

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: William Burglund, US Army 1968-1969 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 Laury, Freeholders Cross, Ware, Painter, Timberman, Vanderslice and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Regular and Workshop Meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Vanderslice abstained from the vote since he was absent from that meeting. As there was no further discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

**WAIVER OF THE RULES**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Recognizing FFA Week, Woodstown High, Vocational Technical Career School, and Penns Grove High Chapters

**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 7/0.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE** 2014-001

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "COUNTY") PROVIDING FOR (i) THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO ACHIEVE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS, AND (ii) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,400,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M. AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

1. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross.
2. Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross.
3. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to adoption Ordinance 2014-001. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Roll Call Vote, 7/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Freeholder Cross- for, Freeholder Painter – for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for Deputy Director Laury- for

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

R. 2015-116

ADMINISTRATIVE

Amendment To Resolution 2015-1 To Amend Job Classification Titles And Salary Ranges

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution 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, Acton

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

R. 2015-117

**HEALTH & HUMAN**

Resolution Appointing Members To The Mental Health Board (Donald Saull)

R. 2015-118

**HEALTH & HUMAN**

Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement For Medical Examiner Services Between The Counties Of Salem And Gloucester

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.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Painter, Laury**

R. 2015-119

**COMMUNITY 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 Federal “help America Vote Act Of 2002” (HAVA) For The Purpose Of Ensuring Equipment To Improve Accessibility (\$8,316.13)

R. 2015-120

**COMMUNITY 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 Federal “help America Vote Act Of 2002” (HAVA) For The Purpose Of Ensuring Equipment To Improve Accessibility (\$2,452.00)

R. 2015-121

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Contract Between the Salem Inter Agency Council Of Human Services And The County Of Salem (In-Kind Services - \$57,000.00)

R. 2015-122

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Maintenance For Existing Proprietary Surrogate Probate System For The Salem County Surrogate Office

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Painter seconding her 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. 2015-123

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Supporting And Approving A Grant Application With The New Jersey Division Of Criminal Justice For The Prosecutor’s Office (\$53,274.00)

R. 2015-124

**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 (\$150,240.00)

R. 2015-125

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Renewing A Contract For Providing Pharmaceutical Services For The Salem County Correctional Facility (Contract Pharmacy Services Inc. - \$150,000.00)

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury seconding his motion.

Freeholder Cross stated that Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Supporting And Approving A Grant Application With The New Jersey Division Of Criminal Justice For The Prosecutor’s Office (\$53,274.00), it is paying for the Sart Sane Program, Freeholder Timberman has asked about this, this is a trained nurse that deals with something that has been in the news and something that we have all recognized over the past couple of months. It deals with domestic abuse, and are services such as what Lori Davenport and the Women Services do, I can proudly say that through the due-

diligence of the prosecutor's office, we have someone who is trained, qualified, and ready to go. This grant is going to pay approximately ¾ of that salary.

As there was no further 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. 2015-126

**TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Resolution Accepting Grant Dollars From The Pascale Sykes Foundation (\$45,000.00)

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

Freeholder Timberman stated that she was surprised that Pascale Sykes is helping them with Tourism

Director Acton stated that it is for tourism and economic development which is now their mission, Kathy Mills attended a seminar and was able to secure that grant. She will be using the money towards brochures and will be working with Freeholder Vanderslice.

Freeholder Timberman stated that this is a great.

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. 2015-127

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving Agreement Pursuant To The Uniform Shared Services Act With Oldmans Township For Drainage Improvements At The Intersection Of Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 And Cherry Street, A Local Road

R. 2015-128

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Requesting A Time Extension And Sage Amendment For State Aid To Counties Under The New Jersey Department Of Transportation Local Bridge Future Needs Program For Fiscal Year 2013

R. 2015-129

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Resurfacing Of Commissioners Pike, County Road #581, Phase 4 In Pilesgrove And Upper Pittsgrove Townships For The County Of Salem, NJDOT Job #7117304

R. 2015-130

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Resurfacing Of Elmer-Shirley Road, County Road #611 In Upper Pittsgrove And Pittsgrove Townships And The Borough Of Elmer For The County Of Salem, NJDOT Job #7100320

R. 2015-131

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #1 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

R. 2015-132

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along By-Pass Road, County Road #668, Swedesboro Road, County Road #605, Point Airy Road, County Road #660 And Eldridges Hill Road, County Road #617 In The Borough Of Woodstown And Township Of Pilesgrove In The County Of Salem

R. 2015-133

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The County Of Salem And The Pollution Control Financing Authority Of Salem County

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (7) seven resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury stated that these two resurfacings of roads are just the first of 6 roads to be completed this summer. Will be getting most likely ten million dollars brought into the County with very little to no participation with the County funds, should help economic development and infrastructure within the County.

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

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Freeholder Painter:

### **Salem Community College:**

It is expected the final approval will be made at the 2/19 Trustees meeting for the new president.

Foundation Gala is 4/25/15 "Meet you at the Hop"

Salem County Science Fair is 2/27 at 7:30am

Meeting Board of School Estimates on 3/4/15 5:30PM Olde Court House

The business incubator is coming together, it is modeled after Burlington County. Small businesses will be able to lease space and business services from the college in the Salem Center. Additionally, business classes such as creating a business plan, website creation and developing a marketing plan will be available.

### **SCVTS/SCSSSD:**

I will be scheduling my last tour with Mr. Swain next week it was cancelled yesterday 2/16 because of the snow event. We will tour SCVTS and some of the districts where Child Study Team services are provided.

Quality Cup of Excellence was held 2/11...Culinary Arts was the winner. Other event details were sent via email.

Over 225 students have expressed interest for the Fall. I believe the anticipated completion date for the expansion is mid November 2015.

### **Superintendent of Schools: No report**

### **Workforce Investment Board:**

I attended a meeting on 2/10 11:45am Joint meeting Economic Development at the Ramada Inn Vineland. The speaker was changed to, The Deputy Commissioner of the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Dr. Aaron R. Fichtner and Michele E. Boronkas, Executive Director of the NJ State Employment and Training Commission (SETC). Salem County was well represented (Dara Ruiz, Tom Brown, Glen Donelson, Kathy Lockbaum and Ray Bolden to name a few) I was honored to introduce Michelle Boronkas and thank those in attendance for their work in both Salem and Cumberland Counties.

### **One Stop Center:**

I met with Dara Ruiz and Katie Coleman to visit the One Stop and meet the staff on January 28th. It was shared that expansion of NJ Transit services would help put folks to work. Absent access to Delaware and points north job placement is difficult. Dara has since provided some data with regard to transportation services in the County that I will be reviewing.

**Board of Social Services:** Director Lockbaum will be presenting the budget to the board on 2/26/15

**Chamber of Commerce:** I have a meeting scheduled for March 2nd with Joe Delmar and Jennifer Jones.

On May 5th at 5PM the Chamber will be honoring Women in Business at the Washington Club.

Chamber Spring banquet will be April 16th 5:00PM at Washington Club.

Freeholder Vanderslice:

Started off by stating two weeks ago his body could not decide whether to hug the throne or sit on it, which is why he was absent. He mentioned that he was severely dehydrated and the best advice came from Freeholder Timberman who advised him that he should sip on Gatorade, which sped up my recovery, so thank you to Freeholder Timberman.

- The Newsletter on the Office of Disability is now out to the public
- There is a free Medicare seminar on March 19, 2015, at the Riverview Inn from 10am to 2pm for those who are 63 to 65 years of age and older. This seminar is RSVP only so please call the Office on Aging to reserve a seat.
- "Are you Talking to Me Program" calling all Salem County tweens, teens and parents, there are 5 programs remaining, I encourage many children and parents to attend and get involved.
- Economic Development – Chemours Co., which is a spinoff of DuPont is not looking to keep their corporate headquarters in downtown Wilmington. They are looking to relocate their office and will have a decision made by June of this year. He spoke with some management at the company and steered them to some property in Salem County which would be an excellent location for them. The company came over and looked at the property and agreed. The business action center has been in communications as well. Heard late last week that we are in the ballpark, not too sure what that means, but we have been making an effort to reach out to as many companies as we can and get them interested in some of the assets in Salem County. If we win this one, its 1,000 jobs. They would be coming from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. They were not interested in New Jersey until we reached out to them.

Freeholder Cross:

- Prosecutors Office – caseload has not lessened, but everyone has been doing a great job, received some supporting documents on where Salem County ranks in backlogs.
- The Sart Sane nurse again is a great thing, and we are happy to have her on board.
- Dispatch discussions on continuing, in addition to the 4 municipalities and boroughs we have participating Pennsville and Carneys Point appear to be coming on board, hoping to have ready by mid-year, IT, Green Technologies Inc. is ahead of schedule. All the equipment that has been ordered is up and running.
- SCIA – Had their Reorganization Meeting. New board member is Michael Brooks.
- Sheriff and OEM Meetings are this Friday

Freeholder Ware:

- Kathleen Mills continues to do an outstanding job. We have an exciting Spring coming up, The Arts in Bloom will be held May 16-17. This is always a powerful studio tour and I encourage everyone to come out with the family and enjoy this weekend.

Freeholder Timberman:

- Had the bookmobile meeting this past Monday, they will be sending a letter to the Administrative Committee. Kevin Crouch stated he received the letter that day.
- Code Blue operations planning meeting, was an outstanding meeting and will be meeting again March 13, 2015. Discussions included warming centers vs. shelters. Hopefully next winter we will have some warming centers set up so people can come in to warm up out of the cold. Places could possibly include government building and hopefully participation from Churches and other non profits, or anyone that would have a warming center at night. Very encouraging and had some great ideas coming forward.
- The Commission on Women Luncheon will be held on March 21, the last day to buy tickets will be March 9<sup>th</sup>, you can see me or any Commission on Women member.

Deputy Director Laury:

- Thanks to Freeholder Timberman and Freeholder Cross's efforts, there will be approximately \$6 million dollars coming into the County from the Tiger Grants in repairing the trestle and 2 and half miles of tracks.
- EMS Support shared services is moving right along, had their first committee meeting, we are having a meeting with EMS group February 23, at the OEM building. Will be meeting with the municipal leaders 3 days later February 26. Will have a public meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>, most likely in the OEM building, but date and location to be determined.

Director Acton:

- Kudos to all the workers involved with the snow removal and plowing. They have done an outstanding job keeping the roads safe.
  - Deputy Director Laury mentioned that on Friday they will be having pizza and soda at the public works building at noon to thank all the workers. Everything will be donated, and all the Freeholders are welcome to attend.
- Continuing to go over the 2015 budget, and having budget presentations at every workshop meeting. Our deficient in \$600,000, some tough choices but educated choices will have to be made this year.
- Veterans – Joe Hannagan mentioned that he had a fantastic meeting with Eric Krise, LLC, and Eric has agreed to donate floodlights and install them free of charge on all the flagpoles and signs in the Veterans Cemetery. Eric Krise also mentioned that the cannons cannot be left out, so floodlights will be installed on them as well.
- There will be a strategic plan meeting in the works, going be getting the Business Action Center involved, Freeholder Vanderslice has been working on that.
- On Thursday there will be an economic development council meeting, committeeman Cordy Taylor will be presenting an update on Oldmans Township.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Acton thanked Ray Owens, Director of Transportation for coming out to the meeting and for doing a great job in taking over his new role in the County.

Freeholder Cross thanked everyone for the well wishes, thoughts and prayers for his father.

**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 Ray Ownes, Director of Transportation for coming out to the meeting and for doing a great job in taking over his new role in the County.

Warren Weiting, Alloway – Made comments pertaining to the crisis in the Middle East and stated that everyone at different levels should always stop and think, then find a feasible solution.

Director Acton stated that in the NJ Star Ledger, it shows that Salem County has the third lowest average property tax out of the state. Our average is \$4,866.00, the average is \$7,756, the highest is \$10,639, lowest was Cumberland County with \$3,724 and then Cape May with \$4,432.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on March 4, 2015, at 7:30 PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey 08079. Workshop meeting will begin at 6:15 PM.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Crouch  
Clerk of the Board