrove asked about a start date for the bridge at Willow Grove Lake.

Freeholder Laury stated that the county is still waiting on grants that have been applied for, and discussion on the spillway that belongs to the conservatory is in progress.

Bill Jones, Pittsgrove ask what (waiver) meant on some of the resolutions.

Director Acton stated that waivers are for resolutions that are brought to the Clerk of the Board after the Freeholders already have received their packets for the meeting and have not seen these new resolutions.

Bill Jones, Pittsgrove asked what Steve Shalick's background information is.

Freeholder Laury states that Shalick is on Elmer Council dealing with local roads and bridges; he also operates the hardware store in Elmer.

Pastor Dave Repenning, Elmer just wanted to say he appreciates the certificate that was awarded to him for being the Chairman of the MAPSA.

Freeholder Vanderslice wishes everyone to have a great week, and prays for everyone in Salem County.

Director Acton announced the next meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:30pm at the Olde Salem Courthouse located in Salem City, and wished everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board