

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
DECEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Andrew Thompson, U.S. Army 1964-1966 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, Ware and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 3, 2014 Regular and Workshop meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Recognizing James Scull
Recognizing Oldmans Township Mayor Harry Moore
Recognizing Freeholder Bruce L. Bobbitt

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 Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Office of Disabled Services Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2014
Salem County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2014
Public Works Committee Meeting – December 10, 2014
Pollution Control Financing Authority – December 2, 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 Vanderslice. 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 to accept and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2014-003

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SALEM COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$3,149,364 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,149,364 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

1. Deputy Director Cross made a motion to take Ordinance 2014-003 off the table. The motion was seconded by Laury. The motion passed 7/0.
2. Freeholder Laury made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-003. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice.

3. Freeholder Bobbitt stated that he will be voting against the adoption of this Ordinance, for the reasoning that there are a lot of senior citizens in the County who are all on fixed income. There was a 19 million dollar bond passed in Pilesgrove and I am just concerned with the taxes going up, up, and up, these senior citizens can barely pay for their medicine. I understand we have to continue educating our children, but I just think there can be another way to go about this.
4. Director Acton thanked Jack Swain of the Salem County Vo-Tech for coming.
5. Roll Call Vote to Table Ordinance 2014-003, 6/1: Freeholder Bobbitt- against, Freeholder Timberman- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Director Acton – for

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2014-477

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (Clerk of the Superior Court - \$7.00)

R. 2014-478

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (South Jersey Media Group - \$396.00, \$198.00)

R. 2014-479

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing Purchases From State Contract Vendors

R. 2014-480

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Setting Date For Annual Reorganization Meeting For The Year 2015

R. 2014-481

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (Joseph Derose - \$1,258.64)

R. 2014-482

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (6) six resolutions with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Vanderslice, Acton

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Bobbitt

R. 2014-483

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing An Agreement Between New Jersey Transit And The Salem County Board Of Chosen Freeholders For The Funding Of The Senior And Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act

R. 2014-484

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing The Freeholder Director And The Clerk Of The Board To Sign The Health Service Grant Application For The 2015 Comprehensive Alcohol And Drug Project

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions, 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

R. 2014-485

SOCIAL SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of 2015 Contracts For The Youth Services Commission

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution, with Freeholder Laury 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, Laury, Ware

R. 2014-486

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Authorizing Contract For Professional Services For The Salem County Prosecutor's Office (Advantage Security - \$5,647.00)

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of this (1) one 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. 2014-487

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing The Salem County Department Of Cultural Affairs And Tourism To Apply For A Pascale – Sykes Foundation Grant For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of this (1) one 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, Acton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputy Director Cross thanked Jack Swain and his staff for setting up an additional meeting in order to get answers to questions that the Freeholders had regarding the bond, since at their initial presentation there just was not enough time. Thanked everyone for their due diligence and patience in making sure all questions were answered.

Jack Swain stated that on behalf of the Board of Education we thank the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their constant support.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Acton stated that the search for the Salem Community College President is almost completed. They are down to 3 applicants who will be going in front of a public hearing soon to be announced.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that today is the 2nd day of Hanukkah. He read how there was a debate about the candles either all being lit the first day and put out as each day went by, and vice versa. It is also known as the festival of lights. Whichever may be true in the debate it, the only thing that matters is that it is celebrated, and wants to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.

Director Acton thanked Mayor Harry Moore, Cord Taylor and Earl Ransome for attending.

Clerk of the Board Kevin Crouch read an announcement on behalf of Jeff Pompper "As part of the on-going update of the Salem County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, all Preliminary Municipal Appendixes are available for review that addresses natural hazard mitigation issues for our community. The Preliminary Municipal Appendixes can be downloaded from <http://nj4hmp.com> by clicking on "Salem County" and then clicking on your town. Comments can be submitted via the "Contact Us" page on the website. However, please note that comments must be submitted no later than Friday, January 9, 2015."

Deputy Director Cross stated that at the OEM meeting last Wednesday night, each borough and municipality is designated to have a plan in place, and that plan is responsible to be on an agenda, so that the documents is out. It just needs to be justified in writing that it was posted.

Director Acton stated that she has a support letter for the Meals on Wheels, their funding was extremely cut by the federal and state government.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Director Acton thanked Lou Joyce from the South Jersey Economic Development District for attending.

Harry Moore, Oldmans Township, thanked the Board for always cooperating with Oldsmans Township with the help of Gateway Park and always continuing to move forward for the residents of Salem County always in mind.

Deputy Director Cross made comment to Freeholder Bobbitt.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on December 31, 2014, at 4:00 PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey 08079. There will be no workshop meeting.

Freeholder Bobbitt made a motion to adjourn seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board