

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 6, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Robert Bender, Woodstown, 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.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan administered the Oath of Office for the Honorary Freeholders.

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 March 16, 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 Ware and carried by hand vote of 6/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / PRESENTATIONS

National Service Recognition Day
National Autism 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Painter

R. 2016-153

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Renewing A Contract For Supplying And Delivering Printing Supplies For the County Of Salem (Printers Of Salem County, LLC - \$35,000.00)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution 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. 2016-154

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Awarding A Contract For An Out-Of-School Youth Program Under The Workforce Investment Act For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Painter 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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury

R. 2016-155

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Accepting Title VI Policy For The County Of Salem Specialized Transportation Program

R. 2016-156

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution For The Completion Of The Federal 2015 Annual Certifications And Assurances For FTA Assistance

R. 2016-157

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Approving the Submission Of A Proposal To New Jersey Department Of Human Services Division Of Aging Services For Farm Market Grant

R. 2016-158

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Approving the Submission Of A Proposal To New Jersey Department Of Human Services Division Of Aging Services For State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant

R. 2016-159

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing The Freeholder Director And The Clerk Of The Board To Sign The Health Service Grant Application For The Special Child Health Servicescase Management Unit

R. 2016-160

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Letter Of Agreement To Provide Management Services For The Salem County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (6) six 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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

R. 2016-161

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

Deputy Director Cross 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 6/0.

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

R. 2016-162

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing The Proposed Acquisition Of A Development Easement On Jasper Farm Upper Pittsgrove Township

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. 2016-163

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Amending Resolution #2016-132 Approving Event Along Railroad Avenue/Woodstown-Pedricktown Road, County Road #602, Pennsville-Auburn Road, County Road #551 And Straughns Mills Road, County Road #643 In Oldmans Township, In The County Of Salem (Peddler Shop Cycling)

R. 2016-164

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Greenwich Street, County Road #540, Main Street, County Road #581 And Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 In Alloway Township, Salem County (Alloway Halloween Parade)

R. 2016-165

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #8-Final Improvements to Salem-Hancock's Bridge Road, County Road #658, Phase 2 For The County Of Salem Federal Project #STP-0132(105), NJDOT #7100318

R. 2016-166

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #2 Removal Of Beam Guide Rail And Installation Of Beam Guide Rail At Various Locations Throughout The County Of Salem

R. 2016-167

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The 2012 County Aid Road Program Resurfacing Of Woodstown-Alloway Road, County Road #603 For The County Of Salem

R. 2016-168

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (Relay For Life)

R. 2016-169

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (South Jersey Rising Stars)

R. 2016-170

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (Pittsgrove Midget Football)

R. 2016-171

PUBLIC WORKS

Basis For An Agreement For The Resale of Salt Brine As Part Of A Commodity Resale System

R. 2016-172

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Renewing A Contract For The Provision Of Plumbing Repair Services For The County Of Salem (Falasca Mechanical, Inc. - \$38,540.00)

R. 2016-173

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing An Interlocal Agreement To Provide Funding To Offset Local Costs For The Preparation Of Individual Plan Chapters For The Salem County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP)

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (11) eleven 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.

Freeholder Laury made a motion to ratify all action taken by the Honorary Freeholders with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, motion carried by a hand vote 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 various merchants and banks are selling puzzle pieces where proceeds are for Autism, he has some for sale if anyone is interested.

Director Acton thanked Glen Donelson of Mid-Atlantic for arranging for the 8th grade honorary students to be able to experience and take a part of how County government works. Director Acton also thanked Sheriff Chuck Miller, Undersheriff Warren Mabey, Director of Operations Stacy Pennington, Veterans Supervisor Joe Hannagan, and Quinton committeewoman Marjorie Sperry for attending tonight's meeting.

Deputy Director Cross thanked Mr. Bender, who was not only an excellent educator and coach, for attending tonight's meeting and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as we gear up for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war.

Freeholder Laury made a motion to recess the meeting for ten minutes with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, motion carried by a hand vote 6/0.

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, Hawks Bridge Rd, Carneys Point - Poker Run for Autism will be held on April 16, 2016 at the Penns Grove VFW and the Autism Dinner will be held on April 23, 2016. The price is \$35 and she has tickets.

Michael Blaszczyk, President of CWA Local 1085 - Spoke in opposition to the privatization of nursing services at the Salem County Correctional Facility and the employees at the 911 Center. Mr. Blaszczyk indicated that bringing in any outside services would be a disservice to Salem County. As negotiations are to begin, he invited the Freeholder Board to sit down with the CWA representatives to work together to address the current problems before the Freeholder Board were to make any decisions that would affect the CWA members.

Robert Gant, President Salem County FOP - Spoke on behalf of the Salem County FOP that they oppose any decision to privatize the OEM staff and the county jail. He stated that there is no studies that show privatization would save money. To the contrary, they believe it would cost money. Mr. Gant requested to see any studies that show a cost savings would occur. Studies that he has researched show that privatization has failed miserably.

Christopher Gray, Attorney representing PBA Local 400 - On behalf of the PBA, he lends his support to the CWA and its members. Trained, dedicated, professionals that are protected by unions and protective bargaining units that the Freeholder Board is trying undercut as the Board is trying to circumvent collective bargaining rights and degradating rights to constituents. This move would also take away good paying jobs in Salem County. While the Board once tried to save jobs at Anchor Glass, they will now become the hatchet man to their own workforce. He encouraged the Board to look into other alternatives. He invited the Freeholder Board to come to the PBA to work together on solutions. He indicated that there are things that they (PBA) know about and are aware of that will save the county resources. The PBA stands ready, willing, and able to work with the county as they stand in support of the CWA.

Thomas Cushane, Counsel for FOP Lodge 6 - Stands on behalf of all law enforcement bargaining units in Salem County (except the county corrections officers) as well as being a Salem County resident in support of the CWA. While he is willing to meet and discuss any budgetary issues at hand, he is not aware of any. He is not aware of any budgetary issues that would warrant such drastic actions. He request that the Board reconsider any such actions to privatize.

Antonette Brew - She has personal experience with privatization and past employee of the Salem County Nursing Home. As such, she is not in favor of privatization and lends her support to those employees.

Pat Hassler, 41 Market Street, Salem - Previously served as deputy director for outsourcing for the US Navy. His duty was to determine the programs with the least risk and presented the best chance of savings while not denying protection of property and people. It is his belief that the decision being considered falls into the category of the protection of life, liberty, and property. He warned of the consequences of taking away the protection of property, persons, and liberty for cost savings.

Peggie Kramme, Elmer - Comments directed to Freeholders Laury, Ware, and Acton - Thanks to the Freeholders for seeing utility trucks at the Willow Grove Dam.

Nicole Stemberger, Woodstown - Expresses opposition any actions towards privatization. She is concerned about county unemployment rates and the affect privatization would have. She commented that she expects more from the Freeholder Board to finding other solutions to the budget situation such as increasing ratables rather than cutting jobs.

Jason Spera, Penns Grove Police Department - Stated that the room was full of professionals. All professionals are governed by rules and regulations. With privatization, you will get security guards untrained in law enforcement.

Carolyn Shoemaker - Stated she is upset that the county is considering privatization. She pointed out the high amount of vacant homes in Salem County. Such a decision would compound the growing number of vacant homes

and unemployment. The residents expect people who are familiar with the county when an emergency occurs. A change in staffing would result in an inability to care for the residents of Salem County.

Christine Hoehn, Castle Heights Ave, Pennsville - Family Promise of Salem County is having a fundraiser at the Samuel Jones Glass Center where custom made glass bowls will be available for sale on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm. 50 bowls will be available by silent auction. There is no charge for admission. Glass blowing demonstrations by students will be taking place. Friends of the Pennsville Public Library will be having a flea market on April 16, 2016.

Patrick Bomba, Hawks Bridge Rd, Carneys Point - EMS Cafe is a sponsor for a fundraiser for Miracle for Mateo. 10% of sales will be donated by EMS. Mr. Bomba has information and vouchers available.

Freeholder Director Acton stated that the six members of the Freeholder Board do not take their decisions lightly and are only made after significant research.

Freeholder Ware stated that the employees in attendance are hearing rumors and that they know as much as he does. He commented that three years ago significant effort was made to put the 911 center under the Sheriff with a state of the art facility. He pointed out that we (Salem County) has the second largest nuclear facility in the country and you cannot put a price tag on safety. As the senior member of the freeholder board, he would expect to be included in such major decisions and he has not. He posed the question if an RFP has been presented. CFO Coleman responded no. Solicitor Mulligan stated that a draft RFP has been prepared but not yet issued in regards to medical staff at the correctional facility. Director Acton stated that an RFP is necessary in order to explore the available options and that if Freeholder Ware was in attendance at the workshop meeting earlier (April 6) he would more informed. Freeholder Ware responded that the last he heard was approximately two months prior from CFO Coleman that there was a budgetary shortfall of \$5.5M. Three weeks later he received a call from Director Acton stating a \$9.5M shortfall. He then followed up, as instructed, to discuss with his department's budget reductions. He stated that you cannot balance the budget on the backs of the taxpayers.

Beth Timerberman, Woodstown, NJ - Commended Freeholder Ware on his comments. She stated that while the current administration says they are transparent, she learns more now from "the outside" than when she was a minority freeholder. She is dismayed that Freeholder Ware is unaware of all the stuff that is being done, particularly the current budget situation. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the current administration and that decisions are being made by three of the six freeholders. She further commented that during administrations in which she served, there were no layoffs and no increase in taxes. Additionally, the county staff was happy and today morale is at an all time low. She encouraged the freeholders to reconsider current plans to outsource.

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Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on April 20, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Lower Alloway's Creek Municipal Building located at 501 Locust Island Road, Hancocks Bridge, NJ. Workshop meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Laury, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board