



Board of Chosen Freeholders

Workshop Meeting

Minutes

October 18, 2017

6:00 PM

Oldmans Municipal Building, 40 Freed Road, Pedricktown, New Jersey

I. Call to Order

Director Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Vanderslice stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

II. Roll Call:

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Cross, DeCastro, Griscom, Deputy Director Laury, Painter, Ware, and Director Vanderslice (7/0).

III. Committee Reports:

Director Vanderslice announced Amazon received our proposal. The decision was made by the Administrative Committee to form an exploratory ad hoc committee and they did a phenomenal job. The state asked interested counties to submit their names; however, we decided to submit our proposal solo and tap into the incentives. The exploratory ad hoc committee was kept small including SCC President Mike Gorman, SCC Director of the Center for Business and Industry, Ron Burkhardt, County Economic Director Kathy Mills, Clerk of the Board Brenda Banks and Freeholder Director Bob Vanderslice. Director Vanderslice indicated he is proud of the submission as our County needs growth and Salem County is included in the list of RFP submissions.

The Freeholders agreed to forego committee reports and devote the time to the Sheriff's Office for a department presentation. Sheriff Chuck Miller and Warden John Cuzzupe provided the Freeholders with an update regarding the Correctional Facility.

IV. Department Presentation: Correctional Facility- Sheriff Chuck Miler and Warden Cuzzupe

Sheriff Miller stated they were about 20 inmates down from 2016 and average 360 inmates. This is partially due to Gloucester County contract was not received until June. He indicated they have been meeting with the Feds regarding Federal Inmates as initial processing center. The total revenue generated through September 30, 2017 by the correctional facility for housing Gloucester County inmates was \$5,082,840 plus miscellaneous revenue of \$178,432.

Sheriff Miller mentioned their recent volunteer appreciation dinner was a success. The many social programs provided to the inmates would not exist without the volunteers. Sheriff Miller believes in rehabilitation counteracts recidivism.

Sheriff Miller stated the opiate epidemic does not discriminate and the affect is being seen in the facility; however, Warden Cuzzupe has been proactive with implementing programming. Their office has received great support from Mid Atlantic, the various parishioners do a great job and they make a true difference through their jail ministry, and there are recovery programs available.

Warden John Cuzzupe indicated there has been a high rate of death from opiod related addictions in our society. He discussed they are looking into vivitral drug which is for those who are addicted and it is a serum injection that

blocks the ability for a person to get high. This will help their recovery process as studies show they will never have desire to do it again. They partnered with Gloucester County for a grant as it has been proven success in Atlantic County. They will receive an injection after their release by Volunteers of America who will take them to get treatment. This is voluntary program for those inmates who want to recover from their addiction to alcohol and opiates.

He shared the programs offered in the facility:

Mid Atlantic Safe Serve program and the Academic Career Re-entry Opportunity- a 16 week course offering professional development courses, job readiness, resume writing, interview skills, financial and release planning, leadership skills, and guidance when inmates are released back into the community.

They continue to assist non-profits and county facilities with their work program.

They updated that with bail reform and drug court, our inmate population remains constant. As of third quarter, there was a daily average of 340-360.

Freeholder Ware commended Sheriff Miller and Warden Cuzzupe for being able to get the overtime costs under control.

V. Adjournment:

There being no further discussions, Freeholder Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Painter. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda P. Banks, Clerk of the Board