

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
DECEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk of the Board Harker:

A motion was made by Freeholder Laury to appoint Deputy Director Cross as Director for the remainder of 2016. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

Freeholder Dale Cross was sworn in as Freeholder Director by County Counsel Michael Mulligan.

Stu Cross, Army lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Freeholder Vanderslice.

Director Cross 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: DeCastro, Laury, Painter, Vanderslice, Ware and Director Cross

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 7, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. There was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by hand vote of 6/0 with Deputy Director Cross abstaining for not being in attendance.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to waive the rules of the board for the 1 forgoing resolution and add them to tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Motion was made by Freeholder 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 6/0.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion was made by Freeholder 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 Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 5/0/1. Freeholder Painter abstained.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jonathan Cummings – CASA of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties - A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of an abused or neglected child in juvenile court proceedings. The CASA volunteer gathers information about the child's situation attends court proceedings. The Advocate makes a recommendation to the judge so that the judge has the information to make a decision about the child's future. The CASA volunteer advocates for the child to be placed in a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. As a CASA volunteer, you will ultimately help to change a child's life for a brighter future. You can help to end the cycle of abuse and neglect. Among many other benefits, you will have an opportunity to learn about the juvenile court system and become actively involved in your community.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE –Cross, Painter

R. 2016-404

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer Of Funds

R. 2016-405

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Grant Balances

R. 2016-406

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of these three (3) resolutions with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro,

R. 2016-407

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Amending A Contract For Work First New Jersey Employment Directed Activity Programs For The County Of Salem (Mid- Atlantic States Career And Education Center)

R. 2016-408

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 For The Work First New Jersey Employment Directed Activity Programs For The County Of Salem (Mid- Atlantic States Career And Education Center)

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of the two (2) resolutions with Freeholder DeCastro seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 6/0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury

R. 2016-409

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Renewing A Contract For The Provision Of Transportation Services For The County Office On Aging (Mid- Atlantic States Career And Education Center - \$70,000)

R. 2016-410

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept The Area Plan Grant

R. 2016-411

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept The Casino Transportation Grant 2017

R. 2016-412

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept The Section 5311 Transportation Grant 2017

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of the four (4) 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 – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

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

R. 2016-413

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing A Pre-Application To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture Rural Development Administration For Financing To Construct And Repair Portions Of The Port Branch Of Salem County Rail Line

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of this one (1) 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware,

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Ware wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here is to a better 2017.

Freeholder Laury wished everyone a blessed Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freeholder Ware stated that the Sports Hall of Fame will be December 27th at Salem Community College beginning at 6:30pm.

Freeholder Laury stated that our closeout meeting will be held next Friday, December 30th at 4:00pm.

Director Cross thanked the Board for their confidence in him to fulfill the role of Director. He also mentioned that the board lost a dedicated public servant, so he has big shoes to fill.

Freeholder DeCastro stated that Carneys Point will have their reorganization meeting January 3rd.

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.

April Garrison, Pennsville – Thanked the Freeholder Board, Katie Coleman and Michael Mulligan for working together and with the employees on the contracts.

Warren Weiting, Alloway – Made comments about the electoral college, global warming, the banning of Co2, the failed Obama administration and the following regarding Alloway Drinking Water.

The well water evaluated during new home occupancy in Alloway Township, Salem County usually require drinking water conditioners. The primary reason is the homes well is in the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer (KCA). Add to this first water wells are at the depth of leach fields. There are raised bed septic systems (four foot above first water) which emphasize that first water contains leach fields and the chemicals you and your neighbor used on the lawn.

USGS states the KCA "Ground water in this aquifer is typically fresh, acidic, highly corrosive, and low in dissolved solids. Metals including Mercury and Radium (Radon) exceed primary drinking water standards. Note the water in bottle water is never ground water. The closet to well water is mountain streams (rain water). The solution for homes is the same as the commercial water suppliers. Reverse osmosis and ion-exchange. Reverse osmosis can be installed by the family under the kitchen sink. The test for home drinking water is the tank on the toilet. If the bottom of the tank is orange it is an example of rusted (oxidized) formally soluble metals. "Bog Iron" was mined during the seventeenth century. This stuff is obvious, it is soluble metals that meet oxygen for the first time. You are drinking soluble possibly radioactive heavy metals.

Freeholder Director Cross thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be a closeout meeting to be held on December 30, 2016, at 4:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey, with no Workshop Meeting prior.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Painter.
The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Harker, Clerk of the Board