



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2019 4:00 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
- II. **Invocation:** Director Laury gave a short prayer, followed by a blessing from Rev. Sonita Johnson of St. John's Pentecostal Outreach Church in Salem, NJ
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Joseph Hannagan, Director of Veterans Affairs led the Pledge.
- IV. **Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** read by Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board.

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 |
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| Director Benjamin Laury | X | |
| Deputy Director Scott Griscom | X | |
| Freeholder Charles Hassler | X | |
| Freeholder Gordon Ostrum, Jr. | X | |
| Freeholder Lee Ware | X | |

Voice roll call: A quorum was present

VI. Minutes:

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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

Hand vote 5-0

VII. Special Recognition: None

VIII. Presentation: None

IX. Waiver of the Rules: E5 Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-302 for Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Grant (Subaward No. OHH-17-2019) for the Prosecutor's Office

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

Hand vote 5-0

X. Public Hearings & Adoptions: None

XI. Correspondence:

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

Hand vote 5-0

A. General:

1. Quinton Township Resolution Supporting the County of Salem Study to Research a County-Wide School System
2. NJ Transit Public Hearing Notice
3. Elsinboro Township Resolution Supporting the County of Salem Study to Research a County-Wide School System
4. Letter from Atlantic City Electric Notice of Filings and Public Hearings
5. Letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding enhancements in Salem City, Alloway, Mannington, Pilesgrove and other parts of Salem County.

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Public Works Committee Meeting June 5, 2019
2. Public Works Committee Meeting July 17, 2019

XII. Payment of Bills and Claims:

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

Hand vote 5-0

XIII. Treasurer's Report: None

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

A1 Amendment to Resolution 2019-007 to Amend Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

A2 Resolution Urging Governor Phil Murphy and the NJ State Legislature to Permanently Extend the 2.0% Cap on Binding Interest Arbitration

A3 Resolution for Check Cancellation

A4 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Sign the 2019 Shared Service Agreement Providing Equipment, Labor and Services for Salem County Municipalities

A5 Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for the Procurement of Commissary Services and Catering Food Service for the Salem County Correctional Facility Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-4.3

A6 Resolution Authorizing a Letter of Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Communication Workers of America Local 1085

A7 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Work First New Jersey Funds from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development

A8 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Freeholder Griscom requested that these eight (8) Resolutions only be voted on together.

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

Hand vote 5-0 to separate these eight (8) Resolutions from the rest of the Administrative Resolutions.

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

Hand vote 5-0 to pass these eight (8) Resolutions above.

A9 Resolution Establishing a Fair and Open Process for the Awarding of a Professional Services Contract for Unified Salem County School District Restructuring Feasibility Study

Freeholder Griscom asked that this Resolution be tabled due to funding issues.

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

Hand vote 5-0 to table this Resolution.

B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - None

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

C1 Resolution Awarding a Contract for FY 2017 Mill and Overlay Resurfacing Program New Bridge Road, County Road #623 in Lower Alloways Creek Township and Watsons Mill Road, County Road #672 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem NJDOT Job #7101315

C2 Resolution Establishing a No Passing School Zone Shirley Road, County Road #611 in Upper Pittsgrove Township, Salem County

C3 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Traffic Engineering Consultant Services for the County of Salem SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program

Director Laury noted that C2 above was necessary due to the opening of a charter school at that location.

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

Hand vote 5-0.

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

D1 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Accept and Execute the 2019-2020 Right to Know Grant

D2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant From the State of New Jersey for the 2019-2020 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness

D3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation 2019 Healthy Salem-Health Body Grant

D4 Resolution Approving the Submission of a Proposal to NJ Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for Area Plan Grant

D5 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the State of NJ for the 2019-2020 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project Grant

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

Hand vote 5-0.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution of the Board of the Chosen Freeholders to Accept RERP 966 Funds from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem
- E2 Resolution Appointing the Fire Official for the County of Salem
- E3 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for the Prosecutor’s Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program
- E4 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for the Sheriff’s Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program
- E5 Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-302 for Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Grant (Subaward No. OHH-17-2019) for the Prosecutor’s Office

| 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 | | | |

Hand vote 5-0.

F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:

- F1 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – 2019-2020 RERP (NJOEM)
- F2 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – Public Health Preparedness to Bioterrorism
- F3 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – 2019 Healthy Salem-Healthy Body
- F4 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – Right to Know
- F5 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention
- F6 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – Work First NJ Allocation

F7 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, PL 1948 – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Allocation

Deputy Director Griscom noted that these Resolutions were to add funds to the budget.

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

Hand vote 5-0.

XV. Freeholder Old Business: None

XVI. Freeholder New Business: None

XVII. Freeholder Public Announcements:

Freeholder Hassler announced that Salem County has received \$4.9 million from NJ Dept of Transportation and \$1.2 million for the Local Bridge Fund. This is double from what we have received in the past because of the increased gasoline tax.

Director Laury noted that the Centerton Bridge project is budgeted about \$2 million. Another bridge project is budgeted at about \$1 million.

Freeholder Hassler wanted to mention again that the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall would be coming to Salem County from 9/25 through 9/30. It will be displayed in Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville, NJ. He thanked Joe Hannagan, VA Officer and Freeholder Griscom for their work with the committee. He encouraged all to visit sometime during the display. He said it is a very moving experience.

Freeholder Ostrum noted that our Veterans Affairs Officer, Joe Hannagan, was very involved with the committee bringing the wall to our county and thanked him for all his hard work.

Director Laury had a few more items to note:

- The annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held on 9/11/19 at 7:00 pm at the OEM Building, 135 Cemetery Road, Pilesgrove, NJ
- The county received a \$300,000 rebate from our insurance company (prescription copays)
- The latest quarterly newsletter from the Salem County Historical Society has amazing information about Salem County, including the Salem Oak tree. He encouraged all to get a copy and to get on their mailing list for future editions.

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.

Joanne Nacucchio, Quinton, NJ

Ms. Nacucchio is on the School Board for Quinton Township. She wanted to make sure that the municipal School Boards would be included in the County-wide School System Feasibility Study. She noted that they have shared service agreements with another school district as a way to provide school services at a lower cost to the municipality.

Director Laury noted that this is a Feasibility Study to see what a county-wide school system would look like. Freeholder Hassler mentioned that he would like to see this study also.

Mr. Jeff Norkunas, Oak Street, Salem, NJ

Mr. Norkunas asked what is the total of grants received as voted on during this meeting. Treasurer Hannigan noted that the amounts are in each resolution these are posted on the website. Mr. Norkunas stated it would be nice to have a total told during the meeting.

Mr. Norkunas also noted how local schools have very low ratings and that our young people are being left behind other districts. Director Laury noted that the majority of municipalities support the County-wide School System Feasibility Study.

XIX. Executive Closed Session

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem – Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege

Director Laury noted that no action would be taken during this closed session.

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

Hand vote 5-0.

XX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

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

Hand vote 5-0.

Next Meeting Date

September 18, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting

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