



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2021 6:00 PM

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

- **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Director, Ben Laury, 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, COB.

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

- By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times Co.; and
- By posting notice on the bulletin board in the Salem County Courthouse and the Fifth Street Office Complex; and
- 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**

COMMISSIONER	Present	Absent
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Deputy Director Scott Griscom	X	
Commissioner Ed Ramsay	X	
Commissioner Gordon Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

- **Minutes:**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 30, 2020 Closeout Meeting and the January 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

- **Special Recognition:** Ray Ward – Wistarburg Ruritan’s last living charter member

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

A3 Resolution Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem to Extend a Shared Services Agreement for Qualified Purchasing Agent Services with Carneys Point Township

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

- **Public Hearings & Adoptions:** None
- **Correspondence** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:
 - Camden County Resolution Supporting the use of Alcohol, Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Funds to compensate municipalities for special municipal court sessions for DWI cases
 - Resolution Directing an Analysis of the Various Commissions in County Government
 - SJI Utilities Notice of Public Hearings Regarding Petition for Approval of New Energy Efficiency Program and Associated Cost Recover Pursuant to the Clean Energy Act.
 - Township of Pilesgrove Planning/Zoning Board Notice of Hearing
 - PCFA Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

- **Payment of Bills and Claims:** None
- **Treasurer’s Report:** None
- **Resolutions:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution for Check Cancellation (Issued in Error)

A2 Resolution for Check Cancellation (Lost)

A3 Resolution Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem to Extend a Shared Services Agreement for Qualified Purchasing Agent Services with Carneys Point Township

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

- C1 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridges Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2021
- C2 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Bituminous Concrete and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for the County of Salem
- C3 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 2018 County Aid Road Program for the County of Salem
- C4 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 FY2018 Railroad Rehabilitation program for the County of Salem NJDOT Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant #7112310
- C5 Resolution Awarding an Emergency Contract to Perform Emergency Drainage Basin Repairs at the Gateway Business Park

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES / EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing the 2021 Rural 5311/Non-Urbanized Transportation Grant Funding Through New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities
- D2 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities to Accept the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP) Grant 2021
- D3 resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities to Accept the 2020-2021 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant
- D4 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Private Well Outreach 2021 Grant
- D5 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services for the Salem County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Office

D6 Resolution Authorizing the Filling of an Application to NJ Transit Corporation on Behalf of Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for a Grant Under Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Year 2020 for Transportation Vehicles

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution Authorizing the Extension and Amendment of a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Salem County Vocational-Technical School for a Building Relationships Inspiring Dreams and Growth Employment (B.R.I.D.G.E.) Opportunities Program 2021
- E2 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding
- E3 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Expert Opinion Services with Louis B. Schlesinger, Ph.D. for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- E4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting Funding for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy Safety Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program [Grant No. VAWA-47-18]
- E5 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting Funding for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy Safety Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program [Grant No. VAWA-47-19]

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET: None

- **Commissioner Old Business:** None

- **Commissioner New Business:**

- Director Laury noted the passing of former Salem County Freeholder, Dave Sparks. He mentioned speaking with others who said Dave was a wise man who was a wonderful mentor. Commissioner Ware said “Dave took me under his wing” when he started as a Freeholder (now Commissioner). County Administrator Ridgway noted Dave had a vast amount of knowledge. Commissioner Ostrum noted there will be a void in his email inbox with Dave’s passing.
- Regarding COVID-19 vaccines:

Director Laury noted the rollout is slower than anticipated. The county was given 500 doses this week and hopes to have 500 this week.

Commissioner Ostrum noted the total supplied to the ‘pods’ (locations) in the county was 2700 doses with the county Health Dept. receiving 500 of those. The vaccines are also available through other pods:

Salem Medical Center was supplied.
Some drug stores (i.e. Rite Aid in Woodstown) were supplied.

- Commissioner Ostrum noted the gun violence in the community this past week.

- **Commissioner Public Announcements:**

Director Laury noted a special Zoom meeting with Dr. Smick, the county Medical Director. Information is on the county website and Facebook page; as well as the Health Department website and Facebook page.

- **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 during the meeting.

- **Executive Closed Session** (if needed): None
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

COMMISSIONER	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware	X		X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote, passed 5-0

Next Meeting Date

February 3, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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