



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 20, 2020 - 6:00 PM  
 Live Stream 110 5<sup>th</sup> Street Salem

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

**Invocation:** Director Laury offered an Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Laury led everyone in the pledge.

**Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Read by Stacy Pennington, COB.

**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.

**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 (via speaker phone)	

A quorum was present.

**Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 6, 2020. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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

**Special Recognition:** None

**Presentation:** None

**Waiver of the Rules**

A9 Resolution Waiving the Interest a Municipality is Required to Pay the County

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

**Public Hearings & Adoptions:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-002 RE-INTRODUCTION**

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 for the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-002
2. Roll Call Vote
3. Public Hearing and Final Adoption is set for June 3, 2020

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

**Correspondence:**

1. *General*
  - Letter Supporting the Creation of a Flag for South Jersey
2. *Committee and Commission Minutes and Reports*
  - Public Works Committee Minutes 3-11-2020

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

**Payment of Bills and Claims:**

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

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

**Treasurer’s Report:** None

**Resolutions:**

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

A1 Resolution Urging Governor Murphy to Re-Open Salem County

Resolution A1, above, was ready in full and voted on separately.

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

- A2 Resolution to Amending the Policy and Procedure Handbook
- A3 Resolution Appointing A Member to the Salem County Agricultural Development Board
- A4 Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-247 Awarding a Contract for Procuring Voting Machines and Support Services for the County of Salem County
- A5 Resolution Awarding a Contract Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center Training Facility Restroom Renovation
- A6 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check
- A7 Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Emergency Repairs to Elevator
- A8 Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Emergency Repairs to Fire Alarm System
- A9 Resolution Waiving the Interest a Municipality is Required to Pay the County

Resolutions A2 through A9, above, were voted on as a group.

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 Resolution to Approve a State Equipment Use Agreement  
 C2 Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Execution of an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY 2020 Salem County Railroad Rehabilitation Program – Chestnut Run Culvert Replacement Under the Rail Freight Assistance Program Agreement No. 7115328  
 C3 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 Removal of Beam Guide Rail and Installation of Beam Guide Rail at Various Locations Throughout the County of Salem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Option

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 Resolution for the Completion of the Federal 2020 Annual Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance as Required by New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 5311 Rural Transportation Grant  
 D2 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Chair and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the Health Service Grant Application for the 2020-2021 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness  
 D3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to Provide Creative and Sustainable Ideas in Opioid Use Disorder.

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 to Approve a Lease Agreement for the Woodstown National Guard Armory Annex for the county of Salem  
 E2 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of a Contract for Group Health insurance and Administration for the Salem County Correctional Facility  
 E3 Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy [V-17-19]

E4 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing Application for a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office From the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program

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

**F. CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:** None

**Freeholder Old Business:** None

**Freeholder New Business:** None

**Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Freeholder Ostrum mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day, and in particular, the Quirk family of Salem County who had nine sons serve in the military during World War II.

Director Laury noted that the Resolution to re-open Salem County, which passed tonight, would be immediately hand-carried to the Governor by Assemblyman Burzichelli. He also thanked the members of the Re-Opening Task Force for their assistance.

Freeholder Hassler also offered his thanks to the Task Force. He also noted that residents should be aware of scammers taking advantage of the pandemic.

- Banks and credit card companies will not call you for information. Do not answer personal questions over the phone.

Freeholder Ostrum also noted this scam:

- Callers claiming to be "contact tracing" for the pandemic. You may be called, but you will never be asked for your social security number, bank information or insurance information.

Director Laury thanked all county employees for their dedication during this time. In particular, he thanked June Sieber, Director of the Health Dept., for her tireless efforts. She is completing a commercial with the Mental Health Board focusing on how to get the help you may need during this pandemic. This should begin airing in the next week or so.

Director Laury also noted the deaths of two people: Bob Jack, former Pennsville mayor; and Joe Dyer, former superintendent of the Salem County Juvenile Detention Center.

**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.

Sharon Coleman – Declare SC a sanctuary state against Governor Murphy's edicts.

Cheryl Nelson – Thank you for supporting our local small businesses, and our local communities.

Joanne Nacucchio – If we reopen we need to strictly enforce the use of masks and cosial distancing. I don't see approval of a vaccine for at least 18 months.

Patty Bomba - Please add my thanks to the others, but I do have concerns with the IMMEDIATE opening of all businesses. People are still dying from this thing. I lost an aunt last week. But I also have friends and family who own small business. I just hope people use caution.

Jeff MacMaster – For upcoming open discussion. As VA of the Woodstown Fourth of July Parade committee, would like to discuss – tomorrow evening we meet to more forward with the parade or cancel. The trustees would appreciate any input the board may have at this time.

*Director Laury noted as long as it could be handled safely, he would love to see this continue. It's a great way to celebrate our heritage.*

Director Laury read a thank you note to a county nurse from a resident for the excellent care given during the Covid-19 drive-thru test at the Salem County Fairgrounds.

Director Laury thanked PSEG for supporting the county efforts during the pandemic. He also thanked Southern Jersey Family Medical Center for their help with testing. Lastly, the school nurses have been a big help volunteering their time.

**Executive Closed Session:** None

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

**Next Meeting Date**  
 June 3, 2020  
 Electronic Media Platform **4:00 PM** Meeting  
 110 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079