

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 2, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: James Wentzell, Pennsville, U.S.M.C. 1961-1966 led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance led by prayer offered by Terry Foster.

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 March 19, 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 Laury that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 5 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation Designating April 2014 National County Government Month was presented by Director Acton to Ta-Neshia Harris, Clerk of the Board Office.

Proclamation Designating April 2014 as Volunteer Appreciation Month was presented by Freeholder Vanderslice to Mary Ann Smith, Cleo Johnson and Carmen Mateo.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

R. 2014-182

ADMINISTRATIVE

SALEM COUNTY BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no 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, Director Freeholder-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

Deputy Director Cross moved to open the public hearing on the 2014 budget, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, motion to open the public hearing carried by a roll call vote 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Director Freeholder-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to close the public hearing, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, motion to close the public hearing carried by a roll call vote 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Director Freeholder-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for.

R. 2014-183

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2014 BUDGET

Freeholder Laury moved to adopt this resolution, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution carried by a roll call vote 7/0: Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Director Freeholder-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Freeholder Timberman-for, Freeholder Acton-for. Adoption is scheduled for Wednesday April 16, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

George Marshall, resignation from the Veterans Advisory Board

Edna Birch, Carneys, request for the review of NJ smoking laws

Anne Buckwheat, resignation from the Transportation Advisory Council for the Salem County Office on Aging Casino Revenues

Cape May County, resolution in support of Assembly Bill A2776

Monmouth County

- resolution supporting the passage of Legislation that will permanently extend the Employee Health Care Benefits Payroll Contribution set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011
- resolution urging the Legislature to pass legislation requiring Utility Companies to move utility lines within the County right-of-way and requiring Utility Companies to bear the costs associated with moving said utility lines and any costs associated with the delay in moving the utility lines

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Salem County Improvement Authority – March 13, 2014

Office of Disability Services Advisory Board – March 4, 2014

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross 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 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 Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Resolutions were read in bulk.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2014-184

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION R. 2014-166 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM THE SALEM COUNTY VO-TECH TO THE COUNTY OF SALEM (TABLED AT THE MARCH 19, 2014 MEETING)

R. 2014-185

ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2014-186

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

R. 2014-187

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-18 APPOINTING THE FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2014-188

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR CY2014 FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Freeholder Laury made a motion to take Resolution R. 2014-116 off the table, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

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

Freeholder Timberman asked what the transfer of surplus property from the Vo-Tech includes.

Director Acton stated three trailers, two are going to the Sheriff's Office and one is going to the Prosecutor's Office and a mobile classroom that we will let the bookmobile use.

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Bobbitt

R. 2014-189

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW JERSEY TRANSIT AND THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR AWARD OF TWO VEHICLES UNDER SECTION 5310 PROGRAM

R. 2014-190

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF AGING

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

R. 2014-191

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AWARDED AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR WARRANT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (\$23,473 - ANTHONY J. VANAMAN)

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

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

R. 2014-192

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON SOTTILE FARM, UPPER PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP

R. 2014-193

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON ROBBINS FARM, PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of these two resolutions, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated he would be abstaining from voting on Resolution R. 2014-192.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of resolution R. 2014-192 carried a hand vote of 6/0/1 with Freeholder Vanderslice abstaining and R. 2014-193 carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2014-194

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR MOTORIST SOLICITATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 98.115 (PENNS GROVE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION, INC.)

R. 2014-195

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR MOTORIST SOLICITATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 98.115 (WILLOW GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.)

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these two resolutions, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Freeholder Bobbitt read the following statement:

I strongly object to the lay off of 6 more County employees. As a County, one of the biggest struggles we face is economic development, which means jobs. We are supposed to be about creating jobs, not laying people off. We talk about jobs, jobs, jobs, and here we are laying people off. We should be leading by example – creating jobs should start at home. These employees and the One Stop services can be transferred to the Improvement Authority under the County Economic Development office, which is where they should be anyway. You have already laid off 16 employees, why would you lay off 6 more? And the salaries of these employees are paid with a grant – the County does not have to budget for the salaries, and moving them to the Improvement Authority eliminates any civil service issues.

When you lay people off, they don't shop at local businesses, they don't eat in local restaurants, and they may get behind in their mortgages and taxes. The effects of layoffs go deeper than the employees.

We are supposed to be about promoting economic development – the unnecessary elimination of these jobs is not in the County's best interest. And with all due respect to the employees at Social Services, I am sure that the learning curve for the social services employees to understand the One Stop services will not result in better services to the One Stop clients.

This is a mistake, and an ill-advised decision.

Freeholder Timberman echoed the sentiments of Freeholder Bobbitt. Agree we need to be wiser with this decision and hopefully no decision has been made yet.

Director Acton clarified the County of Salem is not laying these people off they are Salem Community College employees.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated we can save their jobs.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Acton stated Freeholder Ware is tied with 603 wins.

Deputy Director Cross congratulated Freeholder Ware on his record.

Freeholder Timberman announced April is National Autism Month and Salem County is the only county in the State that has an Autism Center. There is an Autism Dinner this Saturday at the Riverview. Director Acton will be at Pittsgrove Township School on Friday for Career Day along with several other county employees.

Director Acton announced the County's receipt of a grant for a walking path in the county park in Oldmans Township. There is a video contest, "Are You Talking to Me" for teenagers about abstaining from sex. The deadline for entries is April 17th.

Freeholder Vanderslice announced Ranch Hope is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and will have a Founder Day Dinner on May 8th.

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.

Rebecca Sobelman, Pennsville stated two of her coworkers set up a meeting with the administrative committee on March 12th and haven't heard anything. She questioned if there is anything new was going on as far as their positions or new things or programs under economic development and if they would be notified.

Director Acton stated this portion of the meeting is public comment and not for dialog and discussion.

Deputy Director Cross stated discussion is continuing on the subject. The resolution has been passed and they would be notified when a decision has been made. He put in a call to the Third District Legislature to get a contact at the Department of Labor for further information. You will be notified once a decision has been made.

Rebecca Sobelman commented that someone from the district contacted the Commissioner at the Department of Labor who made a statement that no one should be losing their jobs.

Tammy Widger, Pennsville, questioned when they could have another open forum to discuss the One Stop. She feels no one wants to hear what they have to say. Still don't have an answer. Civil service is off the plate now, told it was performance – last three years have been in the green, now saying saving money with the budget – Board of Social services is not going to hire six people only two. Asked to see the budget but has nothing. Wants to know where this is going and is anyone looking into it.

Director Acton stated Deputy Director Cross met with a few of you and also the administrative committee.

Director Cross stated the layoff is definite and that's coming from the College however we are continuing discussion.

Ed Rigger, Pennsville voiced his support of the One Stops employees and asked that the members of the board he knows personally take the employees experience under consideration.

Bob Jack, Pennsville, here in support of daughter Dara Ruiz. March 10 sent email to the republican freeholders. He had discussion with Director Acton about what was about to transpire and what would happen to peoples jobs. Prior to that he had a conversation with Freeholder Vanderslice about the college being but he didn't have any particulars about what was going to happen with the fiscal agent transition but was aware of the layoff. Hope can work together as a group to get this resolved.

Dara Ruiz, stated currently the County is paying Salem County Community College \$99,199 out of grant funds to act as the fiscal agent and doesn't know why the County wants to give that money to another entity when it can be kept in the county.

Director Acton thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged Fran Grenier from Woodstown Borough Council and Cordy Taylor from Oldmans Township.

Christine Holm, Pennsville Family Promise recognized Rick Pfeffer for donating a car to a family in need and Freeholder Laury for sending over a plumber tomorrow.

Director Acton announced the next meeting on Wednesday, April 16th at the Elmer Borough Hall in Elmer.

Rebecca Sobelman stated their job is about the people they serve in Salem County. The people are not just a number.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn, second by Freeholder Timberman and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board