

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Bernd Reese, U.S. Army, E3 1968-1973 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 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 August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Judge Curio and Tina DiNicola – Led the presentation on a study on the Salem County Courthouse judiciary space needs.

Freeholder Painter asked if the construction of the Gloucester County Facility came from the 2009 model.

Judge Curio stated that the model was mapped out in phase's years prior and came together as a master plan.

Deputy Director Laury asked if the funding for this project comes directly from the County or if the state participates.

Judge Curio stated no there is no state participation, it is strictly the fiscal responsibility of the County Government.

Director Acton asked if Judge Curio would be opposed to relocating the Courthouse to Mannington if legislation allowed it.

Judge Curio stated that current statute says it must be in the County Seat, but are open to options.

Director Acton stated that we are going explore every option including possibly partnerships with Gloucester County.

Freeholder Ware stated that by statute we are obligated to provide a Courthouse for our citizens, and we intend to honor this.

Director Acton extended the offer to utilize the Old Courthouse.

Judge Curio appreciates the offer and states that the immediate concerns are having a metal detector and the sheriff's department would have to be involved. Any short terms fixes will be needed to get to the ultimate conclusion.

Director Acton stated that her and Freeholder Vanderslice went and saw the Gloucester County Courthouse and noticed how there was a lot of unused space.

Judge Curio stated that the Courthouse was built for the future growth that will occur.

Freeholder Cross stated he appreciates all the dialogue from across the table in meetings prior and stated we have a great group of thinkers, and will continue to think out loud and work together on this. We may have to agree to disagree but will be professional on making our decisions.

Freeholder Timberman asked if there are any fees that can be attached to any misdemeanors that can be put towards the Courthouse.

Judge Curio stated that any fees that are associated with court cases would be through legislation. There are numerous fees already and do not think it would be optimal to place any more additional fees.

**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 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 Timberman and carried by a hand vote of 6/0. Freeholder Painter abstained.

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

R. 2015-324

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2015-3 For Compliance With The Open Public Meets Act Law For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-325

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Adopting A Corrective Action Plan For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-326

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Certifying The Review Of The 2014 Annual Audit

R. 2015-327

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Applying For A Citizen Participation Plan For The FY2016 Small Cities Programs

R. 2015-328

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Applying For A Grant Management Plan For The FY2016 Small Cities

R. 2015-329

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Identifying CDBG Fair Housing Officer FY2016- County Of Salem

R. 2015-330

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Applying To Obtain Grant Through Innovative Development Fund

R. 2015-331

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Grant Balance

R. 2015-332

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 (9) nine 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**

R. 2015-333

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Community College Board Of Trustees (Gregory Wright)

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware**

R. 2015-334

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Executing And Accepting A Multi-Jurisdictional County Gang, Gun And Narcotic Task Force Grant From The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program For The Prosecutor's Office

R. 2015-335

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered By The Department Of Law And Public Safety, Division Of Criminal Justice, State Office Of Victim-Witness Advocacy

Freeholder Cross moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolution 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**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton**

R. 2015-336

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving Plans And Specifications For The 2012 County Aid Program ADA Curb Ramps For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-337

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving Plans And Specifications For The 2012 County Aid Program Resurfacing Of Pointers-Auburn Road, County Road #540 And Woodstown-Alloway Road, County Road #603 For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-338

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #4-Final Resurfacing Of Almond Road, County Road #540, Phase 2 For The County Of Salem Federal Project #STP-0143(104), NJDOT #7110310

R. 2015-339

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing Master Service Agreements With The State Of New Jersey For Provision Of Mailroom And Telephone Services

R. 2015-340

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #1-Final 2015 Oil And Stone Program For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-341

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Agreement With South Jersey Transportation Authority For Subregional Transportation Planning Program

R. 2015-342

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Renewing A Contract For Routine And Emergency Electrical Repair Services For The County Of Salem (Eric Krise Electrical Contractor, LLC - \$100,000.00)

R. 2015-343

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Rejecting Bids Submitted For The Avis Mill Pond Sediment Excavation Project, Portions Of Block: 81, Lot: 14, Pilesgrove Township, Salem County, New Jersey

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (8) eight 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**

Freeholder Timberman questioned why the Amended Rules of the Board were not on this Agenda when she thought they were supposed to be, and asked if there needed to be a resolution done appointing the new Director of Operations since it was done prior to appoint an Administrator/ CFO.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that there is no reason to amend the Freeholder resolutions at the present time since the salary ordinance was amended. The Administrative Committee has changed assignments; in essence Ms. Pennington is in charge of HR and now has additional responsibilities. Those additional responsibilities typically do come under a statutory administrative title, but does not need to hold to that if the Freeholder Administrative Committee has asked her to take on additional roles. She is getting paid fairly in the eyes of the Administrative Committee because the salary ordinance has changed.

Freeholder Timberman asked that since Stacy is now paid more, if Katie's salary will be reduced.

Director Acton affirmed the salary reduction once she is fully done with training Stacy.

Freeholder Timberman stated she also saw an additional PAR along with Stacy's for a Deputy Director of Operations and responsibilities.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that setting Stacy up as Administrator would result a 3,4, or 5 year term and the majority has not decided one way or the other, but wants her as a department head with assigned responsibilities and serves at the pleasure of the Freeholder Board for the time being.

Director Acton stated that we will also be saving money because the Clerk of the Board will not be taking health benefits.

Freeholder Ware asked what Stacy's title is?

Director Acton stated Director of Operations

Freeholder Ware asked if Stacy now should be attending all the Freeholder Meetings.

Director Acton stated no, she does not think so.

Freeholder Timberman stated how Katie Coleman did a great job in her position and understands why she is stepping down half her role to spend more time with her growing family.

Director Acton stated that Jessica Foote is also the deputy director of operations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Acton thanked Cordy Taylor, Charles Hassler, Lew Schneider, Linwood Donelson, and Elmer Mayor Stemberger for attending.

Mayor Stemberger thanked the Board for having their meeting in Elmer and introduced Sally Walker as the new Borough Clerk.

Director Acton announced the Government 101 class will begin September 9 – October 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association is inviting all elected officials, county employees and families and friends to a night at the rodeo on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are first come first serve and can be reserved by contacting Brenda Banks.

Deputy Director Laury thanked Mayor Stemberger for hosting the Freeholders in Elmer.

Deputy Director Laury also stated that Septemberfest in next weekend September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point, asked if the time for the next meeting was correct.

Director Acton stated yes that we passed a resolution tonight changing the Workshop meetings to 6:00pm and Freeholder Meetings to 7:00pm.

Patty Bomba made comment concerning the judicial space study.

Pat Bomba, Carneys Point, stated that the Meals on Wheels Pumpkin Carve is September 26<sup>th</sup> and he has raffle tickets for sale. The Miracles for Mateo memory walk is coming up at Marlton Park October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-1pm.

Sherman Wood, LAC, made comment about the Countywide EMS and if it has been discussed.

Deputy Director Laury stated that is it currently being discussed and evaluated.

Anne Sullivan, Alloway, made comments about the Fenwick Building and asked if she can have a copy of Resolution Adopting A Corrective Action Plan For The County Of Salem.

Katie Coleman said she would be more than happy to email it to her.

Anne Sullivan also asked why bids to Avis Mill Pond Dredging were rejected.

Deputy Director Laury stated the bids were a million dollars over budget, and the cause of that is the state will not allow the dredged sediment to be placed on the neighboring farm, but instead needs to be hauled away.

Warren Weiting, Alloway, made comments pertaining to the Countywide EMS, ambulance squads and local firehouses.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on September 16, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey 08079, with the Workshop Meeting prior at 6:00pm.

Deputy Director Laury made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Timberman carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board