



## Board of Chosen Freeholders

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 21, 2019

6:30 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Freeholder Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. **Invocation:** Rev. Karla Robinson let the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Freeholder Ware let the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act** was read by Clerk of the Board Stacy Pennington.

**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 and the Fifth Street Office 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
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Deputy Director Scott Griscom	X	
Freeholder Charles Hassler	X	
Freeholder Gordon Ostrum, Jr.	X	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	

#### VI. Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Regular Meeting . Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		x	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	x		X			
Director Laury			x			

#### VII. Special Recognition: None

**VIII. Presentation: None**

**IX. Waiver of the Rules**

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum						
Freeholder Hassler						
Freeholder Ware						
Deputy Director Griscom						
Director Laury						

**X. Public Hearings & Adoptions: None**

**XI. Correspondence:**

**A. General:**

1. County of Sussex Resolution Regarding PL 2018 Chapter 72 Unfunded Mandates
2. County of Ocean Resolution Authorization to File a Complaint with the NJ Council on Local Mandates
3. County of Hunterdon Resolution Authorization to File a Complaint with the NJ Council on Local Mandates
4. Atlantic County Resolution supporting NJAS to file a Complaint with the NJ Council on Local Mandates
5. Letter from Darlene Hurff of Monroeville asking about road resurfacing.
6. New Jersey American Water letter Petitioning to change the levels of its Purchased Waster Adjustment Clause and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Adjustment Clause

**B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

1. Pollution Control Financing Authority January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. SCIA Reorganization and February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept and file the correspondence and minutes, and to be made part of the minutes. No discussion. Motion carried by hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		x	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	x		X			
Director Laury			X			

**XII. 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. Motion carried by hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler		x	X			

Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	x		X			
Director Laury			X			

**XIII. Treasurer's Report: None**

**XIV. Resolutions:**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom**

**B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom**

**C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Ostrum**

C 1.Resolution Amending Resolution 2012-575 to Change the Name and Composition of the Salem County Economic Development Council

C2. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of An Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridge Future Needs Program for Fiscal Year 2019

C3. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2019

C4. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application and Execution of an Agreement for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2019

C5. Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 for the Salem County Railroad Port Area Improvement Project in the City of Salem for the County of Salem

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the five (5) resolutions. No discussion. Passed by hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware		x	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

**D. HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware**

**E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum**

E1. Resolution Accepting Victims of Crime Act Grant Funding For the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy (Grant No. V-20-16)

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the one (1) resolution. No discussion. Passed by hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		x	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

**F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:**

**XV. Freeholder Old Business:** No old business

**XVI. Freeholder New Business:**

Freeholder Ostrom stated he has met with the Economic Development Committee. They want to update the Economic Development Plan 2014-2017, taking the decrease in county population into account. The committee also believe the County should have a free standing Office of Economic Development with a director Would like Freeholder commitment to this idea. Freeholders agreed by voice that they would support this.

Director Laury asked the Board to support the creation of a resolution supporting unfunded mandates.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum	X		X			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

**XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Director Laury stated some FH will be attending the State of the District breakfast on 2/22/19 being held at ERRC in Salem. Director Laury noted that Ceil Smith would be honored at the SCVTS Dinner being held Friday night.

Freeholder Ware announced the Calvary Community Develop Corporation Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday.

**XVIII. Public Comment ( Agenda items or other County Business)**

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

**Public comments**

Gaynel Schneeman, Mannington Township: Ms. Schneeman wanted to know the state of the railroad line for the concrete plant expected in Salem City, as this would provide many jobs for the county. If the funds are there, why has the worked stopped.

Freeholder Hassler responded that the Elm Street switch and line behind the old Anchor building are done. Evaluations are being done on the line and expected to be done in 3-4 weeks.

At this point, Mr. Bob Ruby from Empire Blended mentioned that he could shed more light on the issue. After explaining some of the history of the process, Mr. Ruby stated that Empire was pulling out of the deal to have a business in Salem County. Mr. Ruby stated that this meeting was not the forum for more detailed discussions. Director Laury stated he was open to meeting Mr. Ruby in the near future to further discuss this new development.

Sheila Palmer, Market St., Salem: Ms. Palmer stated he is new to Salem and wanted to know if anything else could be done to save the Empire Concrete business opportunity.

Sherry Mowers, Salem Ms. Mowers stated she moved here 22 years ago with the hope of making Salem a better place to live. What has happened? She is still waiting for any improvements. She has a job in Dover, DE because she can't find anything in Salem County. She stated she may have to move to Delaware because of the long commute.

Kathleen Cruz, Chestnut St., Salem: Ms. Cruz stated she has been in Salem for 17 years and loves it here. She is brokenhearted about the railroad and hearing that Empire (?) is backing out of their deal. She stated that Salem still has lots of good people and they all deserve better jobs and a better community.

Freeholder Hassler stated that the railroad line is ready.

Mr. Ruby stated that he is pulling out of the deal under the assumption that the railroad is not ready. He is not happy with the response from the Freeholders and wants to know what can be done.

Director Laury stated that he will meet with Mr. Ruby and report what happens at the next Freeholder meeting.

Freeholder Hassler stated that he has spent his entire life in Salem County and it trying to support all issues. He mentioned that the Anchor site was purchased and then nothing done with it.

Jim Rowe, Mannington Township: Mr. Rowe is also concerned with the railroad issue and what will be done with Anchor site. He is also hearing rumors about Mannington leaving the county. He sees many empty houses around the county.

Mr. Rowe would also like the Treasurers Report to be read out loud at meetings, not just made available online. He feels this would make all activity more transparent. He would like it on the agenda.

Freeholder Ware responded by asking Mr. Bob Ruby to please make himself available for further discussions.

Mr. Bob Ruby stated he felt like Salem County tried to 'go it alone'; that there was not enough communication between Trenton and the County. He further stated that they have put out over \$1,000,000 on this project and still do not have any billables. He said Empire Blended will not break ground without a viable railroad. He also said he does not feel Salem County can economically support his business.

Gaynel Schneeman again spoke and asked if any of the Freeholders would be attending Sen. Burzichelli's State of the District meeting on Friday morning. She would like them to tell the Senator about the railroad issue.

Sherry Mower again spoke and asked if there were any other business looking at Salem County.

Director Laury responded that another company was looking, and they are working hard on getting more businesses interested.

Kathleen Cruz was again recognized and thanked the Board for working hard, but wanted to know why these things can't be discussed right now.

Freeholder Hassler stated that it would not be correct to announce anything. There are non-disclosure agreements in place.

Debbie, Pierson Road: She would like a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Commissioners Pike and Watsons Mill Road. She has seen many accidents there over the years, including 7 in the last 3 years.

Freeholder Hassler stated that a traffic study is being done now. First, this will need support from the municipality, then Salem County and the Public Works Commission; they a study needs to be done and then the State will get involved.

Kathleen Cruz was again recognized. She stated an issue with the corner of Market and Main streets in Salem City. Director Laury noted that this is a state road and this issue needs to be taken up with the state.

Freeholder Ostrum was recognized and stated that although he is new to the Board, he knows that all here are really committed to Salem County. Hearing from Mr. Ruby about pulling out of Salem City surprised everyone and they were taking it all in. The Economic Development Commission is passionate about moving Salem County forward. He stated is is appreciative of the passion all have for the county. He is trying to 'Turn Passion Into Action'.

Director Laury thanked all the Freeholders for their commitment.

Director Laury announced the next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 at the Olde Courthouse in Salem.

**XIX. Executive Closed Session (if needed)**

**XX. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Passed by voice vote.

<b>Freeholder</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Freeholder Ostrum			X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Respectfully Submitted

Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board