



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2018

6:30 PM

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

I. Call to Order

Director Melissa DeCastro called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

II. Invocation:

Director Melissa DeCastro called upon Rev. Charles Messer of the St. John’s Episcopal Church in Salem City to provide the invocation. Director DeCastro welcomed Reverend Messer to Salem County as he recently became a resident.

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Melissa DeCastro called upon Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs Services to introduce David Lockhart, Career US Army (Retired), resident of Salem City to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Director DeCastro thanked Mr. Lockhart for his service to our country. Mr. Lockhart stated he was born and raised here. He said jobs are coming and will take everyone to help. He expressed his concern regarding those with felonies and difficulty obtaining a job because of their status and would like to see programs to help those with felonies.

IV. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act

Clerk of the Board, Brenda Banks, stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting by:

1. By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times Co.; and
2. By posting notice on the bulletin board in the Salem County Courthouse, Fifth Street Complex; and
3. By filing notice in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.

V. Attendance Roll Call

Freeholder	Present	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X	
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X	
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X	
Director Melissa DeCastro	X	

Quorum was established with all five Freeholders present (5/0).

VI. Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Hassler to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 16, 2018 Regular Meeting and May 22, 2018 Special Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. Freeholder Lee Ware seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, it carried by a roll call vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

VII. Special Recognition – No special recognitions.

VIII. Presentation – Bill Perna of the Gloucester County Police Academy attended the meeting to give special honor to Sgt. Ian Todd for highest overall class academic score during 80-hour/ two-week supervisor training. Mr. Perna stated Sgt. Todd distinguished himself from all of those in the class with the highest academic score and is deserving of this recognition. Sgt. Todd was presented a plaque. Director Melissa DeCastro congratulated Sgt. Todd and thanked him for representing our County well while receiving additional training. The Board of Chosen Freeholders presented Sgt. Todd with a certificate.

IX. Waiver of the Rules - There were two waiver of the rules for A15 (Resolution 215) and D6 (Resolution 229) that passed by roll call vote to add to the agenda, no discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

X. Correspondence

A. General:

1. Atlantic County Resolution urging Governor Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature to properly allocate 911 System and Emergency Trust Fund Account (FUND) monies to county and municipal 911 centers as required under federal law.
2. Cape May County Resolution in opposition of proposed legislation to require Counties to adopt the name of "County Commissioner" replacing the name "County Freeholder."
3. Monmouth County Resolution opposing proposed Senate Bill 402 and Assembly Bill 2157 renaming the Board of Chosen Freeholders to the Board of County Commissioners.
4. Resignation letter from John Willadsen, effective June 30, 2018.
5. Letter from Betty Lou DeCroce, NJ Assistant Minority Leader, regarding misunderstanding between her bill, A-2157, and Senator Pennacchio's bill, S-402 on the subject that permits the Board of Chosen Freeholders to change the title to "Board of County Commissioners" and "Chosen Freeholder" to "County Commissioner." Assemblywoman DeCroce's bill does not mandate a change and will not amend the language of A-2157 to become identical to S-402.
6. Letter from Robert Carter tendering his resignation as a trustee of the Salem Community College Board of Trustees due to moving out of the area.
7. Letter from Department of Transportation announcing that Safe Routes to School Request for Applications are being accepted for the 2018 program.
8. Letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services regarding a review of specified aspects of the Area Agency on Aging Area Plan Contract (APC) funding in association with the APC's executed between DoAS and the Salem County Office on Aging, including staffing and the availability and use of Federal and State funding under the APCs.

9. Letter from Susan Coan, Interim Region President of Atlantic City Electric, resigning from the Economic Development Council due to increased responsibilities.
10. Letter from Mannington Mills indicating they will be a Silver sponsor of the 2018 First Responder Appreciation Dinner Dance.
11. Letter from the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders with a copy of resolution to support the proposed Senate Bill S-233, to improve School Safety.
12. Letter from Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders including a Resolution requesting support from NJ Transit regarding Judge Gail Cookson's decision on the JCP&L Reliability Project.
13. Memo from Kathy Mills regarding the April 19 meeting of the Salem County Economic Development Council and recommending the Freeholders support the education economic development study by expanding the scope of the study.
14. Salem County Clerk certification of the primary election results.
15. Letter from PBA Local 105 Foundation, formerly the Fred Baker Memorial Golf Outing regarding sponsorship of their upcoming Memorial Golf Tournament on June 25, 2018.
16. Letter from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders with a copy of Resolution No. 2018-261 strongly opposing New Jersey American Water's proposed twelve percent rate increase.
17. Letter from Ronald Stockwell regarding the Primary of June 5, Pilesgrove Township, at Sharptown Methodist Church.
18. Alloway Township Resolution 18-63 urging Governor Murphy to sign Assembly Bill A-3724/ Senate Bill S-2313 establishing the zero emission certificate program for nuclear power plants.
19. Letter from Ed Ramsay forwarding a draft version of the Greater West Jersey Economic Development Master Plan and request use of the Old Courthouse.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes:

1. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes April 3, 2018
2. Salem County Tourism Advisory Council Notes April 17, 2018
3. Salem County Economic Development Advisory Council Meeting Notes April 19, 2018

Motion was made to accept and file the correspondence, as well as the committee/ commission minutes and reports be made a part of the minutes. Discussion: Freeholder Laury thanked John Willadsen for his service for the last few months. He knows Kelly cannot come up with the courses in time and asked if there was a plan. Deputy Director Hassler stated the issue is being addressed and thanked John Willadsen for his service. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

XI. Payment of Bills and Claims

Motion was made that all bills and claims, when audited and properly signed, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. No discussion followed. Motion carried .

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

XII. Treasurer's Report : April 2018 Report

Motion was made to accept the April 2018 Treasurer's Report with no discussion following.
Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

XIII. Resolutions:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Hassler

Freeholder Director DeCastro indicated we were going to change the order of the items to amend the budget and then adopt the budget.

Resolution 2018-204: Resolution to Have the 2018 Budget Read by Title (by Freeholder Roll Call)

There was a motion to open public hearing on 2018 budget (by Freeholder Roll Call). Discussion: Freeholder Laury indicated he was going to question the order of the agenda. No further discussion followed. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

Public Comments:

Joanne Nacucchio, Quinton- As she looked at the budget it was higher than expected. She questioned if the carryover was from prior budget. She feels it is a good idea to disclose financial oversight and not sure if prior CFO was doing her duty if she was overlooking the charges. Ms. Nacucchio questioned if it is normal for a budget to overrun and would like to be more informed. She questioned issues of 2017 into 2018 and what to do move forward.

Freeholder DeCastro stated the County audit has just completed and will be presented at the August meeting. The document would be posted on the website and encouraged that she read the audit from last year. She indicated we owed payment to Salem Community College of approximately \$900,000 and there was a carryover \$400,000 payment that was not made to insurance funds, both being large amount of the carryover funds in the budget. John Willadsen, CFO, agreed Director DeCastro covered the carryover.

Director DeCastro indicated that it is not fair to not make payment and will pay Salem Community College what is owed. Deputy Director Hassler indicated \$750,000 placed in capital account. Ms. Nacucchio stated there needs to be a look back. Thanked John Willadsen, Kelly Hannigan for the financial report. Appreciate everything they do. There needs to be oversight and transparency.

Diane McAllister, Pennsville- Asked if the budget increased tax rate and how much. Director DeCastro indicated yes there would be an increase, which would have been a lot less; however with the past due charges the increase for County is 2.6 cents. Ms. McAllister asked what the increase would be for a \$200,000 house. Director DeCastro indicated the approximate overall average would be somewhere around \$40 without doing the math and dependent on location. Henry, county auditor, further stated the total tax increase would depend on the municipality. Ratables in each town determine the full tax

increase. Deputy Director Hassler said if his calculations were right, the County portion would be about \$50. Ms. McAllister asked who represents the taxpayers and if anyone questions on where to cut taxes, programs, cut employees, and/or employees pay more in healthcare costs. Director DeCastro stated they are and that they are trying to help Pennsville with the DuPont issue which does impact their tax rate. Deputy Director Hassler agreed they are all trying to help the taxpayers. Ms. McAllister asked if the surplus was dipped into. Director DeCastro indicated there is a 2.6 cent increase and they were able to increase the surplus to \$3.5 million. Ms. McAllister stated she appreciates all doing and looking out for the taxpayers and employees.

Pennsville resident – Stated everyone wants to increase taxes, what does it do if renting and raise taxes and the landowner has to charge the taxpayer more. No one working for the working man. You can drive around and point out people those who don't work. Suggested to step aside and let people help their self. Government never meant to help people. People can't invest because of increase tax. He is 50 years old and getting nothing for his money. The school taxes are sky rocket. Keep raising taxes and will be forced to move out of home. Resident left.

Director DeCastro stated don't want to hurt anyone and the Freeholders are trying their best as we live here too and working to bring in ratables. Director DeCastro stated she has testified on PSEG behalf because of the importance in our County.

Susan Swiderski, Pennsville– asked what is the status of the new courthouse and if the budget included any money for this expense. Director DeCastro indicated there was an Architect of Record to work with the courthouse. We cannot afford a new court house and the architect will determine if our current courthouse can be modified and agreeable to the state.

John Jaeger, Pennsville – He agrees with Ms. McAllister, being truthful who voted to give the money. Deputy Director Hassler indicated voting for this was already done last year, (this is a prior year expense). We have to make payment this year. John Willadsen, CFO, indicated that the \$900,000 was voted in the 2017 budget. Freeholder Laury stated we pay 1/3, state pays 1/3, and the township pays 1/3 to the community college. Freeholder Laury stated this \$900,000 was a deferred cost and have been deferring it for 5 years; however, this board decided not to defer.

Mr. Jaeger indicated any tax increase is unacceptable. He indicated he likes them but won't vote for them. If someone wants to go to college they should pay for it, why are the taxpayers paying.

Linda DuBois, Pittsgrove – She stated going back to being official line item in capital. Jeff Ridgway, County Administrator, indicated there is \$650,000 clerks system that is outdated, road materials which were usually bonded but decided to place in budget, emergency vehicle that will replace a 1980 vehicle, and jail van for inmate transportation. Ms. DuBois asked if they were looking into a solar program and Deputy Director Hassler indicated they are not. Director DeCastro stated looking in the future for solar; however, it is not in this budget. Ms. DuBois asked if the Agricultural side had been cut and Freeholder Ware said that we lost two employees through retirement. We used to pay 25% to Rutgers and they paid 75% and now we are going to 50% payment. They are looking to replace Dave Lee's position. The amount is less; however, due to the retirements.

John Jaeger, Pennsville stated the hauling of inmates should be charged to Gloucester. Jeff Ridgway, Administrator, stated they can be from anywhere. Deputy Director Hassler stated they are not just Gloucester County inmates.

Director Melissa DeCastro said they looked tightly at each line to tighten and shrink the budget. Freeholder Scott Griscom indicated that the costs for the inmates are not broken down as we receive a fee for each inmate.

Joanne Nacucchio, Quinton- asked if the van is added on.

Freeholder Ben Laury stated tax increase \$2 million over several line items and the Veterans were reduced by 13%. Joe Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs asked Director to speak. He indicated that last October departments were sent a form to fill out and he put in the wrong amount last October. He does not feel right to blame the new administration as he made the mistake. He has lived with every mistake and won't allow for new administration to take the blame.

Freeholder Ben Laury indicated the capital budget went up to \$650,000, overspent on labor counsel and snow removal. Women's Services is a great non profit, why are we putting this back into the budget. We

have ARC, Meals on Wheels, Autism Center, Independent Living Resources and a lot of other non-profits. We have selected one to support, which is good, but why are we picking one. Director DeCastro replied that she was assigned by the Freeholders last year to be their Liaison to their committee. She was assigned and the County gave no money to this committee, she was not assigned to serve on the other nonprofit boards and it is ridiculous to serve on any committee and the County does not give money; this was the Salem County Freeholders decision to assign her to serve on the board.

Freeholder Laury indicated that we used to fund it with peer group money from the County Nursing Home, not taxpayer money. Money went away. Freeholder Laury indicated he was not part of any budget sessions. He was in touch with Kelly numerous times. To serve the County in best ability should include minority Freeholders as it is a disservice to the County. Director DeCastro indicated she had never been invited to a budget session meeting in the past. We cannot have more than two Freeholders present or there would be a quorum and an issue with the sunshine law. Every Freeholder had access to employees. Director DeCastro asked Jeff Ridgway if email was sent to all Freeholders, and he indicated yes and stated to call before June 2. Director DeCastro indicated they did not intentionally leave anyone out.

Ed Ramsey, Pittsgrove – Budget committee meeting just like all other meetings due to more than majority. There should have been budget committee meetings this year so all could take part. The County did not prepare the budget, it was done by Bowman and Company. All contracted out because did not have certified people in place. He also indicated that the tourism committee does not have any budget either. Henry, Bowman & Company, stated all he has done is advise and the staff prepared.

Susan Swiderski, Pennsville – Remarked that she understands budgets and has no confidence in one or all as to why asking taxpayers. Freeholders need to do a better job of disseminating the information to the taxpayers.

There was a motion to close public hearing (by Freeholder Roll Call). No discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

Resolution 2018-203: Resolution to Amend the County of Salem 2018 Budget.

Clerk of the Board, Brenda Banks, read the amendments in full. John Willadsen, CFO, indicated that everything read was the same; however, there was two lines missing which he read. He indicated they received the call at 5:00 PM this evening. (Amendment attached). Discussion: Freeholder Laury indicated he was happy for the reduction. Director DeCastro thanked John Willadsen, Kelly Hannigan, and everyone who worked diligently to have this budget presented this evening. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler			X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X		X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

Resolution 2018-204: Resolution to have the 2018 Budget Read by Title and motion to adopt the 2018 budget (by Freeholder Roll Call). Discussion: Freeholder Laury stated that he would be voting no as previously discussed. Freeholder Griscom stated we need better communication and opportunity to discuss; however the sunshine laws prevent that. He thanked John Willadsen and Kelly Hannigan for a

great job in a tough situation as there was a lot of information they needed and couldn't get. He stated it is sad to hear tonight you think we don't care about taxpayers because we are taxpayers as well and owe the position to you. When you take every employee and give a raise you have to increase the budget. This is a difficult job and impossible to make all happy. He stated that for every problem we can work it out together. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury				X		
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

Resolution 2018-205: Resolution Appointing Member to the Salem County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution 2018-206: Resolution Amending Resolution 2018-13 Awarding Contract for Health Insurance Broker for the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-207: Resolution Amending Resolution 2018-14 Awarding Contract for Risk Management Consultant for the County of Salem

Resolution 2018:208: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract between the Salem Inter Agency Council of Human Services and the County of Salem

Resolution 2018:209: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreements Between the County of Salem, the County Sheriff, and Salem County Superior Correction Officers Association

Resolution 2018:201: Resolution Accepting a Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem and Salem County Prosecutor Detectives and Investigators' Association, FOP Lodge No. 6 (*Resolution No. 201 Tabled from May 22, 2018 meeting*)

Resolution 2018:202: Resolution Accepting a Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem and Salem County Prosecutor Superior Officers' Association, FOP Lodge No. 6 (*Resolution No. 202 Tabled from May 22, 2018 meeting*)

Resolution 2018-210: Resolution Amending the Resolution Creating and Appointing Members to the Salem County Information Technology Committee

Resolution 2018-211: Resolution Forming an Insurance Claims Review Committee and Establishing Settlement Authority

Resolution 2018-212: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Addendum to Contract Base Wage Salary Guide 2017-2020 between the PBA Local 400 and the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-213: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Addendum to Contract States of Emergencies Between the PBA Local 400 and the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-214: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Letter of Agreement between the PBA Local 400 and the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-215: Resolution in Opposition of Proposed Legislation to Rename "Chosen Freeholder" to "County Commissioner" (Waiver of the Rules)

Motion was made and seconded. Discussion: Freeholder Ware indicated he will be abstaining from Resolution 2018-201 and Resolution 2018-202. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X		201 & 202	
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Laury

Resolution 2018-216: Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Providing Farmland Preservation Survey Services for the County of Salem

Motion was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler			X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury		X	X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Griscom

Resolution 2018- 217: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Jurisdictional Agreement between City of Salem and the County of Salem for Walnut Street Corridor Pedestrian Improvements

Resolutions 2018-218: Resolution Designating the Salem County Mosquito Control Division to Provide Surveillance, Education Training and Recommendations on Integrated Pest Management for the Management of Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases and to Provide Appropriate Tick Borne Management Activities

Resolutions 2018-219: Resolution Approving the Request of the Salem County Economic Development Commission to Join the Salem Community College and Expand the Scope of an Economic Study in Salem County

Resolution 2018-220: Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for the Preparation of a Field Survey and Base Mapping For the FY 2018 Salem County Mill and Overlay Resurfacing Program for the County of Salem FAP-2018-Salem County-02837

Resolution 2018-:221: Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 Short Line Running Track Rehabilitation, Phase VIB Township of Woolwich, Gloucester County, NJ Contract #2016-1 for the County of Salem

Resolutions 2018-222: Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2- Final Short Line Running Track Rehabilitation, Phase VIB Township of Woolwich, Gloucester County, NJ Contract #2016-1 for the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-223: Resolution Appointing Members to the South Jersey Economic Development District for the County of Salem

Motion was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

C. HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Laury, DeCastro

Resolution 2018-224: Resolution to Authorize the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities to Accept a Grant for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

Resolution 2018-225: Resolution Authorizing a Vehicle Sub-Lease between the County of Salem Board of Chosen Freeholders, New Jersey Transit, and Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center to Provide Various Transportation for our Curb to Curb Transportation Service

Resolutions 2018-226: Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

Resolution 2018-227: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Commission on Women

Resolution 2018-228: Resolution Appointing Member to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-229: Resolution Appointing a Member to the Salem County Community College Trustee Search Committee (Waiver of the Rules)

Motion was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler			X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury	X		X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ware

Resolution 2018-230: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Accepting Grant Funding for the Prosecutor’s Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice (Grant No. VS-60-15)

Resolution 2018-231: Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy (Grant No. VCS-60-15)

Motion was made and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler			X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom	X		X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

IX. Freeholder Old Business – Freeholder Laury asked Freeholder Ware what is the status of Dave Lee in the Ag Department. Freeholder Ware stated that they have had one meeting with Rutgers University representatives and another is scheduled in July. He stated Dave Lee is finishing out the insurance grant program and a replacement is in plan. Rutgers is requiring the County to move to 50% payment of salaries.

X. Freeholder New Business – Freeholder Ware stated he has been on both sides – the majority and minority and the budget is always a difficult time. He thanked John Willadsen and Kelly Hannigan for the hard work and worked through a lot of the loose ends. He thanked John

Willadsen for his honesty and although this wasn't what you thought you are a great guy. Director DeCastro offered her thanks to Henry, John and Kelly and appreciated their hard work.

XI. Freeholder Public Announcements

Deputy Director Hassler stated Freeholder Griscom and Joe Hannagan were working on a County Veterans Picnic to be held on September 22. He also recommended everyone watch Channel 29 and 40 as Sheriff Chuck Miller, Freeholder Griscom, Director DeCastro and himself, along with Vo-Tech representatives showcased reusing fire hoses to go over the door so no one can come in if ever a school violence situation. This is no cost to the taxpayer and commended Leroy Pierce and Sheriff Chuck Miller for their proactive approach. This will be offered to all schools.

Director DeCastro stated they will work together to try to increase more businesses. She stated they work very hard as to not have to raise taxes. She mentioned the County just completed their audit and there will be a presentation at a future meeting.

Freeholder Laury announced the Salem County Fair will be held August 7-10th. He thanked Patty Bomba for accepting to serve on the Salem County Special Services and Vo-Tech Board.

XII. Public Comment

Warren Wheatling, Alloway: referenced his frustrations that someone cannot move into a home until they pass their water test as the Health Department said it is the law; however, if it was a rental property wouldn't need water conditioner which doesn't make sense. Mr. Wheatley referenced USA's visit to North Korea.

John Jaeger, Pennsville: Asked what we were doing to attract businesses. Director DeCastro stated met with the Mayor of Salem last week and held a meeting with Empire Blended. Deputy Director Hassler stated each municipality has their own Economic Development and they reach out to us. We have gone to Cape May to meet with other representatives, and ask assistance with the third district. The old Anchor Hocking will have three different companies coming into Salem City and the Mayor is active and we will do what we can to assist. Director DeCastro stated she has met with Stand Up for Salem discussing the issues. Deputy Director Hassler shared the state offers many incentives.

Linwood Donelson, Lower Alloways Creek: Stated he had three observations. Nothing against new staff and would not fault them and referenced the transition and not training new staff. Second was increase in ratable due to economic in County. Third not able to have meetings due to sunshine laws is simply notice what will be discussed and hold meetings and workshop meetings.

Linda DuBois, Pittsgrove – Shared on August 4th will be Pittsgrove State Park Christmas in July. Parvin is ranked #9 in State Parks in New Jersey.

Dawn Fowler, Alloway – Feels there is a safety concern with the inmates working inside the school during the summer. Allows for opportunity to access the layout of the school, obtain family information. Understands the inmates will be supervised and are low risk; however, we live in a world that requires background check for staff to work at the schools. The school should have checked with other local groups first such as boy scouts. Deputy Director Hassler asked if she took this to the school board as not sure how the Freeholders can assist as we do not oversee.

Terry Visali, Alloway – She contacted Freeholder DeCastro and Freeholder Laury. The school did not tell the parents. The school will take it out on the children why parents don't speak up.

Suzanne Dorell, Woodstown – concerned with this in Alloway, not happy with the school. She questioned the Freeholders not having anything to do with township schools. Director DeCastro informed her they could sit but do not have oversight but can try to help. Ms. Darrell questions that parents could pull students to go to charter school and that concerns her. She asked how they felt about Charter Schools. Director DeCastro indicated that any parent must look for their

self as to if Charter School is something they like. Ms. Dorell indicated that teachers in Camden County can see what does to towns and will hurt public schools as the money follows the student.

Joe Hannagan, Quinton- stated that in his municipality their school requests go to their Township Committee for inmate use and he stated not allowed on property when students are in school. He suggested speaking with their township committee.

Director Melissa DeCastro reminded of the next Freeholder meeting:

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting
Lower Alloways Creek Township Building, 501 Locust Island Road, Hancock's Bridge

XIII. Adjournment

Director DeCastro asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. No discussion hand vote followed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Lee Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Charles Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Benjamin Laury			X			
Freeholder Scott Griscom			X			
Director Melissa DeCastro			X			

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda P. Banks
Clerk of the Board