

2020 Reorg Meeting
January 6, 2020
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Good Evening and Thank You fellow freeholders,

Congratulations to our new County Clerk – Dale Cross, and the re-election of Lee Ware and Scott Griscom.

Most of you know what my wife of over 40 years has been through this year. Her continuing determination is an inspiration to me. I did not know how much your better half means when she is not by your side. We are truly a blessed family to have her with us today and recovering. I want to thank my daughter Brittany for filling today.

We would also like to recognize in no particular order

Lindwood Donelson – President of the board of Salem County Votech

Nicki Burke – Salem County Surrogate

Julie Acton – Former Freeholder Director

Bob Vanderslice – Former Freeholder Director

Judge Adam Telsey

Dr. Mike Gorman – President of Salem Community College

Sheriff Chuck Miller

Judge Jean Chetney

Warden John Cuzzupe

We would continue by recognizing all those that are or have been elected to public office PLEASE STAND

Speaking of the freeholder board. Salem County is blessed to have each of these four serving as freeholders. (Lee Ware, Scott Griscom, Charlie Hassler, and Mickey Ostrum).

Dr. Fiore Copare, Mayor of Pittsgrove, quoted Thomas Jefferson just last week. "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government" I feel this board holds to that statement (repeat).

We have a lot of difficult issues to work out over the next year or two, but we are looking forward to the challenges and continue to make Salem County a great place to live and work.

I wish also to thank our administrative staff for the great job they are doing and to thank all the employees of Salem County for their everyday efforts.

Finally, Thank you to all the residents for allowing us to serve you, the people of Salem County. And God Bless Salem County