



Board of Chosen Freeholders

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2020 - 6:00 PM

Live Stream, 110 5th Street Salem, New Jersey

I. Call to Order: Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Invocation: Director Laury offered the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Laury led the Pledge.

IV. Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act

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 (via speaker phone)	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X (via speaker phone)	

A quorum was present.

Director Laury informed all that a Bond would be voted on tonight. If there any comments, please type them onto the Facebook Live feed at any time now and they will be addressed when the Bond is discussed.

VI. Minutes:

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 1, 2020 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

VII. Special Recognition: None**VIII. Presentation:** None**IX. Waiver of the Rules**

D2 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment services for the Salem County Alcohol and Drug Services Office

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

X. Correspondence:**A. General:**

1. Monmouth County Resolution opposing the Williams/NESE Raritan Bay Pipeline

B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

XII. Payment of Bills and Claims:

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

XIII. Treasurer's Report: None

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

Director Laury requested that A1 and A2 be discussed and voted on separately.

Regarding A1: Discussion, with input from County Counsel, Karin Wood, noted that a 'nay' vote would mean disagreement with the arbitration panel determination.

- A1 Resolution Declaring Board's Agreement with Determination of Arbitration Panel Finding Salem County Courthouse Facilities to be Deemed Inadequate

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		

Roll call vote: rejected 5-0

Regarding A2: Discussion, with input with County Counsel, Karin Wood, noted that an 'aye' vote would acknowledge the County's legal obligation to comply with the arbitration panel determination. Freeholder Hassler noted that we are required, by law, to make the changes to the Courthouse. The Board will try to keep costs to a minimum.

- A2 Resolution Acknowledging Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholder's Legal Obligation to Comply with the Arbitration Determination/Order

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

- A3 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2020 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1

- A4 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2020-012 Appointing a Special Projects Architect for the County of Salem

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

B. AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom: NONE

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

- C1 Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 Centerton Traffic Signal Improvements Almond Road, County Road #540 and Centerton Road, County Road #553 in Pittsgrove Township for the County of Salem Federal Project No. CMAG-0553(353) NJDOT Job No. 7110317
- C2 Resolution to Approve Alloway Fire Department Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115
- C3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Greenwich Street, County Road #540, Main Street, County Road #581 and Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #540 in Alloway Township, Salem County
- C4 Resolution Approving Engineering Scope Amendment "A" to Change Order No. 1 for 2018 Professional Engineering Technical Assistance Construction Management for the Replacement of Murphy's Bridge, County Bridge #1711-111 for the County of Salem
- C5 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 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 No. 7101315

Freeholder Hassler noted that C2 and C3 would occur only if the restrictions on public gatherings are lifted.

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

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

- D1 Amending Resolution 2019-204 for the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities to Accept a Grant for State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- D2 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services for the Salem County Alcohol and Drug Services Office

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

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Environmental Review for the Continuum of Care Program

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET: NONE

XV. Public Hearings & Adoptions:

Adoption of Ordinance 2020-002

Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Courthouse and the Administration Building and the Construction of an Adjoining Addition thereto, by and in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$40,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing \$38,095,000 Bonds or Notes of the County to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof

1. Motion to Open the Public Hearing

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

2. Motion to Close the Public Hearing

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

3. Motion and Vote to Adopt Ordinance 2020-002

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

XVI. Freeholder Old Business: None**XVII. Freeholder New Business: None****XVIII. Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Freeholder Hassler thanked all County employees for their patience with the Board during this pandemic. He noted that it's a difficult time for all and we don't know when we will return to 'normal'. He also noted everyone is doing a great job.

Freeholder Ostrum thanked the nurses and Sheriff's Dept. for excellent work with the drive-through test site.

Director Laury noted how the County website is being kept up-to-date with all pandemic information. He noted that last few days had lower numbers and hopes that will continue.

Deputy Director Griscom asked everyone to keep doing the best they can and hope for the best outcome.

Freeholder Ware noted everyone doing their best and that "this, too, shall pass."

Director Laury again noted the County Administration doing a great job and also the cleaning crew keeping the buildings in good shape.

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

Anyone wishing to comment please submit your name and address with your commit for the public record. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time. All comments must be submitted prior to the close of the meeting so the Freeholder's may address.

Tim Mangold, Mannington had some questions:

1. Are CODIV test available through the private labs in the County, i.e. Quest and LabCorp? If not, why is that the case?

Director Laury noted that he thinks they are available, but only if ordered by a doctor.

2. How many people requested appointments for testing at the drive-through site this week, and how many were served?

Figures are only available for Tuesday so far: 47 requested and 31 qualified for testing.

Next time is tomorrow, Thursday. Also drive through will be held on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Director Laury noted that 350 tests were purchased. He thanked PSEG for paying for these tests.

3. Mr. Mangold also asked about improving the Salem County website to better inform the public.

Deputy County Administrator, Stacy Pennington, noted that we know the website can be improved. She noted that every day, a Fact Sheet and Update are posted. Also, we will start putting weekly municipality numbers on the site. All of this is posted between 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm to provide the most current information. She invited anyone to contact her via email or phone and she will answer questions.

Bill Hart asked where is Director Laury's mask.

Director Laury is maintaining his 6 ft. separation from everyone at the meeting.

Director Laury then noted that the most COVID-19 positive cases in the County are in the more populated areas within the County.

XX. Executive Closed Session (if needed)

Director Laury announced that the Executive Session would require about 15 minutes and that there might be a resolution to be voted on when the Board returns from Executive Session. The meeting will go back on live-stream immediately after Executive Session.

E1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem – matters relating to the employment relationship

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Motion and Vote to end Executive Session

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

XXI. Additional Resolution

Director Laury announced an additional Administrative Resolution up for vote.

Resolution of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a \$1,893.852 Emergency Temporary Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 to Provide Funds to Pay Contractual Fees of USA architects in Connection with the Salem County Courthouse Addition and Administration Building Improvements.

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

XXII. Adjournment

Motion and vote to adjourn the meeting.

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			

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Next Meeting Date

May 6, 2020

Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM Meeting

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