



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2020

4:00 PM

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

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

**Invocation:** Director Laury offered a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Laury led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act:** Read by Stacy L. 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.

**Attendance Roll Call:** Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, took 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 July 15, 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:** Covid-19 Response Volunteers who assisted the Dept of Health

Freeholder Mickey Ostrum read a Citation, which was presented to the Covid-19 Response Volunteers. He noted that the volunteers worked on the frontline alongside the Health Dept. employees. Director Laury thanked the volunteers, noted what a blessing they are to the county, and that the testing site could not have run so well without them.

**Presentation:** None

**Waiver of the Rules:**

**A10** Resolution for Check Cancellation

**A11** Resolution Authorizing County Counsel to Enter Into a Consent Order Dismissing Litigation Captioned State of New Jersey Judiciary Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage, Plaintiff V. Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Defendant, Docket No.: BUR-L-1707-17

**A12** Resolution for Emergency Appropriation-Unusual Storm Event in 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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Public Hearings & Adoptions:** None

**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

**A. General:**

1. SJ Gas Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing (universal service fund)
2. DOT letter regarding the 2021 County Aid Program
3. Letter from the Secretary of the Interior regarding a National Garden of American Heroes
4. Resolution from Frelinghuysen Township asking for support in urging Governor Murphy to provide financial aid to counties that did not receive CARES money
5. Resolution from Oldmans Township requesting a singular speed limit on certain roads.
6. NJ American Water Notice of Public Hearings
7. Resolution from Monmouth County opposing the exclusive use of mail-in ballots.

8. SJ Gas Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing (tariff rates)
9. Atlantic City Electric Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing (universal Service Fund)
10. Township of Pilesgrove Planning/Zoning Board Notice of Hearing
11. Resolution from Ocean County strongly encouraging in-person voting.
12. Resolution from Morris County strongly encouraging in-person voting
13. Resolution from the Township of Liberty urging Gov Murphy to reimburse county governments with populations less than 500,000 for COVID 19 expenses
14. Resolution from Warren County opposing the exclusive use of mail in ballots for the November 2020 general election

**B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

1. SCIA July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Payment of Bills and Claims**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** None

**Resolutions:**

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

- A1** Resolution Opposing the Indefinite Closure of Fort Mott for the Benefit of Other New Jersey Counties
- A2** Resolution Approving Certain Building Components Be Specified as Proprietary Items in the Bid Documents for the Salem County Courts Additional and Renovations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Building
- A3** Resolution to Correct a Resolution Numbering Error
- A4** Resolution for the Appointment of Members to the Salem County Disability Advisory Board
- A5** Resolution Certifying the Review of the 2018 Audit of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
- A6** Resolution Accepting the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) 2018 Election Security Physical Security Remediation Grant for the Salem County Board of Elections
- A7** Resolution Strongly Encouraging the Right of In-Person Machine Voting for the November 3, 2020 General Election
- A8** Resolution Authorizing the Application to and Accepting Funding for the 2020 Cares Act Grant for Salem County Board of Elections and County Clerk
- A9** Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-204 Authorizing an Extension to the Contract for the Purchase of Election materials for the County of Salem

**A10** Resolution for Check Cancellation**A11** Resolution Authorizing County Counsel to Enter Into a Consent Order Dismissing Litigation Captioned State of New Jersey Judiciary Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage, Plaintiff V. Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Defendant, Docket No.: BUR-L-1707-17**A12** Resolution for Emergency Appropriation-Unusual Storm Event in the County of Salem

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

**B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom****B1** Resolution to Apply for a Grant From Atlantic City Electric – An Exelon Company to Support the Music Around the County 2021 Concerts

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 Approving the Execution of Change Order #4 Removal of Beam Guide Rail at Various Locations Throughout the County of Salem, 2<sup>nd</sup> year option**C2** Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic 7<sup>th</sup> Annual cow Run Event Kings Highway, County #620, Haines Neck Road, County Road #631 and By-Pass Road, County #540, in Pilesgrove Township and Mannington Township, in the County of Salem County**C3** Resolution to Approve Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115**C4** Resolution Declaring an Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Make Emergency Repairs

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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

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

- D1** Resolution Approving Change Order #8 For Meals on Wheels of Salem County of Salem  
**D2** Resolution Approving Change Order #7 for Puerto Rican Action Committee  
**D3** Resolution Amending the FY20 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project Grant  
**D4** Resolution Awarding a Competitive Contract for Facilitating Events, Activities, and Trips for the Clients of the Salem County Office of alcohol and Substance Abuse Service Under the County Based Innovative Grant Program  
**D5** Resolution to Accept Funding from NJ Transit for Coronavirus Response Through NJ Cares Act Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Transportation

<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	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

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

- E1** Resolution Awarding a Renewal Contract for Supplying and Delivering Sheriff and Correctional Officers' Uniforms, Correctional Facility Maintenance Department Uniforms, and Communication Center Uniforms for the County of Salem  
**E2** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Program Grant Application from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice for the Sheriff's Office  
**E3** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Program Grant Application from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office  
**E4** Resolution Authorizing the Trade-in of Three Evinrude Model E55MRLAF Outboard Motors for one 9.9 EH 4Stroke Outboard Motor Including Gas Tank, Fuel Hose and Kit to Retrofit to Boat  
**E5** Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving a Grant Application with the NJ Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office [SART/FNE Grant No. VS-38-19]  
**E6** Resolution Approving Participation with the State of NJ Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy [Grant No. V-17]  
**E7** Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Grant [Victim Witness Advocacy Grant V-17-17]  
**E8** Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Grant [Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Opioid Grant G-02-41-784-19H-303]  
**E9** Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Grant [Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Opioid Grant FYOHH-13-2019 and G-02-41-784-20D-303]  
**E10** Resolution Amending the Extension of a Contract with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Provision of Transportation Services for Veterans for the Period July 1, 2020 Through September 30, 2020

<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

**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 - Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project (CLEP)
- 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 - Section 5311 NJ CARES ACT
- 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 - Help Americans Vote Act
- 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 – Veterans Transportation

<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

Director Laury commented on the closing of Fort Mott State Park. He noted it is a travesty as this is a great county treasure. He then asked Stacy Pennington, COB, to read aloud this approved resolution, titled: Resolution Opposing the Indefinite Closure of Fort Mott State Park for the Benefit of State Parks in the Other New Jersey Counties.

Freeholder Griscom requested a copy of this resolution. Director Laury also noted that copies of this Resolution would be sent to the Governor, all state Legislators, and the other county Freeholder Boards. Also the media will be receiving copies.

**Freeholder Old Business:** None

**Freeholder New Business:**

Freeholder Hassler said that a recent storm event caused some damage around the county. He noted this is being addressed as fast as we possibly can.

## Freeholder Public Announcements:

Freeholder Hassler noted these upcoming events:

Saturday, 8/29/2020	<p><b>Salem County Senior Art Show - will be a Virtual event</b></p> <p>Open to Salem County residents 60+ years old Info at <a href="http://www.salemcountyyartleague.org">www.salemcountyyartleague.org</a></p>
Friday, 9/25/2020	<p><b>Chamber of Commerce - Annual Leadership Breakfast - Virtual Event this year</b></p> <p>8:15 - 9:15 am (contact COC for information)</p>
Saturday, 9/26/2020	<p><b>Road Knights Car Show (still scheduled, as of today)</b></p> <p>10:00 am - 3:00 pm - to be held at Pennsville Twp. Historical Society on Church Landing Road</p>
Sunday, 9/27/2020	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cow Run (contact Stand Up For Salem for information)</b></p> <p>7:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Start</p>
Monday, 10/19/2020	<p><b>Meet the Candidates - will be a Virtual event this year</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (contact COC for information)</p>
Friday, 11/6/2020	<p><b>First Responders 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner - TBD</b></p>
Sunday, 11/8/2020	<p><b>Pennsville Veterans Day Program - TBD</b></p> <p>Sponsored by Pennsville Township Historical Society Held at Pennsville Senior &amp; Community Center 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>
Saturday, 11/14/2020	<p><b>Women of Achievement Breakfast - TBD</b></p>
Saturday, 11/28/2020	<p><b>Pennsville Memorial High School - TBD</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All Classes Reunion</b></p> <p>Riverview Inn, 5:30 pm</p>

Many other events have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Director Laury noted these attendees tonight: Patty Bomba from Carneys Point and Bonny Beth Elwell from the Elmer Times Newspaper. He thanked them for coming.

## 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.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point, NJ - Ms. Bomba asked if there were some way to keep the ramp access to the Olde Courthouse available for those who need it. It was noted that the officer can be summoned from the front door to then go back to open it for access.

**Executive Closed Session:** None

**Additional Comments:**

Freeholder Griscom noted that our Economic Development and Agriculture/Tourism Director, Kathy Mills, has resigned her position. He wanted to thank her for the great work she did for the county while she was here. He noted she will be available by phone for anything she can do to help out. Freeholder Hassler agreed with Freeholder Griscom and noted how devoted Kathy was she was to her position.

Freeholder Ware also agreed and thanked her, as well.

Director Laury noted that Kathy Mills now vacant position will be posted for applicants shortly.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

<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			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Next Meeting Date**

Sept 2, 2020

Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting

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