



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2019

6:30 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. **Invocation:** Director Laury led the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act-** was read by Clerk of the Board Brenda Parris Banks.

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
Freeholder Griscom	X	
Freeholder Hassler	X	
Freeholder Laury	X	
Freeholder Ostrum	X	
Freeholder Ware	X	

VI. Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 21, 2018 Regular Meeting and January 8, 2019 Re-organization 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	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

VII. Special Recognition

VIII. Presentation:

Connor and Strong – Over 65 Benefits: Presented information of how the current system works for those retirees who are 65 and older. The employees are enrolled in Medicare and also in AmeriHealth Administrators, carrying two cards and navigating two systems. They presented a new program that would prove a cost savings and allow the retirees to be in a new program that is equal to or better than the current. The new program would be entirely covered by ATENA and they would administer the Medicare process. The cost savings is anticipated to be approximately over \$400,000.00 annually.

Freeholders Hassler, Griscom, and Ostrum asked if the proposed plan would increase cost to seniors or reduce services. Connor and Strong assured the Board that the services are actually increased and because this only affects retirees 65 and older who are on Medicare their doctors wouldn't change.

Director Laury thanked the gentlemen for coming and presenting to the board.

Cherrelle Kowalski, Jet.com: Ms. Kowalski presented to the board the philosophy of Jet.com and stated the many ways that Jet.com is a good neighbor and citizen to the community by the way they have given of donations to numerous organizations. She expressed the concern that Jet.com has had a large turnover in staffing and the need to have a NJ Transit Bus Stop. She expressed the Freeholders could help them be the best neighbor they can be and make a positive impact for today's society, future children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She said a vote yes could change many lives.

Director Laury thanked her for her presentation and stated that the Board does not oversee NJ Transit. Director Laury asked the other Board members if they would be in support of a letter being sent in support of a bus stop. There was no disagreement. Director Laury indicated a letter would be sent to the Third District Legislatures and the Governor. All Freeholders were in favor of the action to right a letter by hand vote.

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

IX. Waiver of the Rules

X. Public Hearings & Adoptions

XI. Correspondence:

A. General:

1. Letter from County of Mercer regarding Resolution No. 2018-601 seeking financial support from both the Federal and State Governments to combat the Emerald Ash Borer which is destroying ash trees in Mercer County and throughout the State of New Jersey.

2. Letter from Atlantic City Electric advising, upon request, may receive a daily list of residential customers of record and premises located within municipality at which electric service was disconnected involuntarily on the proceeding day.
3. Letter from Atlantic City Electric in the matter of the petition of Atlantic City Electric Company for approval of amendments to its tariff to provide for an increase in rates and charges for electric service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and for other appropriate relief (8/2018)
4. Letter from South Jersey Gas in the matter of the petition of South Jersey Gas Company to revise the levels of its societal benefits clause charges and its transportation initiation clause charge (BPU Docket NO. GR18060609).
5. Letter from State of Department of Human Services regarding Calendar Year 2019 County Budget Projections.
6. Letter from the Calvary Community Development Corporation 19th Annual Community Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
7. Letter from Oldmans Township regarding NJ Transit Proposed Bus Stop at Gateway Business Park
8. Letter from NJ American Water regarding the petition of NJ American Water Company, Inc. to change the levels of its purchased water adjustment clause and purchased wastewater (sewerage) treatment clause. (BPU Docket No. WR18111241 & OAL Docket No. PUC 16622-2018S)
9. Letter of resignation from Martin S. Sander from the Construction Board of Appeals effective immediately.
10. Letter from Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders with a copy of their adopted Resolution authorizing the New Jersey Association of Counties, on behalf of Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to file a complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates that P.L. 2018, Chapter 72 constitutes an unfunded state mandate in violation of Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 5 of the New Jersey Constitution.
11. Letter from Andre Crews regarding the City of Salem.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Salem County Improvement Authority minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting.
2. Pollution Control Financing Authority of Salem County December 4, 2018 meeting minutes.
3. Salem County Economic Development Advisory Council Meeting Notes from November 15, 2018.
4. Public Works minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept, file the correspondence and Committee/ Commission minutes and reports be made part of the minutes. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a roll call vote.

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

XII. Payment of Bills and Claims: No bills and claims presented.

XIII. Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report

XIV. Resolutions: Director Laury asked the Freeholders if there were any Resolutions that needed to be read separately this evening. Freeholder Hassler asked that A4 (Resolution 2019- 060) be read separately. Director Laury called upon the Clerk of the Board to read the Resolutions by title.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

2019-057: Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing County Counsel Services for the County of Salem

2019-058: Resolution Awarding a Contract for County Counsel for the County of Salem (Karin M. Wood)

2019-059: Resolution to Awarding a Contract for Special Legal Counsel-Civil Litigation for the County of Salem (Michael M. Mulligan)

2019-061: Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

2019-062: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste (P. Ed McKelvy, Joe Santogtossi, Cynthia Nolan, Joseph McAllister, Timothy Bradway, Luke Patrick, Jr., Thomas Brad Holmes, Mark Oliver, Robert McDade, Joe Crevino, Charles Hughes, Joseph Hannagan, Cynthia Edwards, Edward Meschi, John Hall)

2019-063: Resolution for the Appointment of Member to the South Jersey Planning Organization Citizen's Advisory Committee (Linda DuBois)

2019-064: Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Planning Board (Alaimo Group, John Crawford)

2019-065: Resolution Awarding a Contract for Actuarial Services for the County of Salem (Aquarius Capital Solutions Group, LLC)

2019-066: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Improvement Authority (Susan Bestwick)

2019-067: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Pollution Control Financing Authority (Andrew Ware)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above Resolutions as read. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a hand vote.

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

2019-060: Resolution Awarding a Contract for Financial Consultant for the County of Salem (Katie B. Coleman)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above Resolution. During discussion, Freeholder Hassler indicated the CFO does an excellent job and we already an Auditor, Bond Counsel. To add an extra layer, regardless of who it is, doesn't make sense to add a fourth layer when it is not necessary and not cost effective. No further discussion. Motion Carried by a roll call vote.

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

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

2019-068: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Ayars Farm, Elsinboro Township

2019-069: Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on David Schaeffer Farm, Pilesgrove Township

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above Resolutions. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a 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			

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

2019-070: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Cumberland/ Salem/ Cape May Workforce Development Board (Lou Joyce, Thomas Wysocki)

2019-071: Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #9 – Final, 2013 County Aid Road Program for the County of Salem

2019-072: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals (Eric Krise, James McKelvie, Diana Ford)

2019-073: Resolution Awarding a Contract for Engineer Firm for the County of Salem (Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers/ Architects)

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

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

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

2019-074: Resolution Authorizing Extension to a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Gloucester and Salem County

2019-075: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Advisory Council, Office on Aging (Julie McCoy, Harvey Saunders, Jose Sanchez)

2019-076: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Transportation Advisory Council for the Casino Revenues, Office on Aging (Ann Richman, Barbara Haley)

2019-077: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Salem (Margaret J. Nicolosi)

2019-078: Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Board of Social Services (Brenda Goins)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above Resolutions. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a hand vote.

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

Director Laury recognized Brenda Goins who was in the audience and thanked her for her service on the Board of Social Services. He also welcomed Karin Wood as County Counsel and thanked Linda DuBois for her service on the South Jersey Planning Organization Citizen's Advisory Committee. All were appointed to their respective positions during tonight's meeting.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

2019-079: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding

2019-080: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding

2019-081: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Grant Funding for the Prosecutor's Office (Federal Award Identification No. 1 NU90TP921971-01-00)

2019-082: Resolution Authorizing to Accept Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Performance Grant NO. FY18-EMPG-EMAA-1700 CFDA#:97.042 in the Amount of \$55,000.00

2019-083: Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (Nunc Pro Tunc)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above Resolutions. No discussion followed. Motion Carried by a hand vote.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware			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: No new business.

XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:

Director Laury announced that the Commission on women will have one open seat remaining due to the passing of Peggy Kavanaugh. That seat will remain vacant out of respect to Peggy. She was a great women and appreciate her service on the Commission on Women board. He thanked the family of Peggy Kavanaugh for her service.

Freeholder Lee Ware stated it was ironic that Salem City had an active shooter incident on Wednesday morning as that evening the Sheriff's Office held their Critical Incident training at the Salem County Vo-technical School District. There were 250 law enforcement and first responders attending that training. It is mind boggling as you never know when this type of incident can happen and the importance of preparation. He thanked Sheriff Miller, Undersheriff/ Warden Cuzzupe for their excellent and very informative training and those in the field for their expertise during the incident in Salem City.

Freeholder Hassler stated that this is his home town and the impact of the active shooter incident.. He was also locked down in the Fifth Street offices and expressed the safety aspect and having officers stationed in the buildings. He also indicated that this is the last meeting Brenda will be here as Clerk of the Board. He thanked her for the terrific she's done.

Freeholder Ware seconded Freeholder Hassler's comments and stated that during the last two years she has kept him abreast as he is not up-to-date with technology. He now looks to Stacy Pennington (who will be serving as Deputy Clerk of the Board for the interim) to carry on that role.

Director Laury also thanked Brenda for a great job. He also stated the first responders did a great job. All officers responding about 2:00 PM in Elmer they were flying by. Very appreciative of their service and assuring no one got hurt. He thanked the Sheriff's Officers who were in the audience.

Freeholder Ostrum stated there is a new business in the county. He recently was informed of a new bakery in Woodstown and wanted to welcome them to the area.

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

Joseph Hannagan, Veterans Affairs: Joe sated any success he has had in the last year or so was because of the assistance of Brenda Parris Banks whom he thanked. He shared that she has

supported and helped with every program, such as, the Medal Ceremony, the Military Enlistee and backed him up.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point: Patty stated that she has concerns with Code Blue in Salem County. She thought when it went under the responsibility of the county it would be improved; however, still having difficulty getting volunteers. Last week there were two cancelations because there were no volunteers. She stated if any ideas how to improve services in the county it would be appreciative. Director Laury questioned if it was under the Sheriff. Patty also stated that she is a mother of a first grader who was at St. James when there was a school active shooter many years ago. She expressed whatever we can do to keep community safe she expressed her thanks. She appreciates what our law enforcement does.

Brian Pio, Lower Alloways Creek: Introduced himself as the Salem County Corrections Officers PPA union representative. He would like to have open dialogue and meetings to discuss concerns and hopefully the board can help with safety and security. Also to help bring relations with other counties to save money with the jail. There are security issues and would like a private setting to discuss. He looks forward to working together in Salem County.

Heather Simone, Mannington: Heather discussed that the re-organization documents from various municipalities indicated there is \$30,000 going to Vineland Shelter. She stated take that amount and times it by 9 municipalities. Pennsville does have their own shelter. She said that is the amount paid there are still costs for transportation, to euthanize. She provided the statistics of animals euthanized and stated that often residents are not aware that animals end up in Vineland or Voorhees. We need to keep in county and have a shelter in the County. She stated that Pennsville is not full and she proposes not sending animals out of County. There are cost benefits to having the municipalities join together for a County-wide shelter. Director Laury indicated that Sheriff Miller had previously looked into a program a few years ago and maybe we need to him kick-start that again. Director Laury stated that Cape May County through donations receives more than the amount needed for salaries.

Jody Sauldermilch, Pennsville: Stated she is the Vice President of Forever Friends in Pennsville. This is an organization who is more than willing to volunteer to help at a County Animal Shelter. Stated the County needs a TMR (Trap, Neuter, and Release) program that works. We need a County-wide shelter. The TNR is one way to keep the cat population under control. The organizations need to come together to do TNR program. She expressed there is a real need for animal control in the County. Pennsville does have a shelter. If there is a building that could be donated and bring all the separate rescues together, they could be able to apply and get grants and they would be able to get food from Jet.com instead of putting animals down. We could save lives and money.

Director Laury asked Freeholder Hassler that the Shared Services committee look into this and with the Sheriff regarding the previous research he did on a county-wide program..

XIX. Executive Closed Session (if needed) – None.

XX. Adjournment

Director Laury reminded everyone of the next meeting date and location. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Motion Carried by a hand vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda P. Banks
 Clerk of the Board