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SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
Workshop Minutes of April 19, 2017

Director Vanderslice called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 PM in Elmer Borough Hall, Elmer, N.J. who then led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Vanderslice 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 which created quorum: DeCastro, Griscom, Laury, Painter, and Director Vanderslice. Freeholders Cross and Ware arrived late.

Director Vanderslice discussed the current state of the 2017 Budget with the points that:  
\$1.5 million needed to close the budget gap with a 5 cent tax increase;  
there is a verbal commitment to fund jail operations that would close the budget gap but a contract or MOU is necessary to anticipate the revenue;  
a budget meeting early in May is a possibility.

A presentation by Alaimo Associates was made of a planning grant opportunity for Tier 3 Funding of \$81,800 from NJDEP for Salem County Wastewater Management. Alaimo stated the funding opportunity expires on June 30, 2017 with the Freeholder Board (Board) being asked to review the provided documents. Discussion ensued with Freeholder DeCastro inquiring of any grant match being needed with Alaimo stating no match needed. Freeholder Laury inquired if commitments were needed with Alaimo responding that the Plan would identify strategies but not require implementation. Director Vanderslice expressed concern over the possible business impact if planning led to implementation. Freeholder Cross expressed concern over not having Freeholder Ware's input due to Ware's recent knowledge of having a septic system installed. The Board promised to review the documents and provide an answer on going forward with the planning grant funding.

**Resolution 2017-144.** The Freeholder Director called for a motion at 6:30 PM Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem by a 6/0 vote for the purpose of matters relating to the employment relationship.

Closed session minutes will be released upon conclusion of the matter.

The Freeholder Board returned to open session at 6:55 PM and adjourned by hand vote of 7/0 for a five minute recess before the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis Harker, Clerk of the Board