



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2021 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:** County CFO, Kelly Hannigan, offered the invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- **STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 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:
 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:** COB, Stacy Pennington, took attendance.

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 March 3, 2021 Regular 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:** None

- **PRESENTATION:** None

- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

A4 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Medical Director for the Salem County Correctional Facility

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:**

- Letter from Atlantic City Electric Public Hearing Electric Base Rate Adjustments
- Letter from Atlantic City Electric Public Hearing Relief Plan and Reduction Programs
- Resolution from Monmouth County Opposing Funding Reduction to the Municipal Alliance Program
- SCIA February 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2021 Public Works Meeting Minutes

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:**

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

- TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**

Administrative Committee: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Appointing a Certified County Finance Officer for the County of Salem

A2 Resolution Authorizing an Administrative Services Contract for the Employee Prescription Drug Benefit Plan

A3 Resolution Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Policeman's Benevolent Association, Local 400 Representing the Salem County Correctional Police Officers

A4 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Medical Director for the Salem County Correctional Facility

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 Approving the Execution of Change Order #3 FY 2018 Railroad Rehabilitation Program for the County of Salem NJDOT Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant #7112310

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 Authorizing an Application to Apply for Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant
- D2 Resolution Approving Change Order #8 for Puerto Rican Action Committee
- D3 Resolution Approving Change Order #7 for Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center
- D4 Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant
- D5 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant
- D6 Resolution Authorizing an Application to Apply for Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant

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 of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing Grant SCP-21-PS-17, SCP-21-PM-17, FC-21-17 for the County of Salem Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission
- E2 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Supporting and Approving a U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Smart Prosecution - Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant for YG21 for the Prosecutor's Office
- E3 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program for the Prosecutor's Office (Cycle 21)
- E4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Operation Helping Hand Grant Funding for the Prosecutor's Office (Grant No. FYOHH-17-2020)
- E5 Resolution Approving a Rental, Location and Partnership Agreement Between Ranch Hope, Inc. and Salem County Rescue Recovery Resource Center

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 Safety Committee: NONE

- **COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:** None
- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Director Laury said to keep watching for events as the area begins to open more: i.e. some Music Around the County events which were postponed are now planned for outdoor viewing.

- **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.

Comments from the Facebook live stream regarding a proposed recycle facility in Pittsgrove Township were read. A copy of those comments is attached.

Eric Bolton – Will the operating contract for the Salem county Railroad be awarded tonight as outline in the RFP?

Director Laury noted that will happen at the next meeting on 3/17/21.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point –

1. Habitat for Humanity is having an outdoor fundraising event at the Restore on Pennsville Auburn Road, entitled “Decorate Your Stud”. \$20 allows you to decorate a stud to be used during construction of the next home at 450 Park Avenue in Penns Grove.
2. The Annual Votech Leadership Dinner must be re-designed this year due to the pandemic. A tentative date for an Online Auction is March 26. Donations will not be solicited this year, as businesses have been suffering during the past year.
3. Question...Why is the Board no longer funding the Special Services School District? There has been no funding for about 4 years. Cumberland still funds.

Answer: Kelly Hannigan, CFO, will try to find out for Ms. Bomba.

Director Laury asked Commissioner Ostrum to discuss the vaccine situation.

Commissioner Ostrum noted there are different ways to get a vaccine. He also noted the doses must be used immediately after being removed from refrigeration. They cannot be saved.

- He suggested to monitor the websites and phone numbers for each location offering the vaccine.
- He noted that the Office on Aging has been diligent in making the vaccine available to our senior population.
- He is hopeful for more widespread use in doctors offices later in the year.
- Vaccine locations:
 - Salem Medical Center
 - Salem County Dept of Health
 - Pilesgrove Rite Aid (check their website)
 - CVS (check their website)
 - Inspira Medical Center (check their website)

• EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

F1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem- For Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege

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

Return to regular meeting at 6:47 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: 5-0

• ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additional comments were read from the Facebook live stream. They are included with the attached comment pages.

Director Laury thanked everyone for their comments about the proposed recycle facility. He noted we are months away from any kind of decision.

Commissioner Ostrum appreciated the passion and love for Salem County that he hears in the comments. He asked all to rest assured that the Commissioners will heed all concerns.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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: 5-0

Next Meeting Date

March 17, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM Meeting

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