



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2020

4:00 PM

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

**Call to Order** Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**Invocation:** Freeholder Hassler provided the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Laury invited everyone to recite the pledge together.

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

**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	

A quorum was present.

**Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 24, 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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Special Recognition: None****Presentation: None****Waiver of the Rules**

A4 Amendment to Resolution 2020-007 to Establish Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

E2 Resolution Endorsing the County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement and Youth Services Commission's 2021 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Innovations Proposals and Authorizing the County of Salem to Apply to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Grant Funding of \$120,000.00 for the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Correspondence:**

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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**General:**

1. County of Mercer Resolution Recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month
2. County of Mercer Resolution Supporting Black Lives Matter Movement
3. Atlantic City Electric letter Notice of Filing and Public Hearing
4. Township of Pilesgrove Resolution Supporting Aerial Line High Speed Internet Service
5. County of Warren Resolution Urging Coronavirus Relief to the Counties with Populations of 500,000 or less

**Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

1. Public Works May Committee Meeting
2. Public Works July Committee Meeting
3. SCIA Meeting Minutes July 9 Regular Meeting

**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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Treasurer's Report: None****Resolutions:****A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom**

- A1 Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold for the County of Salem
- A2 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Economic Development Council
- A3 Resolution to Appoint Members Additional Members to the Salem County Youth Services Commission
- A4 Amendment to Resolution 2020-007 to Establish Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

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: passed 5-0

**B. AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE - Ware, Griscom**

- B1 Resolution for an Addendum to Resolution 2019-285 Accepting Cultural & Heritage Commission 2020 Grant dollars from the New Jersey Historical Commission and New Jersey State Council for the Arts

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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Hassler, Ostrum**

- C1 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2019 County Aid Improvement Program
- C2 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of New Jersey Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Federal Aid Agreement No. 20-DT-BLA-812 for the Design of South Greenwich Street/Telegraph Road, County Road #540, Phase 1, in Alloway Township for the County of Salem Federal Project No. STGBP-0540(300), NJDOT Job No. 7101316
- C3 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements of Willow Grove Road, County Road #639 for the County of Salem Federal Project No. STBGP-SJ-0639(303) NJDOT Job #7110320

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

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

- D1 Resolution Authorizing Termination of a Vehicle Sub Lease Between the County of Salem and Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center
- D2 Resolution Authorizing Termination of a Vehicle Lease Between the County of Salem and New Jersey Transit
- D3 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the Integration of a Salem County Overdose Fatality Review Team
- D4 Resolution Approving Changer Order #3 for South Jersey Legal Services
- D5 Resolution Approving Changer Order #6 for Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center
- D6 Resolution Approving Change Order #4 for Puerto Rican Action Committee (Transportation)
- D7 Resolution Approving Change Order #5 for Puerto Rican Action Committee (Housekeeping)
- D8 Resolution to Accept Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for Coronavirus Response
- D9 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for COVID-19 Related Response Activities
- D10 Resolution to Accept Funding From the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
- D11 Resolution to Accept Funding From the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES)
- D12 Resolution Amending the FY 2020 Update of the Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan

D13 Resolution Amending the FY 2021 Update of the 2021-2025 Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan

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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**E. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum**

- E1 Resolution Accepting Victims of Crime Act Grant Funding for the Prosecutors Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program [Grant No. V-17-19]
- E2 Resolution Endorsing the County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement and Youth Services Commission's 2021 Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Innovations Proposals and Authorizing the County of Salem to Apply to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Grant Funding of \$120,000.00 for the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

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			

Hand vote: passed 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, P.L. 1948 - S. Greenwich/Telegraph Road
- F2 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - VOCA Grant
- F3 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Local Arts Program
- F4 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - NJACCHO LHD COVID-19 Related Response Activities
- F5 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Area Plan Grant

F6 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Area Plan Grant

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			

**Freeholder Old Business:** None

**Freeholder New Business:**

Director Laury noted that the successful Bond Sale on July 7, 2020. We can look forward to the start of the courthouse remodel in the near future.

Freeholder Hassler mentioned that two companies are looking into Salem County to locate their business. He is happy that companies are seriously considering our area for the future. Director Laury asked about the DuPont location in Deepwater. FH Hassler hoped for an announcement about that later in the year.

**Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Director Laury noted the lack of announcements due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**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.

Director Laury noted technical difficulties with the live feed. Any comments from this feed will be addressed at the next meeting.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point - Ms. Bomba asked for more information about the courthouse remodel. Deputy Director Griscom provided some overall information. County Counsel noted that some items are still in dispute, so more details could not yet be given.

Ms. Bomba also noted how businesses are suffering during this pandemic and urged everyone to support local by shopping local.

**Executive Closed Session:**

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

<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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

Motion to end Executive Session.

<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			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

### **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			
Freeholder Hassler		X	X			
Freeholder Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

### **Next Meeting Date**

August 19, 2020  
 Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting  
 Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079