



Board of Chosen Freeholders

2018 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2018

Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey, 08079

Pre-meeting:

Brenda Parris Banks, County Clerk of the Board, presented the welcoming statement and stated the Election Certification has been received from Salem County Clerk Gilda Gill.

Ms. Banks called upon Honorable Charles Hassler to take his Oath of Office, officiated by the Honorable Senator Steven Oroho, Senator of 24th District. Freeholder Hassler thanked everyone for coming out, especially his brother-in-law Senator Oroho and his family. He thanked the Salem County voters and the Salem City Council members where he most recently held office.

Ms. Banks called upon Honorable Scott Griscom to take his Oath of Office, officiated by Honorable Sheriff Charles Miller. Freeholder Griscom stated he is honored to be a Freeholder and is looking forward to working together. He stated the importance of putting politics aside and do what is best for the County.

Senator Steve Sweeney, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro congratulated Freeholder Hassler and Freeholder Griscom. Senator Sweeney echoed Freeholder Griscom's comments of the importance of putting people before politics. Assemblyman Taliaferro expressed his anticipation for a great year of working together in Salem County and good things to happen. Assemblyman Burzichelli wished the Freeholder Board good luck and that the third district would be with them every step of the way.

Ms. Banks called upon Miss Laura Frye, Miss Salem County who sung Danny Boy as a special musical selection.

I. **Call to Order**

Clerk of the Board, Ms. Banks, presiding pro tem, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. **Invocation**

Ms. Banks called upon Pastor Steve Elliot of Elmer United Methodist Church to provide the invocation.

III. **Presentation of Colors**

Ms. Banks called upon Sheriff Charles Miller who introduced the Sheriff's Honor Guard to present colors.

IV. **National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Banks called upon Miss Salem County Laura Frye who sang the National Anthem, followed by Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs Services, who led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. **Roll Call**

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: DeCastro, Griscom, Hassler, Laury, and Ware. Quorum was established with all five (5) Freeholder Members present.

VI. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act

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

VII. Election Certificates

Ms. Banks indicated the Election Certificates were received from Salem County Clerk Gilda Gill. (Scott Griscom was elected for a two-year term and Charles Hassler was elected for a three-year term.)

VIII. Election of the Freeholder Director

Ms. Banks as presiding Protem, took nominations from the floor for Freeholder Director. Freeholder Ware made a motion to nominate Freeholder DeCastro as Freeholder Director, seconded by Freeholder Hassler. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. On roll call vote, the Freeholders approved the election of Freeholder Melissa DeCastro as Director with a 3/2 vote. Assemblyman Adam Taliaferro presided over the Freeholder DeCastro's Oath of Office as Director.

IX. Election of the Deputy Freeholder Director

Freeholder Director Melissa DeCastro assumed chairing the meeting and asked for nominations for Deputy Freeholder Director. Freeholder Ware nominated Freeholder Hassler, seconded by Director DeCastro. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. On roll call vote, the Freeholders approved the election of Freeholder Director Charles Hassler as Deputy Director with a 4/1 vote.

X. Waiver of the Rules

There was no waiver of the rules.

XI. Resolutions:

2018	1.	Resolution for the Adoption of the Rules to Govern the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Year 2018
------	----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-1 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	2.	Resolution for Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Law for the County of Salem
------	----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-2 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	3.	Resolution Setting Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges for 2018
------	----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-3 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 4/1 with Freeholder Griscom casting a Nay vote.

2018	4.	Resolution Appointing Special Counsel (Chance & McCann)
------	----	---------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-4 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	5.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Auditor Services for the County of Salem (Bowman and Company)
------	----	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-5 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	6.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Bond Counsel Services for the County of Salem (Parker McCay)
------	----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-6 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	7.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Labor Counsel Services for the County of Salem (Telsey & Telsey)
------	----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-7 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	8.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Engineer for the County of Salem (Federici & Akin, PA)
------	----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-8 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	9.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Planner for the County of Salem (Steve Bach Associates)
------	----	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-9 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	10.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Physician at the Salem County Correctional Facility (Dr. John Amrien)
------	-----	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-10 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	11.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Nurse Practitioner Services for the Salem County Correctional Facility (Catherine E. Sheridan)
------	-----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-11 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	12.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Psychological and Psychiatric Services for the County of Salem (CFG Health Systems, LLC)
------	-----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-12 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	13.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Health Insurance Broker for the County of Salem (Connor, Strong and Buckelew)
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-13 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	14.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Risk Management Consultant for the County of Salem (Connor, Strong and Buckelew)
------	-----	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-14 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	15.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Attorney for the Salem County Health Department (Chance & McCann)
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-15 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	16.	Resolution Appointing a Chief Financial Officer for the County of Salem (John Willadsen)
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-16 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 4/1 with Freeholder Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	17.	Resolution Appointing a County Treasurer for the County of Salem (Kelly A. Hannigan)
------	-----	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-17 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/1/1. Freeholder Laury casting a Nay vote and Freeholder Griscom Abstained.

2018	18.	Resolution Appointing a County Purchasing Agent for the County of Salem (Debbie Turner-Fox)
------	-----	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-18 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	19.	Resolution Appointing the Director of Veterans Affairs and Supervisor of Veterans Interment (Joseph Hannagan)
------	-----	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-19 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	20.	Resolution Appointing a Mental Health Administrator for the County of Salem (Becky DiLisciandro)
------	-----	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-20 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	21.	Resolution Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Salem (James Johnston)
------	-----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-21 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	22.	Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Gloucester and the County of Salem for Medical Examiner
------	-----	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-22 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	23.	Resolution Assigning Freeholder Departments for 2018
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-23 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	24.	Resolution Assigning Freeholder Members to Various Boards, Committees, and Commissions
------	-----	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-24 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 4/1 with Freeholder Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	25.	Resolution for the Appointment of Freeholder Representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties
------	-----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-25 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	26.	Resolution Appointing Representatives of the County of Salem to the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization
------	-----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-26 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 4/1 with Freeholder Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	27.	Resolution to Accept Benistar Pharmacy Benefits for Retirees Over Age 65
------	-----	--------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-27 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	28.	Resolution to Accept Aetna Dental Benefits for 2018
------	-----	-----------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-28 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	29.	Resolution to Accept Amerihealth New Jersey Health Benefits for 2018
------	-----	----------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-29 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	30.	Resolution to Accept Express Scripts, Inc. Benefits for 2018
------	-----	--------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-30 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

The following Resolutions were read in bulk.

2018	31.	Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for the County of Salem
2018	32.	Finance Resolution Designating a Custodian of funds and Depositories for Municipal Moneys, and Authorizing Investment of Funds at Interest for the County of Salem
2018	33.	Resolution Approving Signatories for Required Bank Accounts for the County of Salem
2018	34.	Resolution Adopting the 2018 Temporary Budget
2018	35.	Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Advisory Council for the Office of Disabled
2018	36.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Agricultural Development Board
2018	37.	Resolution Appointing members to the Salem County Citizens Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
2018	38.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Community College Board of Trustee Search Committee
2018	39.	Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals
2018	40.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Cultural and Heritage Commission
2018	41.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Human Relations Advisory Board for the County of Salem
2018	42.	Resolution For the Appointments of Members to the Salem County Mental Health Board

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolutions 2018: 31-42 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	43.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Planning Board
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-43 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	44.	Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Board of Social Services
------	-----	----------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-44 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

2018	45.	Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Veteran Advisory Board
------	-----	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

2018	46.	Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Cumberland/ Salem Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
------	-----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolutions 2018:45-46 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5/0.

2018	47.	Resolution Appointing Freeholder Members to the Salem County Improvement Authority
------	-----	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

There was a motion to move for adoption Resolution 2018-47 by Deputy Director Hassler, seconded Freeholder Ware. The motion passed with a roll call vote 3/2 with Freeholders Griscom and Laury casting a Nay vote.

XII. Minority Freeholder Report

Freeholder Laury thanked the elected officials and congratulated Deputy Director Hassler, Freeholder Griscom, and his wife Kathy. He thanked the appointees that are being replaced as he appreciated their dedication to the County and shared a story and reflected about turning apparent negatives into positives and giving thanks. He spoke of the former administrations accomplishments in reducing debt and government, worked on infrastructure, railroad project, Gateway, and fought against the construction of a new courthouse listening to the will of the people. He stated their minority job is to work for all the people, not just a few. The best days are ahead of us. Scott and I will work for the everyday people entrusted us with their jobs. He thanked for the opportunity to serve.

XIII. Freeholder Director Report

Director DeCastro thanked her husband Nick, her son Charles, and her father Dr. DeCastro for coming this evening and her family for their continued support. She reminded that public service is hard and each continues to serve. She appreciated the opportunity to be part of saving the 911. area. Our resiliency will guide us. She stated that with acting professionally and working together with open communication, we can thrive. The outcome of working together will improve the lives of Salem County and we can succeed.

XIV. Other Freeholder Business

No other business was discussed.

XV. Benediction

Director DeCastro called upon Reverend Awood Abraham Jones of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Salem to give the benediction.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further discussions, Freeholder Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Hassler. The adjournment a carried by a hand vote of 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington, Recording Secretary
 Brenda P. Banks, Clerk of the Board