

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
DECEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Darrell Shorter US Army, led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Freeholder Vanderslice.

The National Anthem was performed by by Brenda Zeck (2016 Miss Salem County), Sarah Muhs (2016 Miss Outstanding Teen), Briana Cunningham (2015 Miss Salem County), and Paige Pendleton (2015 Miss Outstanding Teen).

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 Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Painter, Ware, Timberman and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book.

Freeholder Timberman questioned why the Open Space Advisory does not meet more often and why their meetings are always canceled.

Freeholder Ware stated he will look into the matter.

As there was no further discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 2, 3, 12, and 17 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Painter seconded the motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / PRESENTATIONS

Linda DuBois – Women of Achievement Award Garden State Council BSA
Dry Guys Basement System – Top 5 Finalist of the NJBIZ Business of the Year

HONORABLE FREEHOLDER BETH E. TIMBERMAN RECOGNITION

Freeholder Timberman read,

“I am a little sad tonight. Sad because it is my last official meeting as a Salem County freeholder. The end of something that started over 12 years ago. (Gosh, that is almost as long as my public school education!) It was a big step for me back then into the unknown and little did I know that a few months after I was elected, my beloved husband Nick, would die. Our daughter Natalie was only 8 years old when I was sworn in and just a little girl. She is now a sophomore in college and turning 20 in a few weeks.

I admired my dad, Benjamin W. Timberman, and his 24 years of dedicated service as a Salem County Freeholder. So, when I was asked to run back in 2003, I did not hesitate. Both my parents served as public officials and they taught us children that giving back was more important than receiving.

When I reflect back over the 12 years, I recall that it was only 2 years after the tragic events of 911 that I became a Freeholder. How that day changed our whole Emergency Services Dept. and our outlook on public safety. We received huge federal grants to prepare for these types of disasters and bought equipment that we hoped we would never have to use.

Technology was not much of an issue then but has really changed our practices over my tenure. Gone are the 5 inch thick binders that each FH received for budget preparation. Same with the FH packets. We used to receive a huge packet before each FH meeting that had to cost \$3 each in postage, and included all of the resolutions! Then, when we got to the FH meeting, we often received more! Hopefully today with laptops and Ipads, we are now saving a few of the trees that would have gone to the paper mill. (Except for the Old Coach, who is still getting his packet delivered by the Pony Express.) Just teasing Lee.

Over these years I learned lots of new concepts, words and phrases. Words like macadam, leachate, phragmites, scour critical bridges, encumbered funds, 36 pound rail, vernal pools and ponds, unfunded mandates, Familiarization Tours, Point in Time Homeless Studies, warming centers. Acronyms like TANF, PIG, MIPPA, APS, COLA, to name just a few.

I learned that being in the minority after 8 years of being in the majority is not necessarily a bad thing. It just means you know less of what is really going on, but then again, you have less meetings to attend.

I learned that you never let someone take a picture of you at a convention and then put it in the newspaper.

I learned that if something sounds too good to be true, that it probably is. There are no free lunches. And no one really cares about Salem County except for Salem County.

I learned that in order to receive, you have to ask. And sometimes you have to hire a really good grant writer.

I learned that you need to wear seatbelts even in a parade. Especially if Ben Laury is driving.

I learned that no matter what party you are in, when it comes down to good government, we all need to lay down our differences and work together for the good of the people.

And I learned a lot about myself in these 12 years. In the words of Rev. Fred Rogers, otherwise known as Mister Rogers, "You rarely have time for everything you want in life, so you need to make choices. And hopefully your choices can come from a deep sense of who you are." Also, "The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self."

With that, I am thankful for the opportunity to have served the good people of Salem County as a freeholder for 12 years and to have had some great experiences that will forever be a part of me. I look forward to the next phase of my life, whatever that entails. I leave you with a verse from my favorite book, The Bible. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom."

Thank you all and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Beth Timberman

Salem County Freeholder"

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury 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 6/0. Freeholder Painter abstained.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the treasurers report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2015-426

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing Purchases Form State Contract Vendors

R. 2015-427

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Grant Balances (Waiver Required)

R. 2015-428

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer Of Funds (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Vanderslice, Timberman

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Acton

R. 2015-429

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Contract For The Administration Of The Grant Administration Of The Alliance To Prevent Alcoholism And Drug Abuse For The Fiscal Year 2015-2016

R. 2015-430

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept A Grant For The (MIPPA Grant) Medicare Patients And Provider Act

R. 2015-431

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Accepting Of A Grant From The New Jersey Division Of Disability Services For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-432

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing The Freeholder Director And The Clerk Of The Board To Sign The Health Service Grant Applications For The 2016 Comprehensive Alcohol And Drug Project

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (4) four 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Painter, Laury

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

R. 2015-433

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Forensic Nurse Examiner Program For The Salem County Prosecutor's Office (Dawn Marie Wisdom, BSN, RN FN-CSA)

R. 2015-434

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Forensic Nurse Examiner Program For The Salem County Prosecutor's Office (Shannonlee Lindsey Reese, RN FN-CSA)

R. 2015-435

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Of The Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing And Accepting A Grant From The New Jersey Division Of Criminal Justice For The Prosecutor's Office

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Deputy Director Laury seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

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

R. 2015-436

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #1 Replacement Of UG Bridge No. 23.39 Over Oldmans Creek In Pilesgrove Township, Salem County Contract #15-1354

R. 2015-437

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of FY2015 NJDOT Unexecuted State Grant Agreement Package #7115325 (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury motioned to table Resolution 2015-436 for further review with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion. All were in favor to table R. 2015-436.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing R. 2015-437 carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2015-438

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Consenting To The Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment

R. 2015-439

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The 2012 County Aid Program ADA Curb Ramps For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-440

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (A Little Smile Of South Jersey, LLC.)

R. 2015-441

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (Penns Grove Elk Lodge 1358.)

R. 2015-442

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing A Written Amendment Rehabilitation Of Willow Grove Road/Lake/Water Control Structures In Pittsgrove Township For The County Of Salem, Federal Project #ER-NJ11(064)CON; NJDOT Job #7110321 (Waiver Required)

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (5) five resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Director Acton stated how successful the press conference was last week to kick off the 2016 Tourism Campaign “ Discover the Roads Less Traveled” Salem County Weekends. Kathleen Mills has been working diligently to make this event a success. This has all been grant funded by the Pascale Sykes Foundation, so we thank them for believing in Salem County.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Painter stated at the workshop meeting, Dr. Michael Gorman of the Salem Community College gave a presentation presenting new ideas to improve campus life. Freeholder Painter also has copies of the 2014 Annual Report is anyone including the public is interested. There will be a Christmas Eve party at 3:30pm at St. Gabriel’s Parish with a mass following at 4:00pm. December 29th at SCC, at 6:30pm there will be the Sports Hall of Fame Inductions.

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 committeeman Cordy Taylor of Oldmans, committeewoman Linda DuBois of Pittsgrove, councilman Charles Hassler of Salem, Salem County Improvement Authority Executive Director David Sparks, Salem County Director of Operations Stacy Pennington and freeholder elect Melissa DeCastro for attending tonight’s meeting.

Christine Hoehn, Pennsville

- Thanked Freeholder Timberman for all her years of service and how she will be missed.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on December 30, 2015, at 4:00 PM in the Freeholder Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Old Salem Court House, with no Workshop Meeting prior.

Reorganization Meeting will be held, Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 5:45PM in the Freeholder Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Old Salem Court House.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Cross, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board