

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
JUNE 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Loren Chard led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led 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 Painter, Vanderslice, Ware, Timberman and Director Acton. Freeholder Cross was absent.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 3, 2015 Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Deputy Director Laury and Freeholder Timberman abstained from the vote for not being present at the June 3, 2015 meeting. As there was no further discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and carried by hand vote of 4/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Al Allman – Salem County Young Life Presentation

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 Painter. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

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. Freeholder Painter abstained. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 5/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the treasurer's report and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2015-251

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Youth Services Commission (David Zeck)

R. 2015-252

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

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (2) two 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 6/0.

R. 2015-253

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of A Layoff Plan To The NJ Civil Service Commission

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

Freeholder Timberman stated that she knew nothing about this layoff plan and wanted to know why we have to do it?

Clerk of Board Kevin Crouch stated that the positions tentatively are for an Assistant Administrative Analysis, Senior Account Clerk and a Senior Security Guard. One is in the Health & Human Services, Human Resources Department and the Sheriff's Department. They are the tentative positions that have been discussed with the hope that 3 positions will be narrowed down to 2 as the result of a retirement and attrition. Through attrition if someone retires, a layoff will not occur and that position would simply go unfilled.

Freeholder Ware stated that Saturday when he opened his packet that it was the first time he saw or heard anything about a layoff plan. Things like this affect people's lives and I thought the two minority members would have been address about this just a little bit.

Director Acton stated the layoff is necessary due to economics and it is unfortunate.

Freeholder Ware stated that through his 16 years as a Freeholder, he has been very consistent with not supporting layoff plans, and will not support this layoff plan as well.

Freeholder Timberman asked if we are going to be anticipating any other layoffs even if those retiring do or do not retire, will there be any other layoffs this year.

Director Acton stated no, there will not be another layoff plan submitted that she can foresee this year at this point. While anything can happen, future layoffs are not anticipated at this time.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 4/2 with Freeholder Timber and Ware against.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Vanderslice, Timberman

R. 2015-254

EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Appointing Members To The Board Of Education Of The Special Services School District And The Vocational School District Of The County Of Salem (David Moffett and Mary Cummings)

R. 2015-255

EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT

Resolution For The Appointment Of Members To The Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board (David Zeck)

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Acton

R. 2015-256

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Supporting Additional Funding In The State Of New Jersey F/Y 2016 Budget In The Amount Of Six Million Dollars To Bring The Casino Revenue Fund's "Senior Citizens And Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program Funding Back To F/Y 2012 Levels

R. 2015-257

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between New Jersey Department Of Human Services And Salem County Office On Aging

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 resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Painter, Laury

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

R. 2015-258

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Supporting And Approving An Application To The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun And Narcotics Task Force Grant Program For The Prosecutor's Office

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2015-259

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Establishing The Speed Limit On Gateway Boulevard, County Road #680 In The Township Of Oldmans County Of Salem

R. 2015-260

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Award A Contract For The 2015 Oil And Stone Program For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-261

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic South Greenwich Street, County Road #540, East Main Street, County Road #581 And Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 In Alloway Township, Salem County

R. 2015-262

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Design Of The Replacement Of Murphy's Bridge, County Bridge #1711-111, Over Muddy Run In Upper Pittsgrove Township For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-263

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The County Of Gloucester And The County Of Salem (Mental Health Administrator - \$30,600.00)

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (5) five resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman asked if we have the funds for the replacement of the bridge or if this was only for the design?

Deputy Director Laury stated that we have the funds which are coming from the state. This is one of the last funded state bridge programs until the state runs out of money for this year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Timberman stated at the May 20th meeting, there was a PAR signed that she did not see until recently for a new director of the One-Stop and wanted to know why we hired them for only 14 hours a week.

CFO Katie Coleman stated that the program was reviewed and it was determined that 14 hours was sufficient time to complete the work since the Treasurer's Office has taken over numerous responsibilities.

Freeholder Timberman asked if David Zeck was still employed by Mid-Atlantic.

CFO Katie Coleman said yes.

Freeholder Timberman stated that she had concerns of this being a conflict of interest because Mid-Atlantic is a County contractor and also a Workforce Investment Board grantee.

CFO Katie Coleman stated that Mr. Zeck will not have review over any type of signatory authority or reviews over bids, checks, and contracts. It was made sure that all possible conflict of interest were alleviated before hiring him as director.

Freeholder Timberman stated that in a small county information is shared whether the Treasury department handles or not. Grants that come through Mid-Atlantic and through the Workforce Investment Board from One-Stop appears to be a conflict and anytime in government when something appears to be a conflict, we as elected officials respect that create a situation for the public to question.

Director Acton stated that this was done through the state agencies and we have made sure it was not a conflict.

Freeholder Timberman referenced statute 40 which is on Ethics of Elected Officials.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan pointed out that he is not an elected official.

Freeholder Timberman stated that he is an elected official just not with the County but elected in the township.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that the ethic analysis of Salem County may well be different than the gentleman's personal ethic analysis based on all these circumstances. It is not your responsibility to have a clear path prior to appointing people to do work for you. As an elected official you have your own concerns whether you are acting ethically or not and he has the same considerations if he is a municipal elected official.

Freeholder Timberman stated that we are conducting County business with a firm that he has a substantial interest in because he is paid by that firm.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated separate business as a vendor. He is not an elected official such as yourself but in his municipal capacity he very well can have concerns with regard to anything that presents based on anything he is doing now for the County or will be doing for the County with his municipal service, but that analysis is from the point of view of a municipal governing member in working for some other level of government. The key with conflicts is, you just can't say everything is a conflict, you have to go through a particular analysis of whether in fact there is a circumstance where dividing loyalty may occur. If he is not paying himself or paying the firm he works for, then what is the dividing loyalty question when someone is doing two different topics of work assignments.

Freeholder Timberman stated that it is very difficult and stated that Freeholder Painter recused himself from voting on the budget because he felt there could be a possible conflict with doing business with someone who is also a County vendor.

In a small County we need to be very careful of that and especially when we are depending on grant money not necessarily for us, but for Mid-Atlantic.

Director Acton thanked Freeholder Timberman for her comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Acton stated that she has a letter from Senator Sweeney who is writing a letter on Salem County's behalf to the DOT to request our bus route be changed to come in front of the jail in lieu of out on Route 45 because of all the concern.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Deputy Laury announced that after several years in the works, there are more than 500 acres being preserved in Upper Pittsgrove and Elmer. There will be a ribbon cutting this Saturday at 11:00am. This has been an 8 year project and thanks everyone who has dedicated their time and efforts into making this happen, especially to Kris Alexander and Michael Mulligan. The preserving of this ground will be the start of new ball fields and recreational areas in Elmer.

Director Acton announced that on June 22nd, PSE&G is have their 5th Annual Anniversary of the EERC beginning at 11:30am

Freeholder Painter stated that the Vocational Graduation is this Friday at 7:00pm.

Freeholder Timberman stated that there was a very successful space study meeting on June 2nd and there were some great ideas being talked about.

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.

Peggie Kramme, Elmer – Thanked Deputy Director Laury and the rest of the Freeholder Board for finally completing the Anthony Farm Preservation. She is looking forward to having a walking trail and additional fields within walking distance of her home.

Jim Rowe, Mannington – Thanked the board for working on getting the bus route changed for the jail, and mentioned that inmates should be released at the times when the bus come.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated to Mr. Rowe that he had called regarding the Carneys Point facility that was in question and it has been turned over to the state but has not heard any feedback yet.

Jim Rowe stated he received Freeholder Vanderslice's original voicemail and is also looking forward to hearing a response.

Warren Weiting, Alloway – Shared his concerns regarding farmers dumping raw sewerage on their farms.

Pat Bomba, Carneys Point – Stated that the roadway of 540 is starting to separate from the possibly flooding that has been occurring. The County fixed it once and its starting to separate again. Also exit 2B off 295, the concrete paved roadway is out of alignment and can cause an accident.

Deputy Director Laury stated that he will contact the DOT.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point – stated the 3rd Annual Daryl Behnke fundraiser will be held July 18 at the Riverview. Tickets are \$25. Habitat for Humanity is having a vacation raffle and tickets are \$5 a piece. The Health and Wellness will be matching funds for the Meals on Wheels and the Arc.

Charles Hassler, Salem – stated that going from 40 hours to 14 hours for the One Stop Director seems a bit much, and also stated that we have 3 layoffs and that the pattern has been to have layoffs then contract out of the County.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on July 15, 2015, at the Quinton Township Municipal Building, 885 Quinton Road, Quinton New Jersey. There will be no workshop meeting prior.

Freeholder Painter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board