



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 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:** Kelly Hannigan, CFO, offer the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited 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:

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 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 March 17, 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		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed, 4-0

- **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** None
- **PRESENTATION:** None
- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

A8 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-004 Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

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, 4-0

- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:** None
- **CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:
 - Carneys Point Resolution Requesting a Closure of Courses Landing Road
 - Letters/Facebook Comments regarding the opposition of a proposed recycling facility in Pittsgrove – Dianne Banks, Teresa Dromgoole, Amanda Paterno, Selena Mohan, Christine Manno
 - Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2021
 - County of Monmouth Resolution urging the immediate repeal of Senate Bill No. 3454
 - Salem County Improvement Authority Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2021

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, 4-0

- **PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

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, 4-0

- **TREASURER’S REPORT:** None:
- **RESOLUTIONS:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Salem County Inter Agency Council of Human Services and the County of Salem
- A2 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Citizens Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- A3 Resolution Authorizing the Signing of Previous Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements Between the County of Salem and the Salem County Prosecutor Detectives and Investigators’ Association and the Prosecutor Superior Officers’ Association, Both FOP Lodge #6
- A4 Resolution Awarding A Contract to Ernest Bock & Sons for the Construction of Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Salem County Superior Court
- A5 Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem To Solicit Bids for the Lease Purchase Financing of Energy Savings Improvements at Various County Facilities Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.6
- A6 Cancellation of a Check
- A7 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem, the County Sheriff, and Salem County Superior Correction Officers Association
- A8 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-004 Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

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, 4-0

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

- B1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Smith Farm Alloway Township
- B2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-371 Authorizing the proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Mahalik/Eddis Farm Mannington Township

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, 4-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

- C1 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2-Final 2014 County Aid Road Program, Phase 1 for the County of Salem
- C2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-055 Renewing Contract for Bituminous Concrete and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for the County of Salem and Approving the Contractor Corporate Name Change
- C3 Resolution Designating Officers of the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23A-1.2(g) and (h)
- C4 Resolution Approving the Increase in Cost to File an Appeal Application with the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals
- C5 *Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Traffic Engineering Consultant Services for the County of Salem SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program (TABLED)*
- C6 Resolution Authorizing 2021 Aerial Dispensing Operations by Salem County Mosquito Control
- C7 Resolution Approving the Installation of a Tourist Oriented Directional Sign by "New Jersey Logos, LLC.", a Program Through the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Vote to table resolution C5, above

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

Hand vote passed, 4-0

Vote for C1, C2, C3, C4, C6, and C7

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, 4-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution Authorizing a Renewed Maintenance Service Agreement Between County Business Systems, Inc., and the Salem County Surrogate
- D2 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the 2021-2022 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project Grant
- D3 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the 2021-2022 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant
- D4 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the 2021-2022 Special Child Health and Early Intervention Services Case Management 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, 4-0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution Approving Participation by the Salem County Prosecutor's Office with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy [V-59-19]
- E2 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Provision of Transportation Services for Veterans for the Period July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022
- E3 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the State Community Partnership Grant for the Salem County Inter-Agency Council 2021 Youth Services Commission

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, 4-0

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET: None

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

• **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Director Laury thanked all for joining in the meeting, online and in-person.

Commissioner Ostrum mentioned some upcoming events. A complete list is attached.

- Clothing drive for the FFA at SCVTS
- Easter activities
- Salem City Crime Force Update, Virtual 4//16/21 – 8:30 am – contact SC Chamber of Commerce for login information

Commissioner Ware noted the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge at the Sportsmen’s Club

Commissioner Ramsay informed everyone about an upgrade of the Sexual Crimes Unit facilities. The unit now has a more comfortable place for victim interviews, came in under budget, and was done at no cost to Salem County.

Director Laury thanked Kelly Hannigan for the Invocation.

• **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.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED TWO (2) PAGES OF COMMENTS

• **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: 6:30 pm**

Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem.

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, 4-0

End Executive Session.

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, 4-0

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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

Next Meeting Date

April 21, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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

IN-PERSON COMMENTS:

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

- Polar Bear Plunge raised \$8,000 for Special Olympics
- Habitat for Humanity fundraiser: A Yeti Bundle will be raffled off - \$5.00 per ticket

Director Laury responded to a comment Ms. Bomba had at the previous meeting. He noted that Special Services funds are paid through the school tax. He thanked her for her dedication to this school.

Nick Mesiano, Pittsgrove

- Mr. Mesiano offered his opinion about the proposed recycle facility in Pittsgrove.

“I am sure you have heard my neighbors concerns by now about the Giordanos application. I am here tonight to thank you in person for your patience in dealing with this community response. The Giordanos application is very alarming to me, our community in Pittsgrove, and many others we have talked to across the county. as we continue along the timeline I ask for your continued patience as we handle what our community perceives to be a serious threat to the sanctity of Salem county. I personally have found the Salem County government to be very friendly and helpful in addressing my questions and correspondences. We are dealing with serious traffic issues as well related to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority location. I also thank our mayor for bringing this issue to the appropriate commissioners. Our little strip in Pittsgrove, which is comprised of three historic settler towns. It is a beautiful but delicate flower. Brotmanville, at our northern tip of Gershal Avenue, is a historic black farming community with multigeneration families doing their part in making our strip a wonderful place. Alliance, just south of Norma, is a Jewish settler town which is going through a farming rebirth. The Jewish family heirs in this town are teaming up with the black farmers in Brotmanville to grow large fields of organic the commissioners soon. A big part of the reason why there is such a large community response to the Giordanos application is because we all love our area so much. I would be grateful to present the reason why we love east Salem county so much at an upcoming meeting, in addition to the wonderful progress being made in Vineland just across the river.

Now that I have spread the word on our areas progress, I a few questions about the upcoming Giordanos SWAC application. My question is this:

The SWAC meeting is dated April 19th, with a Commissioners meeting just 2 days after on the 21st. Would the result of the SWAC meeting be presented immediately at the following commissioners meeting?”

Director Laury noted that the County has received many letters and emails about this issue and is reading all of them.

Commissioner Ostrum noted that all concerns and interests are being taken to heart and appreciates your input.

COMMENTS VIA FACEBOOK

Robbie-Beanie Coleman Hi my name is Robina Coleman. On March 17th, 2021 at the last County Commissioners meeting, I brought up about the issue of flooding on my property at 84 DuBois Road, Mannington Township. This issue is still not resolved. I have not heard any update or response from any of you on what is happening. How long does a NJDOT Change of Order Request take to get approval? Could the County Public Works Department clean out the pipes? Cleaning out the pipes would allow the water to flow. We have now been through 2 sump pumps due to flooding in our basement and 65 of our fence posts still remain underwater from this issue. I am requesting a meeting with the county commissioner that is the liaison for the public works department & the administrator, Jeff Ridgeway, to discuss this issue and get it resolved. This flooding issue has continued since July 2020 and is severely causing damage.

Administrator Jeff Ridgway is aware of the situation and has been discussing with DOT. DOT is rushing a Change Order through the system.

Okay thank you. Phone number is 609-202-4505 or millstreamfarm@hotmail.com

Tim Dixon, Green Valley Farms Almond Road Pittsgrove. I would like to voice our concerns regarding the proposed Trash facility on Gershal Avenue. It seems that environmental, zoning and farming issues have been overlooked in the process. As well as the will of the people and traffic / road issues. Can the committee kindly address these concerns and express your position? Thank you.

Director Laury noted that final reports will be taken under advisement when they are ready and, of course, public comments and concerns will also be looked at.

Timothy Hack Aren't these proceedings supposed to be ADA compliant? I can't hear a thing and I have good hearing.

Sharon Coleman, Elmer. What is the status of the School regionalization study?. When will report made public?

Director Laury anticipates at least several months before report is ready. He noted that the Commissioner Board is facilitating, not deciding, the issue.