

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 20, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Veterans Supervisor Joe Hannagan 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 Cross, Freeholders Laury, Painter, Vanderslice, Ware, and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury and carried by hand vote of 6/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / PRESENTATIONS

Recognizing World Malaria Awareness Day
National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross 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 Cross 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 5/0. Freeholder Painter abstained.

INTRODUCTION ON 2016 RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

1. Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to introduce this following resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Cross Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.
2. Roll Call Vote 6/0 – Cross – for, Laury – for, Painter – for, Vanderslice – for, Ware – for, Acton – for

2016 BUDGET

1. Resolution To Have The 2016 Budget Read By Title

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

Motion by Freeholder Laury to table the Introduction of the 2016 Salem County Budget until the May 4, 2016 meeting as a result of the unions' offer to be a part of the solution to the current financial situation of the county. Second by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

As a result of the tabling of the budget introduction, COB Crouch informed the Board of the necessity to consider a resolution to request the Division of Local Government Services Director extend the date for introduction and that said resolution requires approval to waive the rules.

On motion by Freeholder Vanderslice and second by Freeholder Painter, the motion to waive the rules was passed by a hand vote of 6/0.

R. 2016-175

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Requesting Extension Of Time For The 2016 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 states that a county must introduce and approve its budget no later than January 26 of the calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has extended the date by

scheduled meeting of the governing body) as allowed by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1 with the issuance of Local Finance Notice 2015-27, and

WHEREAS, the County of Salem needs additional time to prepare the 2016 Annual Budget and is requesting an extension of time to introduce and approve the 2016 Annual Budget until May 4, 2016 from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services extend the deadline to introduce and approve the County of Salem 2016 Annual Budget to May 4, 2016.

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of this motion with Deputy Director Cross seconding the motion.

Freeholder Ware requested clarification of the dates and Freeholder Director Acton confirmed that the dates as May 4, 2016 for introduction and May 18, 2016 for adoption. With no further discussion, the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Painter

R. 2016-176

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution For Additional Appropriations In The Temporary Budget For Cy 2016 For The County Of Salem

R. 2016-177

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Competitive Contracting For The Procurement Of Specialized Goods Or Services Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-4.3 (Medical Services to Correctional Facility)

R. 2016-178

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Supplying & Delivering Refurbished Toner Cartridges For The County Of Salem And Cooperative Members (Star Image Supply, Inc. - \$2,680.75)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion.

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

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Acton

R. 2016-179

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Designating The WIOA “ Cumberland Salem Cape May Local Area”

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

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury

R. 2016-180

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept A Grant For The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

R. 2016-181

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing The Freeholder Director And The Clerk Of The Board To Sign The Health Service Grant Application For The 2016-2017 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure For Bioterrorism Preparedness

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions with Freeholder Laury 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 – Cross, Ware

R. 2016-182

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 The Federal "Help America Vote Act Of 2002" (HAVA) For The Purpose Of Ensuring Equipment To Improve Accessibility

Deputy Director Cross 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

R. 2016-183

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

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution with Freeholder Laury 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,

R. 2016-184

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution For Right Of Entry Agreement For Atlantic City Electric (ACE) And Salem County Transit (owner)

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2016-185

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Sickler Street/Cross Road, County Road #654 In Quinton Township, In The County Of Salem (5k Run)

R. 2016-186

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #3-Resurfacing Of Commissioner's Pike, County Road #581, Phase 4 In Pilesgrove And Upper Pittsgrove Townships For The County Of Salem; NJDOT Job #7117304

R. 2016-187

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Supporting The Reauthorization Of The New Jersey Department Of Transportation, Transportation Trust Fund

R. 2016-188

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (Alloway Township Fire Company)

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Acton stated that the Administrative Floor is currently in the process of moving from the Administrative Building to the 5th Street Building.

Director Acton also stated that the program, Government 101, will be starting up again and information can be found on our County website.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Laury stated that the new Senior Center in Carneys Point has been completed and is a welcoming, beautiful, facility.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that the annual distribution of Potassium Iodide capsules will be distributed on April 25th for those residents who live within a 10 miles radius of the Salem/Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Freeholder Painter announced that on April 19th, Salem Community College held the formal inauguration of President Michael Gorman. This was one of the many events held during their April 18-23rd Spirit Week.

Director Acton announced that on Sunday April 24th from 12pm to 4pm, Appel Farm will be hosting Earth Day: A family art celebration with live music and art workshops. Appel Farm will also be hosting a music and wine festival on Saturday, June 4th from 12-6pm. Our tourism website, visitsalemcountynj.com is filled with lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the upcoming months.

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.

Fran Grenier, South Main St. Woodstown – Announced that on April 29th at the Woodstown Memorial Lake, the Woodstown Shade Tree Committee will be planting a tree and giving away tree saplings in recognition of Arbor Day. The guest speakers will begin at 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Jack Ayars, 25 Tilbury Road, Elsinboro – Retired Chief of Communications of the Salem County 911 Center after 34 years of service. Mr. Ayars read a prewritten letter detailing his service to the county under the direction of Dot May and Forrest Eichmann. He commented that the facilities have continued to improve under the leadership of Sheriff Miller and Undersheriff John Cuzzupe. While he received badge #4, 157 additional badges have been given to qualified individuals over the years. These people have a passion for being a first responders gained from experience with fire departments, ambulance services and local dispatch centers. When the phone is answered, it is significant that the people are local individuals who know the communities. Making the move to privatize dispatching services would be a big mistake and destroy the ideas that so many have worked for. Such a move would destroy a way of life in Salem County: Neighbors helping neighbors. Giving away control to anyone other than the Salem County Sheriff would be a mistake and he urges the freeholders to reconsider.

Michael Blaszczyk, President of CWA Local 1085 – Mr. Blaszczyk pointed out the many in attendance who were in attendance to support those being considered for outsourcing. He commented that he was aware of talks taking place with Gloucester County to take over dispatching services and said this simply would not work. He pointed out equipment not being compatible. He said he thought Salem County should have learned their lesson after the "deal they got with the jail." He is concerned that they (Gloucester County) will not retain all of our people. He found it interesting the introduction of the 2016 budget has been delayed as a result of an upcoming meeting with union representatives. He pointed out that the upcoming meeting was to gather information and was not a negotiations session. They will not make concessions. He will not jeopardize his membership at this meeting and will not agree until information is gathered.

Fred Ayars, Salem City – Volunteer Fireman since 1990, Fire Chief since 2003, Vice President of the Fire Chiefs Association since 2012. Mr. Ayars read a letter from the President of the Fire Chiefs Association, Timmy O'Donnell, in support of the Salem County Telecommunicators. The association is opposed to either privatizing or sharing services. The current employees are familiar with the residents and the geography of Salem County. The bonds between the telecommunicators and those being dispatched is stronger than just a voice on the other end of a radio. He asked the question if one would rather hear the familiar voice or someone who may have never visited Salem County during an emergency. He requested the freeholder reconsider any consideration to outsource dispatch services. Mr. Ayars then shared his own thoughts that "we" are their first responders and "they" (those in attendance) are our dispatchers. It will not work sending these services to Gloucester County.

Chief AJ Cummings, Pennsville – Representing Salem County Chiefs Association. Referring to the PST's in attendance, said they all know each other. He pointed out that changing services would come at a great cost as changes in software and radios would be required. Salem County has the second largest nuclear facility in the county and our dispatchers are familiar with it while Gloucester County dispatchers will not. The County has spent a lot of money already on the current facility and this is where the services should stay. He requested that the chiefs association be represented during any future discussions as they know the needs more than anyone.

Joseph Hiles, Woodstown - Salem County PST. Mr. Hiles pointed out that last week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators week and requested all PST in attendance to raise their hand and be recognized. He thank

looking for jobs. He pointed out several business that he would like to support with his job including Laury Heating, Pennsville National Bank, Crouch & Company, Acton's Pig Roasting, Astro Sign Company. He pointed out that the freeholders work for us. The due diligence is for the people in this room. Public safety should not be sold out to the lowest bidder. As his pager went off, he pointed out that the voice heard is a Salem County voice, not a Gloucester County voice. It was not a privatized voice. It is the voice of a volunteer, a taxpayer, a parent here in Salem County where we need to keep jobs. He said this current administration has done nothing to keep jobs in Salem County. Should he lose his job, he will be putting a for sale sign on his home and moving to a place with the government is proactive, creating jobs and doing something for their citizens. He further commented that the freeholders made a step in the right direction by postponing the approval of the budget in order to talk with the unions but should have been done sooner. Such action, however, will not buy you time. "We are not going away. We are not going to forget." The freeholders should have talked to the people before balancing the budget on the backs of the workers.

Gerald Baber, Alloway - Salem County PST. Mr. Baber stated that he was one of the voices and presenting to make it personal and emphasized that not enough people at the prior meeting stood to say, "I am the voice. I am the first, first responder." He said it is not about the accolades. He presented accolades (certificates, proclamations, etc...) received back to Freeholder Ware that represented all shifts that he had been a part of to show that they work they do is not about the accolades received.

Carolyn Shoemaker – Vice President of CWA Local 1085- Ms. Shoemaker stated she has worked for the county for over 40 years. She knows all of the employees and has worked with freeholders in the past. She pointed out the open dialogue that used to exist that no longer does with the current freeholders. The employees have given up a lot in the past and they have no more to give.

Denise DiTeodoro, Mannington, PST - Ms. DiTeodoro pointed out that she has served the county for the past 24 years and knows all freeholders personally. She has a 6 year old child who loves this county and does not want to leave the county but will be forced to should her job be outsourced. She stated that she has dedicated her life to her job. She questioned the board, "Besides being a freeholder, what have you dedicated your life to?"

Freeholder Director Acton stated that decisions do not come easy or lightly. Elected Freeholders must do their due diligence. We as Freeholders are responsible to you, the taxpayers, to investigate all options regardless how difficult. She thanked everyone for coming and "giving us the other side of the coin." She stated that we can agree to disagree, but we have your heart in the right place. She thanked everyone for coming out and being part of the process.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on May 4, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey. Workshop meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Painter, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board