

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
DECEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton:

Veterans Supervisor Joseph Hannagan, Jr. and Donna Secaur introduced Mason Jones, Future U.S. Marine who lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Freeholder Vanderslice.

Director Acton 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: Cross, DeCastro, Laury, Painter, Vanderslice, Ware and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Freeholder Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. There was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by hand vote of 6/0 with Deputy Director Cross abstaining for not being in attendance.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to waive the rules of the board for the 1 forgoing resolution and add them to tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to accept and file the correspondence reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter.

Freeholder Laury would like to add the following correspondence:

From Robert Rudy, Empire Blended :

To Ben, Bob and Julie;

I want to personally thank you for your efforts on behalf of Empire Blended Products and the community you serve. It has been a refreshing and eye opening experience for me to see the passion and love of the community that you all share and the commitment to the office you hold.

I grew up in a rural farming community in NY and over the years, working more nationally, have lost the home town feeling; you have all brought that back to me and I want to thank you for that. This past weekend, I detoured from our normal route and drove through the town of Hatboro, where my wife and I have resided for the past 41 years and she commented on why I bothered to drive through town instead of by-passing the traffic. I commented, " I want to feel one with the community that we once was very engaged in and forgotten." In our industrialized society, it is easy to forget or take the time to enjoy, support and become involved in our communities, beyond the typical sport programs, etc. You all have reminded me that it does not take extreme effort to support those around us, it just takes caring.

Thank you all for your efforts; the Best of the Thanksgiving Holiday to you and your families.

Bob

Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 6/0/1. Freeholder Painter abstained.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Cheyenne Yelle – Write to Fight – Event for 9th through 12th grade teens through January 7 – February 11th, 6-8pm

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Cross, Painter

R. 2016-391

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948

R. 2016-392

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer Of Funds

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of these two (2) resolutions with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro, Acton

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury

R. 2016-393

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of A Grant From The New Jersey Division Of Disability Services For The County Of Salem

R. 2016-394

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing An Agreement Between The Township Of Lower Alloways Creek And The Salem County Board Of Chosen Freeholders For Award Of A Vehicle Under Section 5310 Program

R. 2016-395

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Reallocating Contract Funding For Providing Various Services For The Salem County Alcohol And Drug Services Office

R. 2016-396

HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing The Freeholder Director And The Clerk Of the Board To Sign The Health Service Grant Application For The 2017 Comprehensive Alcohol And Drug Project

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of the four (4) resolutions with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice

R. 2016-397

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Of Salem County, New Jersey For A Mitigation Plan For Four New Jersey Counties

R. 2016-398

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Authorizing The New Jersey Association Of Counties To File A Complaint With The New Jersey Council On Local Mandates

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of the two (2) resolutions with Freeholder Laury seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Cross wanted to commend the Office of Emergency Management for getting the mitigation plan together and approved for tonight's meeting.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ware, DeCastro, Cross.

R. 2016-399

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Authorizing A Loan Application By The County Of Salem To The USDA To Fund Improvements For A Soon To Be Extended Railroad Right Of Way Owned By The County Of Salem

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of this one (1) resolution with Freeholder DeCastro seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2016-400

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution For Placement Of A Crosswalk Across Hollywood Avenue, County Road #618, Township Of Carneys Point, County Of Salem

R. 2016-401

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #2-Final Centerline Rumble Strip Installation For The County Of Salem, Federal Project #HSP-COOS(762)CON; NJDOT Job #7100324 (Decrease of \$10,689.63)

R. 2016-402

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of New Jersey Department Of Transportation, Local Aid And Economic Development Agreement No. 2016-DT-BLA-FEP-425 For The Resurfacing Of Woodstown Road, County Road #603 In Alloway Township For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Laury moved for the adoption of these three (3) resolutions with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Director Acton stated that there were many events today's including the Triad luncheon which touched base on scam awareness during the holiday season, the Hoopla and at the Queen of Apostles Church disabled and senior citizens were able to make holiday wreaths.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record.

When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Richard Langley, Pennsville – Mentioned that the SJ Times printed an articles above deficits the County is facing, and limited choices to balance the budget.

Director Acton stated that there has been lots of round table discussions pertaining to the budget and that numbers are always changing. Anything can change when it comes to budget workshops which is why it is important they are discussed together.

Mr. Langley also questioned that in lieu of bail reform, he heard there was a layoff plan set in place at the correctional facility and asked if there was any truth to it.

Director Acton stated that she is unaware of such talk.

Deputy Director Cross stated that he has no knowledge of any such plan.

Mr. Langley finally questioned NJAC updates

Director Acton stated that it is being discussed, but a positive outcome is being able to have trials over video conferencing which will save a lot of time and travel with judges and assistant prosecutors.

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that the Freeholder Board passed Resolution 2016-398: Resolution Authorizing The New Jersey Association Of Counties To File A Complaint With The New Jersey Council On Local Mandates, and that the Freeholder Board is doing all they can in response to bail reform.

Freeholder DeCastro stated that Salem County is working with other counties to try and resolve this issue.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point – Questioned the sidewalk project on Bailey Street. Asked if the County can follow up with this project to make it accessible for the residents of Freedom Village.

Freeholder Laury stated that this is a small cities grant and there is a process that has to be followed. He also stated that the acquired land needed more work then originally planned.

Freeholder DeCastro stated her or one of the other Freeholders will reach out to the Mayor of Woodstown for an update.

Warren Weiting, Alloway – Made comments about Pearl Harbor Day and how history repeats himself. He also read the following on ground water aquifers:

The well water evaluated during new home occupancy in Alloway Township, Salem County usually require drinking water conditioners. The primary reason is the homes well is in the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer (KCA). Add to this first water wells are at the depth of leach fields. There are raised bed septic systems (four foot above first water) which emphasize that first water contains leach fields and the chemicals you and your neighbor used on the lawn.

USGS states the KCA "Ground water in this aquifer is typically fresh, acidic, highly corrosive, and low in dissolved solids. Metals including Mercury and Radium (Radon) exceed primary drinking water standards. Note the water in bottle water is never ground water. The closet to well water is mountain streams (rain water). The solution for homes is the same as the commercial water suppliers. Reverse osmosis and ion-exchange. Reverse osmosis can be installed by the family under the kitchen sink. The test for home drinking water is the tank on the toilet. If the bottom of the tank is orange it is an example of rusted (oxidized) formally soluble metals. "Bog Iron" was mined during the seventeenth century. This stuff is obvious, it is soluble metals that meet oxygen for the first time. You are drinking soluble possibly radioactive heavy metals.

Freeholder Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on December 21, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey, with a 5:30pm Workshop Meeting prior.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Laury. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Harker, Clerk of the Board