

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
MAY 7, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Chip Schiffbauer, Salem, U.S.M.C. 1968-1972 led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then led by prayer offered by Freeholder Vanderslice.

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, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton. Freeholder Ware was absent.

Deputy Director Cross mentioned Freeholder Ware is in Cooperstown, NY with the Woodstown baseball team which is why he is not in attendance, and wishes him the best of luck and a safe trip.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 16, 2014 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book.

Freeholder Timberman stated that she wanted a change in the wording under Unfinished Business, page 8. The change is from "Freeholder Vanderslice has spent" to "Freeholder Vanderslice stated that he has spent".

As there was no more discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote of 6/0.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Proclamation Recognizing National Day and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, May 2014

Proclamation Recognizing Older Americans Month, May 2014

Director Acton also Recognized Joe Hannagan, who is in charge of Veterans Services, for all his outstanding work, and for bringing a Veteran to every Freeholder Meeting to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation Recognizing Wini Coney for the Lifetime Achievement Award

**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 6/0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Salem County Improvement Authority – April 10, 2014

Office of Disability Service Advisory Board Agenda – April 1, 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 6/0.

**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 6/0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Resolutions were read in bulk.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross**

R. 2014-231

ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND (\$13,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR VETERANS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

R. 2014-232  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

R. 2014-233  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

R. 2014-234  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR COMPUTERS FOR 911 CENTER

R. 2014-235  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEN (10) YEAR EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT TO HOUSE ADULT MALE AND FEMALE INMATES FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY AT THE SALEM COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (5) five resolutions, with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Bobbitt**

R. 2014-236  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATCH FUNDING FROM SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO MAINTAIN 5311 TRANSPORTATION

R. 2014-237  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATCH FUNDING FROM SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO MAINTAIN 5310 TRANSPORTATION

R. 2014-238  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR HEALTH SERVICES GRANT FOR THE SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES/CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT

R. 2014-239  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES OFFICE

R. 2014-240  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE COMMISSION ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (5) five resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that there have been several interviews done on May 6, 2014 for a nurse.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

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

R. 2014-241

**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

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution, with Freeholder Laury seconding her motion.

Freeholder Laury stated that if any municipality in the county that needs help with providing any type of accessibility to the disabled to help them get out and vote, to please contact the board.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

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

R. 2014-242

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

RESOLUTION FOR A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution, with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman asked if this was a new agreement.

Deputy Director Cross stated that this agreement has been in place for years.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

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

R. 2014-243

**PUBLIC WORKS**

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC LOTUS AVENUE, COUNTY ROAD #678, SOUTH MAIN STREET, COUNTY ROAD #672 AND MARLTON ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #636 IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODSTOWN, SALEM COUNTY

R. 2014-244

**PUBLIC WORKS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #2-FINAL BALLINGERS MILL DAM, COUNTY BRIDGE #10124 (17C0107) ON DARETOWN ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #635 IN ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Freeholder Timberman questioned R.2014-208 Appointing a County Road Supervisor, and wanted to know why this appointment was made.

Freeholder Laury stated that the current county road supervisor, Bill Davis, is retiring as of September 1, 2014, but hope to alter his mind and get him to stay longer because he wealth of knowledge is important to the county. Future meetings are setup between Bill Davis, Jeff Ridgeway, and Steve Shalick.

Freeholder Timberman stated that Freeholder Laury's statement was her assumption when she voted for the resolution, but has since learned, that Bill Davis was not planning on retiring, but was demoted and given a pay-cut which is he reasoning for leaving. Bill did not want to retire, but was more forced to leave. Freeholder Timberman stated that it's unethical, and questions why someone gets hired for an already filled position, and increasing the government but creating a new job for someone who has been demoted. Freeholder Timberman wants to know the real case of the matter.

Director Acton reiterated Freeholder Laury's words, and how there is discussion on keeping Bill Davis.

Freeholder Timberman stated Bill Davis will not have the same position and why would he want to stay when he is getting demoted with a pay-cut and will most likely be doing the same job anyways.

Freeholder Laury refers to the Solicitor and states that the matter is under negotiations and should not be further discussed especially about salary.

Freeholder Bobbitt states, excluding Bill Davis' salary, he thinks Freeholder Timberman is trying to ask, do you want Bill Davis, who has a wealth of knowledge and 35 years of experience stay, or do you want him to retire. Freeholder Bobbitt asked why Bill Davis was demoted and why is he getting replaced.

Freeholder Laury reiterated that there is still discussion and negotiations on this topic to be worked out.

Freeholder Bobbitt states that he does not think that the decision about Bill Davis was handled properly; Bill has devoted his whole life to the Salem County Road Department, and says it is not right that we talk highly of Bill Davis, but then demote him but ask him to stay. He states that it is not right to replace someone but then ask him to stay. Freeholder Bobbitt wants to know if the decision is made to hire one of your people, he just does not understand and asks Freeholder Laury for any answers.

Freeholder Laury states that he has no further discussion.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated that a decision was made without thinking it through.

Freeholder Laury stated discussions are being conduct, and Bill Davis asked to retire.

Freeholder Bobbitt asked why is Bill Davis being replaced.

Freeholder Laury stated that the Road Department is shorthanded, and they felt this was the right decision.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated they have always been shorthanded.

Freeholder Laury stated that Bill Davis's appointment was up, and he was up for retirement which Bill chose, but are working on trying to keep him to stay.

Freeholder Timberman states that she does not think Bill Davis was ready to retire.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Acton announced some upcoming events:

- Arts in Bloom
- Music Around the County
- Memorial Day Parade in Pennsville
- Memorial Day Service at the Veteran's Cemetery
- Elmer Memorial Parade and Service

Freeholder Laury announced he gave two citations out to Dave Hemple and Mike Warner who were honored by the Garden State Council and Boy Scouts America on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and received the 2014 Salem County Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Freeholder Laury states it was a great service, and the candidates were well deserving.

## **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.

Alison Caruso, Pilesgrove, spoke on behalf of KAM Construction. Thanked the county for continuing to renew their contract for snow removal, stated how great of a job and person Bill Davis is and pleads the Board to rethink their decision, and had questions concerning purchase orders.

Director Acton introduced Katie Coleman as Salem County's CFO and she will help work the purchase orders out and thanked Alison for her comment.

Charles Hassler, Salem, stated that one June 21<sup>st</sup>, Salem City is trying to have a record breaking line dance and welcomed everyone to join. It is called "Salem Swag".

Director Acton thanked Charles and his brother and hopes that this helps alleviate the bad reputation Salem City has.

Deputy Director Cross stated that there will be numerous vendors that day as well.

David Downs, Pittsgrove, asked questions pertaining to the Gloucester County Jail agreement, and asked if Salem County Jail would have the same problems as Cumberland County Jail, with families moving to the towns to be closer to the inmates.

Deputy Director Cross stated that all inmates housed in Salem County have a sentence lasting 365 days or less, and that families move closer if the sentence is lasting years. History has shown that families do not typically move if the sentence is less than a year.

Freeholder Laury mentioned that long-term inmates are moved by the state.

Freeholder Timberman announced that she would like to change her vote on the resolution #5 and was unsure if she should do it now or later.

Solicitor Mulligan stated that the topic has to be considered by the entire Freeholder Board, there has to be a motion for a reconsideration of the resolution, which then has to get a majority vote.

Director Acton asked Freeholder Timberman if she knew what the resolution was about and how it was originally a 2 year contract which is being extended to 10 years.

Freeholder Timberman stated yes she knew what it was about and that she had voted no for the 2-year contract before and must have been asleep at the wheel, but is notorious of the 21 Freeholders in the 3 counties, and there were only 2 Freeholders that voted no on the merger and needs to stay consistent with her vote.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to put **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEN (10) YEAR EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT TO HOUSE ADULT MALE AND FEMALE INMATES FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY AT THE SALEM COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY** back on the table for reconsideration, seconded by Freeholder Bobbit. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0:

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to approve to re-vote on the **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEN (10) YEAR EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT TO HOUSE ADULT MALE AND FEMALE INMATES FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY AT THE SALEM COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY** with Deputy Dale Cross seconding his motion. As there was no more discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 5/1: Freeholder Vanderslice-for, Freeholder Laury-for, Freeholder Bobbitt-for, Deputy Director Cross-for, Freeholder Timberman-against, Freeholder Acton-for.

Warren Weiting, Alloway, spoke about the streams and the swamps. Stated that the flora and fauna are doing well and how there are no predators. The predators will not drink the water in the swamps.

Director Acton thanked Warren for his comment.

Pete Voros, Pittsgrove, asked if the County Road Supervisor position was advertised.

Director Acton stated it was an appointed position, and Bill Davis's term was expired, and that it was not advertised.

Pete Voros asked how many interviews were done for the position.

Freeholder Laury stated just 1 interview was done.

Pete Voros asked if Steve Shalick had any certifications to hold the position which includes roads, bridges, buildings and grounds.

Freeholder Laury stated that no certifications are required.

Pete Voros explained he did not ask if certifications were required, but if Steve Shalick had any.

Freeholder Laury stated he has years of experience and management, and was also a recommendation of Jeff Ridgeway.

Pete Voros explained that he is disappointed in the county for not having more interviews done to ensure they hire the right person for the job.

Director Acton thanked Pete for his comment.

Director Acton thanked former purchasing agent Kevin Foley for being present

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn seconded by Freeholder Timberman and carried by hand vote 6/0 at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch  
Clerk of the Board