

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
6:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance

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, Timberman Painter, Ware and Acton.

Presentation:

Ray Bolden from the Inter Agency Council presented to the Freeholders all the programs and committees that are currently being utilized along with a copy of the Board of Directors for the year 2015. Ray spoke in depth about each of the committees and the Human Services 2015 Programs.

Committee Reports

Administrative – Director Acton

- Tourism/Economic Development
 - The economic development website is live, but still have areas under construction.
 - Looking into having a table or sharing space at the Woodstown Fall Festival, just waiting to hear back on availability.
 - Received approval for placement of signs for 7 Steps to Freedom, Public Works will be assisting with the installation. This tour can be a car radio or walking tour.
- Veterans Office
 - Civil War Burial Stones at Mount Pisqay Church
 - Table at Market St. Day for Veterans outreach
 - Joe Hannagan will be attending the certification training in October to keep his Veterans Services status current.
- Treasury
 - The audit is complete and slated for approval
- HR/Payroll
 - Open enrollment for health insurance is slated for October 21 & 22
 - Amerihealth will provide free Flu shots for any employee who is a current Amerihealth subscriber

Public Works – Freeholder Laury

- Thanked Mr. Timberman, Cordy Taylor, David Zeck, and Lewis Schneider for attending the workshop meeting.
- Elmer-Shirley road repaving is just about completed.
- Willow Grove Dam project has been delayed an extra 2 months due to the storm in June.
- Traffic studies to be conducted at 6 points in Pittsgrove and 5 pts, they will both be SJTPO grant funded
- Shared Services Committee will start back up this fall.

Public Safety – Freeholder Cross

- Sheriff
 - Staying active in possibly pursuing federal inmates, in negotiations now.
 - Audit
 - NJAC will certainly keep us informed and updated on the bail reform
- Prosecutor

- DILEA – was a huge success
- Looking to hire 2 new APs, one to fill a void, the other to help manage that caseload
- SCIA
 - Looking to build a new cell at their facility, they would be jumping numbers in order to save the Administrative building.
 - In the process of renting out the Finlaw building.
 - The PCFA motioned to give them a grant for a new Bomag compactor machine with a 5% match back.
- OEM
 - Combat challenge will be October 17th
 - Physical Fitness
 - Code Blue
 - 9/11 Ceremony will be at 7pm at the Salem County Fairgrounds

Community Services – Freeholder Timberman

- Women Services meeting will be September 8 at 6pm, there will be a fundraiser later in October.
- Commission on Women is also starting back up September 8 at 6:30pm at the Ware Building.
- Board of Elections hired a new deputy registrar when changes were made when Shirlee Manahan left.

Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice

- Economic Development has been very productive. There will be a need for funds for a study of Chemours in October.
- Clinics have all been doing very well. Had an impressive meeting with Rita and Famcare will be partnering with the clinics.
- Amerihealth will provide free Flu shots for any employee who is a current Amerihealth subscriber
- Health and Wellness Foundation
- PCFA has 3 ongoing projects
 - Gave a grant to the City of Salem for mud diggers ditch and to help with the pump station with a 5% match back
 - Grant to SCIA for a new Bomag with a 5% match back
 - About to close out a loan deal with the Carneys Point Sewage Authority later this month for upgrades that are needed.

Education/Employment – Freeholder Painter

- **Salem Community College:**
 - Faculty returned yesterday, students today. I attended both opening events.
 - The BoT meeting has been moved to 10/22 to accommodate the Candidates Forum
 - Saturday Oct. 3rd the Foundation is having a walk and fun run.
 - Annual report and Social Media info distributed.
 - A/C Restored to Davidow today, HVAC in Contini should be by end of the week.
 - A ceremonial reopening is being planned for Oct. 22nd
- **SCVTS/SCSSSD:**
 - Staff returned on 9/1 and students will return 9/3
 - I toured the building project with Mr. Swain and it appears as though everything is progressing nicely. Targeted completion is during the winter break.
- **Superintendent of Schools:** Nothing to Report
- **Workforce Investment Board:**
 - The County has received an additional \$39,943 from the Dept of Labor to assist dislocated workers for the 15-16 year.
- **One Stop Center:**
 - One Stop has moved into the new space in the "White Building" 98 Market St., second floor. They have experienced some internet issues accessing the State systems.

Green Technology is working on a solution with the state reps. , in the meantime they continue to use computers in the old offices.

- Tentative date for ceremonial opening of the new space is 9/30 @ 3:30PM
- **Board of Social Services:**
 - Food Stamp program performance for responding to clients is excellent: State requirement was 85% by March of 15' and 95% by Sept. of 15'. Salem County performance is at 98% as of April of 15'.
 - The parking lot resurfacing is complete Thank you to Freeholder Laury and Public Works, the only remaining part of the project is striping.
 - Approval has been received for the enhanced Medicaid reimbursement for last quarter 14' and all of 15'. Reimbursement amount should be available at the Sept 24th meeting of the BOSS.
 - The child support unit has been identified by the state as one of the top five performing units.
 - The budget process has been moved up by the state which should help us in budget preparation as they will have information available to us sooner.
 - I have a meeting scheduled to tour the building and meet staff on Tuesday the 8th at 12:30.
- **Chamber of Commerce:**
 - I expect visits to take place with local businesses in the early fall. Over the summer we have gathered various resources to distribute from the Dept. of Labor, NJ Community Capital and various other agencies.
 - Voting is underway for the "Best of Salem County " and the dinner is scheduled for Oct. 22nd 5:30 at Centerton Country Club
 - The Candidate Forum is scheduled for October 15th 5:30 in Davidow Hall at SCC.
 - The next networking Mixer is scheduled for Sept. 18th at Meal on Wheels.

Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware

- C&H – Meeting Thursday 9/3
 - Pascal Sykes Grant – ordering items for the launch of Salem County Weekends
- Seven Step signs – Approved by Salem City last week- will order and erect signs in near future
- Arts In Bloom – Sponsorship campaign will be kicked off right after Labor Day
 - Sample cards attached
- Music Around the County Tunes from the Crypt returns this October
- Grant Applications for Arts & History are out –
 - Workshop is 10/7 6pm for Arts 7 PM for History

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Laury, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board