

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
MAY 18, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Veterans Supervisor Joe Hannagan introduced William Cobb of Alloway, US Army 1970-1971 to lead 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, and Director Acton. Freeholder Ware was absent.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 4, 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 5/0.

**WAIVER OF THE RULES**

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to waive the rules of the board for the 3 forgoing resolutions and add them to tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 5/0.

**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 Laury. Motion carried a hand vote of 5/0.

**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 Laury and carried by a hand vote of 4/0. Freeholder Painter abstained.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2016 - 003**

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "COUNTY") PROVIDING FOR (i) THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENTAL LOAN REVENUE BONDS (COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT PROJECT), SERIES 2009 OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY TO ACHIEVE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS FOR THE COUNTY, AND (ii) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS THEREFOR

1. Deputy Director Cross made a motion for the Introduction on first reading. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury.
2. Roll Call Vote, 5/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Painter- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2016 - 004**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE COUNTY-GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (COUNTY GLASS BLOWING PROJECT) TO BE ISSUED BY THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000 FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; CONSENTING TO SUCH FINANCING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

1. Deputy Director Cross made a motion for the Introduction on first reading. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Laury.
2. Roll Call Vote, 5/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Painter- for, Deputy Director Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Laury- for
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**ADOPTION OF 2016 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET**

1. Resolution 2016-202: To Have the 2016 Budget Read By Title

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to table this resolution and the adoption of the 2016 Budget due to the State not giving the County of Salem the OK to adopt it. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. All were in favor for a vote of 5/0.

The adoption of the 2016 Salem County Budget and Public Hearing will be at the June 1, 2016 meeting at 4:00pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Painter**

R. 2016-203

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Resolution Approving An Interlocal Agreement With The Salem County Board Of Social Services To Transfer Responsibility To Act As Fiscal Agent For Salem County WIOA And WFNJ Funds And Operate The “One Stop” Career Center

R. 2016-204

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Resolution Urging Governor Chris Christie and the New Jersey State Legislature to Dedicate a Funding Mechanism for County Governing Bodies to Offset the Costs Associated With Implementing and Administering Criminal Justice Reform by Passing and Enacting Assembly Bill No. 3491 Which Would Establish the “County Government Criminal Justice Reform Administration Fund”

R. 2016-205

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Resolution For Additional Appropriations In The Temporary Budget For Cy 2016 For The County Of Salem (Waiver Required)

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

Deputy Director Cross thanked John Donaddio on Resolution 2016-204. In the 21 counties of New Jersey, there have been 4 pilot programs in place to continue to fight on our behalf to offset costs that might incur from Bail Reform. We are hoping this is pushed back until 2018.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 5/0.

**EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Acton**

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury**

R. 2016-206

**HEALTH & HUMAN**

Resolution Approving Change Order Number 001 For Meals On Wheels Of Salem County Services

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 5/0.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Cross, Ware**

R. 2016-207

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Commission On Women (Waiver Required)

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 5/0.

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

R. 2016-208

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Forensic Nurse Examiner Program For The Salem County Prosecutor’s Office (Andrea Lorraine Morman, RN FN-CSA)

R. 2016-209

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Supplying GPS Electronic Monitoring For The County Of Salem (Track Group Americas, Inc.)

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 5/0.

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

R. 2016-210

**TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

Resolution Authorizing The Proposed Acquisition Of A Development Easement On Bishop Brothers Properties, LLC Farm, Upper Pittsgrove Township

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 5/0.

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

R. 2016-211

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Kings Highway, County Road #620, Haines Neck Road, County Road #631 and By-Pass Road, County Road #540, In Pilesgrove Township, In The County Of Salem (Cow Run Event)

R. 2016-212

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution To Approve Application For Motorist Solicitation Pursuant To Resolution No. 98-115 (Penns Grove VFW)

R. 2016-213

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing A Written Amendment Rehabilitation Of Willow Grove Road/Lake/Water Control Structures In Pittsgrove Township For The County Of Salem, Federal Project #ER-NJ11(064)CON; NJDOT Job #7110321

R. 2016-214

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Approving Agreement Modification No. 1 To New Jersey Department Of Transportation, Federal Aid Agreement No. 15-DT-BLA-713 Centerline Rumble Strip Installation Throughout the County Of Salem Federal Project #HSP-COOS(762) Con, NJDOT Job #7100324

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions, with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion.

Freeholder Laury stated on Resolution 2016-213 that this should be the final delay to opening the bridge up to the public. Hoping the project is completed by the first week of July.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 5/0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Acton stated that Freeholder Vanderslice has copies of the South Jersey Biz Magazine where Salem County is show cased in an article.

Director Acton also stated that this weekend is Arts in Bloom.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that along with the Arts in Bloom weekend, it is also the Wine Festival at the Riverview Beach Park on Saturday and Sunday.

Freeholder Laury stated that this Saturday will be the Pennsville Parade at 10:00am.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Director Cross announced that the Firefighter graduation will take place Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Salem Community College.

## **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.

Rebecca Gower Ferguson - Read a prewritten statement in opposition to the privatization of 911 dispatch services. Her statements focused on the safety of her family, not necessarily jobs. She pointed out the unified outcry from police, firefighters, and ambulance squads in opposition. These are the experts and should be listened to. She questioned if large businesses within the county been consulted with? Have the freeholders consulted with police, firefighters, and ambulance squads? She pointed out that Salem County would be the first county in the nation to house a nuclear facility and privatize dispatch services. She went on to reference one such arrangement in Georgia but that nuclear facility is government run, not private enterprise. She said we would be remiss if we did not consider the local potential terrorist targets including the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the nuclear reactors. She is further concerned that the county will be subsidizing a private organization.

Robert Gant, Pennsville - He questioned when and who prepares annual health care audits for Salem County. Following an OPRA request, he has found that the county has not performed a health care audit in the past three years. Director Acton responded that the insurance commission is responsible for such actions and that the county's H.R. department is proactive in this regard. Mr. Gant assumed there were millions of dollars each year that could be saved if such audits were completed. Freeholder Cross interjected that costs in this area are reviewed and evidenced by zero increase is a portion of those costs for the current year. He requested that Delaware Valley Healthcare Coalition come in for a bid due to their buying power in order to save millions of dollars.

Shawn Torres, Woodstown - Read a pre-written statement in support of the PST's. She pointed out the many positions PST's hold within their communities. She is a member of the Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation. She expressed her dissatisfaction in the current Freeholder board. She dispatched for Carneys Point for 18 years and was very apprehensive about that service moving to Salem County a year ago. She referenced a conversation with Director Acton at a gala during that transition where she was assured this was good move and moving forward with this would be good for everyone. After such promise, Ms. Torres finds herself, nine months later, fighting for her job. She encouraged the board to listen to the good ideas coming from county residents. She pointed out the following costs for IT services: 2014 - \$339,000; 2015 - \$495,000; 2016 - \$57,000 additional. Was such a jump projected? Will such a jump occur with future PST outsourcing? She said that Director Acton said she was very proud of this budget, a budget that includes layoffs. If this is a budget you are proud of, then shame on you. She asked at what point did it feel right to stop the heartbeat of Salem County because at that moment, they were working to start a heartbeat.

Joseph Hiles, 5 Marlton Road, Woodstown - He asked for the Freeholders to use the very patience that Freeholder Laury prayed for earlier in the meeting. He asked for the Freeholders to work with the employees and unions to find solutions to the budget shortfalls. He said that previous meetings have been unproductive and there is no need to use bully tactics. Do not give into corporate greed. No company could come it and provide the quality services provided for today by the men and women at the 911 center. Please reject all bids and, if not, perhaps it is time to reduce the size of the freeholder board.

Michael Blaszczyk, President of CWA Local 1085 – Requests a proactive stance to save money. In regards to a quote by Director Acton that the county saved \$1.4M last year by privatizing IT services, he would like that explained to him as there were only four employees. He said they (the union) are ready, willing, and able to discuss with the Freeholder Board the current financial issues. They want to solve this problem together. Should privatization move forward, they will work against all members of the board. The union can help you if you can help them.

Fran Grenier, South Main Street, Woodstown - In the past three meetings (March 28, April 22, May 3) not cost savings solutions have been brought forward by the union. The county adjusters office in 2011 and 2012, cost the county over \$100,000. That cost is now \$7,500. Legal fees for the county were: 2012 - \$332,000; 2013 - \$376,000 ; 2014 - \$332,000 ; 2015 - \$323,000 ; 2016 - \$324,000. The costs have been steady. He questioned if anyone in the public had read the current proposal. He pointed out exceptions that still need to be reviewed by a \$1.1M savings cannot be overlooked. He pointed out that some people who are spearheading this fight make more individually from taxpayer dollars that the entire seven member Freeholder board.

Daniel Cogdill, Main Street, Quinton - It's not about the money. As a volunteer, he wants the current PST's who know him and the other volunteers to remain in their positions.

Gerald Baber, Alloway - He questioned why the budget is not being introduced. Director Acton explained that they are waiting for state approval in regards to specific questions. CFO Coleman reported that they (State of New Jersey) are waiting for specific documentation to a variety of questions. Director Acton explained this is normal protocol.

Matt Blake, 23 Kingsberry Lane, Woodstown - Mr. Blake spoke in regards to the \$.02 dedicated open space tax. He does not support the non-collection of this tax. Such a program keeps the rural nature of Salem County intact. By removing it, it will be very difficult to bring back in future years. The voters have spoken overwhelmingly in favor of this tax and it's a bad idea to second guess the voters. Such a program provides funding to generations of agriculture families to continue the future of the industry.

Mike Miller, Pennsville - Mr. Miller is a 30 year volunteer fire fighter. He commented that he has read reviews on iXP (the sole bidder to privatize dispatch services) and points out employee overturn as being a major concern.

Patty Bomba, Hawks Bridge Road, Carneys Point – Mrs. Bomba pointed out that four years ago, this room was packed with supporters for Social Services department head. That night, her reappointment was tabled. The same occurred shortly thereafter in regards to the secretary to the County Adjuster. In 2014 when IT services were outsourced, it was said there would be no layoffs. Approximately 100 days later, the entire IT department was laid off. Many comments are deferred to the solicitor and CFO who are not elected and hopes the decisions are made by the elected officials.

BJ Ayars - Ms. Ayars commented that the RFP in question is not available on the county website and with a 2:00 pm bid opening, the public is generally not able to attend. There is not sufficient information available to the public to gain information on the bid to form an opinion.

Denise DiTeodoro, Mannington, PST - She is neither an "R" or a "D". She supports the person, not the party affiliation. She directed her comments to Director Acton in saying we are all family and she will do whatever necessary to protect her family. The PST are the people who care and protect. She appreciates that tax dollars are trying to be saved but thinks if money tax money and increases were allocated to emergency services, the public would support it.

Freeholder Director closed by thanking everyone for attending.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on June 1, 2016, at 4:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey. There will be no workshop meeting prior.

Deputy Director Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Laury.  
The adjournment carried by hand vote of 5/0 at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board