



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINTUES

October 17, 2018

6:30 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Melissa DeCastro called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- II. **Invocation:** Director DeCastro called upon Reverend Eryn Mera of the Woodstown Presbyterian Church to provide the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director DeCastro called upon Deputy Director Charles Hassler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

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	

VI. County Counsel to Swear in our Honorary Freeholders – Oath of Office

Director DeCastro thanked Rita Shade, Rebecca Ferguson, and ARC for helping to elevate the talents and capabilities of people with disabilities to strengthen our workforce. She thanked everyone for taking time to be here during the daytime session and this evening's session and to all those who are gracious enough to assist running tonight's meeting.

County Counsel Mulligan presided over Freeholder Shadower's Oath of Office. The participants were congratulated and it was announced that they would be taken over the remainder of the meeting.

VII. Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting and October 12, 2018 Special Meeting. Minutes are to be received,

approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. No discussion followed. Motion 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			

VIII. Special Recognition:

Director DeCastro called upon Freeholder Laury to present the Proclamation Recognizing the Month of October 2018 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Freeholder Laury stated he was very honored to give out the proclamation. He mentioned his wife is in rehab for five more weeks and it is an honor for him to give this certificate and it should be called ability month. Daryl Casper accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Salem County ARC.

Director DeCastro called upon Deputy Director Hassler to present the Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2018. Deputy Director Hassler stated everyone in this room understands the importance of protecting people from domestic violence, and not just women and children, it happens to men as well. He called upon Lori Davenport, Executive Director of Women’s Services, who does work helping people who need our support. Ms. Davenport thanked those who wore purple and said that there are so many worthy issues, she is happy to share a month with disability month. She stated the month is completely non –political and about keeping people safe and added that if you hear comments opposed to believing survivors, know that most victims don’t lie. She encouraged people to stop and think about it. She thanked the Freeholders for their support for 31 years and hopes to be here next year with better information.

Director DeCastro presented the Proclamation Recognizing October 2018 as National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day on October 24, 2018. She stated that this is near and dear to her heart and goes hand in hand with domestic violence and can happen in school, college, adulthood; it exists everywhere and won’t go away without recognition. She called upon Thronna Busch, Salem Middle School, to accept the Proclamation. Ms. Busch thanked the Freeholder Board and shared that it is very hard for students as most get bullied over the smallest thing. She asked to keep children in prayer.

Director DeCastro called upon Freeholder Scott Griscom to present the Citation Honoring Rosemary Poliski as 2018-19 Salem County Teacher of the Year. Freeholder Griscom shared that Rosemary was selected and honored by the State of NJ Department of Education. The Teacher of the Year selects dedicated and highly skilled teachers that inspire students. This award symbolizes and acknowledges the hard work and dedication of teachers. We congratulate Rosemary Poliski, a 6th -8th Grade Special Education Teacher at Quinton Township School, for achieving this prestigious level of recognition in her field and being recognized and selected as a County Teacher of the Year.

Director DeCastro called upon Freeholder Lee Ware to present the Citation Honoring Karly J. Begley, for being selected as a Junior National Young Leader. Freeholder Ware shared as a long time teacher no one is prouder than he is to present this Citation. Karly was nominated by teachers, she went to Washington, D.C. and participated in National Young Leaders Conference, she excels at soccer and basketball, and has a 3.8 GPA Her legendary Uncle Tom was former Freeholder Director, and someday she is going to lead the County.

IX. Presentation: No presentations

X. Waiver of the Rules:

Resolution to Continue the Suspension of the Arbitration Proceeding Concerning the Salem County Courthouse Facility Lawsuit with the New Jersey Judiciary

Resolution Amending Resolution 2018-286 Declaring an Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Make Repairs to Sluice Gates on Sinnickson's Landing Road, Elsinboro, New Jersey

A motion was made and seconded to add two Resolutions to the agenda. No further discussion. Motion 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			

XI. Correspondence:

A. General:

1. Letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Health regarding the approved County per diem rates developed by the Department of Human Services to reflect the cost of care for patients at state facilities and programs for the mentally ill for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
2. Letter from Leonora Geiger-Miller and Gerry Geiger regarding their experiences with the transportation services offered by the Salem County Office on Aging and how much it meant to their family.
3. Letter from Pittsgrove Township Committee to convey a letter from resident, Jennifer Scaringello, who is very concerned about the safety and well-being of her family and community, as she is requesting signage be erected on County roadway, Upper Neck Road in Pittsgrove Township.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 13, 2018, of The Salem County Improvement Authority Solid Waste Division Conference Room

Motion was made and seconded to accept and file the correspondence and minutes, and to be made part of the minutes. No discussion followed. Motion 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			

XII. Public Hearings & Adoptions: No Public Hearing & Adoptions

XIII. Payment of Bills and Claims

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

XIV. Treasurer’s Report: No report

XV. Resolutions:

Director Melissa DeCastro asked if any Freeholders wanted any Resolutions read separately this evening. County Counsel Mulligan advised the Freeholder Board that A2 (Resolution 2018-356) will be discussed in closed session as it is litigation, and be held until after closed session to either approve or reject She called upon Clerk Brenda Banks to read the Resolutions by title.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Hassler

Resolution 2018-341: Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check #100927, Inter Agency Council)

Resolution 2018-342: Resolution Amending Resolution 2018-286 Declaring an Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Make Repairs to Sluice Gates on Sinnickson’s Landing Road, Elsinboro, New Jersey

A motion was made and seconded to approve the two Resolutions. No discussion followed. The Motion 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			

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Laury

Resolution 2018-343: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Melchert Farm Upper Pittsgrove Township

Resolution 2018-344: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Moore Farm Mannington Township

A motion was made and seconded to approve the two Resolutions. No discussion followed. The Motion 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			

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

Resolution 2018-345: Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Walnut Street, County Road #665, Amwellbury Road, County Road #633, Tilbury Road, County Road #627 and Fort Elfsborg-Salem Road, County Road #625, in Salem City and Elsinboro Township, in the County of Salem, “Salem 5K Ram Walk/ Run

Resolution 2018-346: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Federal Aid Agreement No. 18-DT-BLA-784 For Hook Road, County Road #551, Phase 1 in Pennsville and Carney’s Point Townships for the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-347: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Federal Aid Agreement No. 18-DT-BLA-783 for Design of Willow Grove Road, County Road #639 in Pittsgrove Township for the County of Salem

Resolution 2018-348: Resolution Authorizing Contract for the Purchase of Retail Electric Generation Supply Service for the County of Salem and its Participating Cooperative Members

A motion was made and seconded to approve the four Resolutions. No discussion followed. The Motion Carried by a roll call vote.

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

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

Resolution 2018-349: Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition Title III C-2 to the Disabled and/ or Elderly Residents of Salem County under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant

Resolution 2018-350: Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition – SSBG to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant

Resolution 2018-351: Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition – State Home Delivered Meals to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant

Resolution 2018-352: Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing State Weekend Home Delivered Meals to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant

A motion was made and seconded to approve the four Resolutions. No discussion followed. The Motion Carried by a roll call vote.

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

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ware

Resolution 2018-353: Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor for the Prosecutor’s Office Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program

Resolution 2018-354: Resolution Amending Resolution 2017-367 Authorizing the Execution of Contracts for the Salem County Inter-Agency Council 2018 Youth Services Commission Contracts

A motion was made and seconded to approve the two Resolutions. No discussion followed. The Motion Carried by a roll call vote.

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			

F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:

No Resolutions presented.

County Counsel Mulligan advised the Freeholder Board to have a motion to ratify actions that took place. A motion was made and seconded to ratify actions taken tonight by the Honorary Freeholders be the action of the actual Freeholders. No discussion followed. Motion 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			

IX. Freeholder Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

X. Freeholder New Business: No New Business was discussed.

XI. Freeholder Public Announcements

Freeholder Laury mentioned there was a special meeting the other day. We hired a company to satisfy the judiciary and the County and devise a plan. They made an expensive plan, even a

\$50 million project will raise taxes. We need money in other areas than judiciary. We need to send them back to make a less expensive plan. This is not going to fly with this Freeholder.

Director DeCastro stated that Judge Telsey has accepted to extend the suspension of arbitrary an additional 30 days, appreciate acting in good faith and doing our due diligence.

Freeholder Laury mentioned that there is one more free flu shot clinic and the County is potentially looking to hold one in Salem City.

XI. Public Comment (Agenda items or other County Business)

Director DeCastro opened the floor up for Public Comment. She sated if anyone wished to speak that they please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will have four minutes to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker.

Stephen Andrews, Woodstown: stated he is new to the County and impressed with the invocation, the inclusion of the shadowing, and recognition for domestic violence and bullying. The reason he is here is in response to the Facebook post by Walter Hudson about Bob Gant and asked the Director if she was endorsing him. Director DeCastro stated this was not County business and not an agenda item. He also is not an elected official yet, but that he could speak to him. Mr. Andrews stated it is concerning that in 1991 Mr. Gant was accused of assaulting an inmate as a Correctional Officer at the Salem County Jail and was asked to leave his position. He spoke to Mr. Mills who said it was racially motivated and asked if we should endorse this man? He said he would speak with Mr. Gant, but questions if the County did an investigation, and if he could get it.

Patty Bomba, Carney's Point: shared that she said goodbye to Ben Timberman this morning. She is reminded that he was influential in Women's Services, and with the creation of the Commission on Women and it was very fitting that the presentations were done tonight. She also thanked everyone for their patience and assistance tonight. Director DeCastro stated it is our pleasure, we are proud to be voice for those who cannot speak. We are public servants and here to help.

John Gioa, Pennsville: stated he sent an email to Freeholders last week on behalf of JAM, LLC. He read his email. He stated he understands the County has the intention of moving to a different site. The County has leased the sight for 28 years at the location. He gave two different proposals to turn the site over with no cost to County. There is an environmental issue to resolve, but if the County assumes ownership it is not a problem. He spoke to (Deputy Director) Hassler and Jeff Ridgway and they agreed to meet next week. He made a proposal five years ago, and nothing was acted upon, but believes this to be beneficial to the County. *(Disclaimer: The last proposal was \$400,000 purchase price and would be a cost to the County).*

XII. Executive Closed Session:

Deputy Director Hassler made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding pending litigation. Freeholder Ware seconded the motion. Motion Carried by voice vote.

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			

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:25 PM.

XIII. Meeting reconvened at 8:02 PM.

Resolution to Continue the Suspension of the Arbitration Proceeding Concerning the Salem County Courthouse Facility Lawsuit with the New Jersey Judiciary

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution. No discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. No discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda P. Banks