



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

December 2, 2020  
6:00 PM

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

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

**Invocation:** Director Laury offered the Invocation.

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

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

Freeholder	Present	Absent
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Deputy Director Scott Griscom	X	
Freeholder Charles Hassler	X	
Freeholder Gordon Ostrum, Jr.	X (via phone)	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	

Roll Call – a quorum was present

**Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote: passed 5-0

**Special Recognition:** None

**Presentation:** Jody Veler, Inter Agency Director: International Cure Violence Program

Ms. Veler discussed a program called “Cure Violence”, a global initiative to stop the spread of violence using proven methods. A copy of the presentation is attached. The following points were noted during a discussion with the Freeholders.

- This would be a county-wide program with emphasis on ‘hot spots’ like Salem City and Penns Grove.
- The program has been discussed with local police chiefs. Chief Pelura from Salem was in attendance.
- The program has area residents as an integral part of the process.
- The program can positively impact economic development issues in each area (i.e. lower crime, better property values).
- There are fewer young people through the court system, but their cases involve more violent issues than before.
- The goal is to change the ‘culture of violence’ noticed in the county.
- The program can be expensive; grants may help cover some costs.
- There would be a decrease in other youth programs if/when this program is implemented.
- The Youth Services Commission would have to approve the program.
- Next steps:
  - A Zoom meeting on 12/8/2020 for a more detailed program discussion.
  - Funding; may need a bridge loan from the county to get started.

Director Laury asked Ms. Veler to return to a Freeholder meeting in mid-January for a progress report and discussion. Ms. Veler agreed.

**Waiver of the Rules:** None

**Public Hearings & Adoptions:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-004 INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey (the “County”) Providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$995,465 to Fund the Immediate Preparation, Response, Recovery, and Restoration of Public Services During the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency

1. Motion, Second for the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-004
2. Roll Call Vote
3. Public Hearing and Final Adoption is set for December 16, 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 (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote: passed 5-0

**ORDINANCE 2020-005 INTRODUCTION**

Refunding Bond Ordinance of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey (the “county”) Providing for (i) the Refunding of Certain Outstanding General Obligations Bonds, Series 2011 of the County to Achieve Debt Service Savings, and (ii) authorizing the of Not to Exceed \$2,750,000 Aggregate Principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County to Effect Such Refunding and Appropriating the Proceeds Therefor

1. Motion, Second for the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-005
2. Roll Call Vote
3. Public Hearing and Final Adoption is set for December 16, 2020

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote: passed 5-0

**Correspondence:****A. General:****B. Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

Public Works Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2020

SCIA Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2020

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		X	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 (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote: passed 5-0

**Resolutions:****A. Administrative Committee - Laury, Griscom**

A1 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-017 Awarding a Contract for Civil Litigation Counsel for the County of Salem

A2 (Pulled from the agenda)

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X (via phone)			
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**

B1 Resolution Awarding Cultural & Heritage Commission 2021 Grant Dollars From the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum			X (via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler			X			
Freeholder Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call 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 2018 County Aid Improvement Program

C2 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 2020 County Aid Improvement Program

C3 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application and Execution of an Agreement for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021

C4 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #4 - 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. CMAQ-0553(353) NJDOT Job No. 7110317

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum		X	X (via phone)			
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 Awarding a Contract for Supplying one New Eight Foot Drop Trailer for the Salem County Department of Health Nunc Pro Tunc

D2 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the Private Well Outreach 2021 Grant

Freeholder	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Freeholder Ostrum	X		X (via phone)			
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: None**

**F. Chapter 159 to Insert Revenue in the Budget: None**

**Freeholder Old Business:** None

**Freeholder New Business:**

Re: COVID 19

Director Laury noted upcoming Covid testing on 12/4 at Penns Grove Middle School and on 12/5 at Penns Grove Borough Hall. Both days are scheduled for 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Additional testing information will be available shortly on the website and Facebook page to announce additional testing days, as the need has increased.

Freeholder Ostrum commended the June Seiber and her Health Department for their continued work on dealing with the pandemic. He recently met with her and the department dedication is wonderful.

Director Laury noted he recently spoke with Inspira and they have already purchased the special freezer needed for Covid vaccines.

Freeholder Hassler recently participated in a Zoom meeting with the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) members to discuss vaccine distribution.

**RE: Wind Port Project**

Freeholder Hassler noted that the NJEDA is looking for a Project Manager. They have issued a Request for Quotation (copy attached). In addition, Jennifer Jones, Director of the Salem County Chamber of Commerce, and Freeholder Hassler himself have been asked to serve on the NJEDA's Windport Diversity & Local Engagement Advisory Committee. The goal is to award 15% of the total contract value to subcontractors, equipment lessors, and/or material suppliers that are minority-, women-, or veteran-owned. He is excited for this project.

**Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Director Laury noted the following county activities:

Friday, 12/4/2020	<b>Woodstown Christmas on Main Street</b> <b>5:00 – 9:00 pm</b> Shopping, goodies, live performance
Saturday, 12/5/2020	<b>A Salem Christmas</b> <b>3:00 – 7:00 pm</b> Food vendors, decorated historic homes, Live Nativity, Brass band, etc.
Tuesday, 12/8/2020	<b>Winter Wonderland – Salem County Fairgrounds (drive thru)</b> <b>4:00 – 7:00 pm</b> Office on Aging event – call to register – 856-339-8622
Until 12/14/2020	<b>Meals On Wheels</b> is collecting gifts for their clients. Please contact them for a list of what is needed: 856-935-3663
Ongoing	<b>Holiday Toy Drives and Holiday Food Drives have started.</b> Support them if you are able. Use them if you are in need.
Ongoing	<b>Remember to shop local!</b>

Noting the local food drives, Director Laury mentioned he recently helped hand out food at the Mid Atlantic States and Career Education Center (MASCEC) on South Broadway in Pennsville with Congressman Van Drew, Pennsville Mayor McDade, and the volunteers. He said over 300 cars arrived to pick up food on that day. The need is great here in Salem County and Director Laury thanked MASCEC and all the other food distribution locations in the county for the wonderful and necessary work they are doing.

Director Laury noted the upcoming Zoom meeting with Assemblyman Burzichelli on December 8 organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Freeholder Hassler thanked Stand Up For Salem for the lovely decorations outside the Courthouse.

**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.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**Executive Session (if necessary):** 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(via phone)			
Freeholder Hassler	X		X			
Freeholder Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote: passed 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm

**Next Meeting Date**

DATE: December 16, 2020  
 Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting  
 Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079