



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

December 16, 2020

6:00 PM

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

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

**Invocation:** Freeholder Charlie Hassler 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	
Freeholder Lee Ware	X	

Roll Call: A quorum was present.

**Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected. 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:**

Director Laury offered his congratulations to Freeholder Lee Ware for his induction to the Freeholder Hall of Fame during the NJAC County Government Leadership Awards Ceremony on 12/11/2020. Freeholder Ware has served the residents of Salem County for over 20 years. All present echoed the compliment and noted it was well deserved.

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

A7 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

D9 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the 2021 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

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:****ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2020-004**

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

Motion to Open the Public Hearing  
Roll Call

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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing  
Roll Call

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

Roll call vote: passed 5-0

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2020-004  
Roll Call Vote

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

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2020-005**

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

Motion to Open the Public Hearing  
Roll Call

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

Motion to Close the Public Hearing  
Roll Call

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2020-005  
Roll Call Vote

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

**General Correspondence and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:**

1. Atlantic City Electric Notice of Filing and Public Hearings
2. County of Monmouth Resolution urging the State Legislature to allow counties and municipalities to regulate the sale and use of marijuana within their borders
3. Salem County Mosquito Control 2020 Season Report
4. Rutgers Cooperative Extension Reports for October and November
5. Pollution Control Minutes October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting
6. SCIA December 10, 2020 Minutes

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

**Payment of Bills and Claims**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** None

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

- A1 Resolution Establishing a Fair and Open Process for the Awarding of a Contract for a Lease Agreement for the Operation of the Salem County Railroad Branch for the County of Salem
- A2 Resolution to Renew the Indemnity and Trust Agreement with Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund
- A3 Resolution to Revise the Substance Abuse Policy for Safety Sensitive Employees in Transit
- A4 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for a Professional Services Contract for a Consultant to Prepare a Request for Proposal for an Organization to Lease the Salem County Railroad
- A5 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to the Contract for the Purchase of Election Materials for the County of Salem

A6 Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Consultant to Prepare a Countywide Farmland Preservation Plan Update for the County of Salem

A7 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**B. AGRICULTURAL/ TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom – None**

**C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Hassler, Ostrum – None**

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

D1 Resolution Amending the Acceptance of the Standard Board Resolution form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Area Plan Grant

D2 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for the Grant Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

D3 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Anticipated Fiscal Year 2021 CEHA Grant Funding Letter Between the Salem County Health Department and the State of New Jersey By and For the Department of Environmental Protections

D4 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the State of New Jersey for the 2020-2021 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project Grant

D5 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office On Aging to Accept the 2021 Area Plan Grant

D6 Resolution Authorizing the Letter of Agreement to Provide Management Services for the Salem County Twelve Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Program

D7 Resolution Authorizing the Letter of Agreement to Provide Management Services for the Salem County Forty-Eight Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Program

D8 Resolution Awarding the Medical Shuttle Contract

D9 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the 2021 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

*Motion to read D1 through D7 and D9 only. D8 will be discussed separately.*

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

*Motion to vote on D1 through D7 and D9 only.*

<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 Authorizing to Accept Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Performance Grant No. FY20-EMPG-EMAA-1700 CFDA#:97.042 in the Amount of \$55,000.00
- E2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-063 to Include the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission Grant Numbers
- E3 Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- E4 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor for the Prosecutor's Office Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program for the County of Salem
- E5 Resolution Extending a Contract with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Provision of Transportation Services for Veterans for the Period January 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2021
- E6 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Sheriff's Office Application of a Reimbursement Grant for Salem County Title IV-D Child Support Reimbursement
- E7 Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem Through the Salem County Sheriff's Office to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Salem County Sheriff's Office to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment

<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 (2020-2021 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (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 (FY20 EMAA)

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Freeholder Old Business:** None

**Freeholder New Business:** None

**Freeholder Public Announcements:**

Freeholder Ware mentioned that Freeholder Charlie Hassler is leaving the board at the end of the year. FH Ware has known Charlie a long time and said he is a good man with a great heart. He will miss working with him.

Director Laury also noted that the County has been blessed to have had Charlie working for them. He noted Charlie’s work on the Economic Development Advisory Council and said the County was lucky to have him here.

Freeholder Ostrum thanked Charlie for being a good role model to him as a new Freeholder. He wants Charlie to please stay in touch with them.

Freeholder Hassler thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and was happy to be associated with this Board, especially in the past year. He said there are really good people working for the County and they make the Board look good. As to the Freeholder Board, Freeholder Hassler said there was never a discussion of party; that everyone always worked well together. He thanked the voters for letting him be a Freeholder, he has really enjoyed working for the County. He congratulated Ed Ramsay on his election win and wished him well for the future.

Director Laury noted Ed Ramsay in attendance and said he looked forward to working with him on the board in the future. He said Mr. Ramsay would have big shoes to fill.

Director Laury also noted County Clerk, Dale Cross, in attendance. Mr. Cross noted he has been supported by Freeholder Hassler. Freeholder Hassler said he was an ‘outgoing Freeholder, but not done’

**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 – Ms. Bomba emailed and asked to “please convey my thanks and appreciation to Freeholder Hassler. He has been an amazing friend to many and a fine example of a leader. He has always been very willing to assist anyone with any issue. I hope that the present administration realizes his value and hopefully we’ll continue to see him around the county in some official capacity.”

Ms. Bomba is also concerned about the colder weather and the status of Code Blue facilities in the county.

Administrator Ridgway asked residents to call 211 to get help. He also said to contact your municipality for any local numbers.

**Executive Closed Session:**

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem County (6:25 pm)

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

Close the Executive Session (6:58 pm)

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

Hand vote: passed 5-0

Reopen the meeting (6:59 pm)

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

Motion to table: D8 Resolution Awarding the Medical Shuttle Contract

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



**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Director Laury offered all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Freeholder Ware wished all a safe holiday.

<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			

Hand vote: passed 5-0

**Next Meeting Date**

December 30, 2020  
 Closeout Meeting 11:00 am  
 ZOOM Meeting