



**Board of County Commissioners**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 5, 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:** CFO Kelly Hannagan offered 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:**

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 April 21, 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: 4-0

• **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

- Older Americans’ Month – May 2021

Commissioner Lee Ware read the Proclamation and presented it to two senior Health Department employees:

Carolyn Shoemaker, a 53-year employee of the Health Department  
 Judy MacNeal, a retired nurse who joined the Health Department staff in 2006.

- Emergency Medical Services Week – May 16-21, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Scott Griscom read the Proclamation and presented it to  
 Allen Cummings, Salem County Undersheriff  
 Debbie Ashcraft, President of the Salem County Ambulance Association

• **PRESENTATION:** Dr. Paul Halley speaking on Community Development

Dr. Paul Halley would like to have an ongoing conversation about creating happy, prosperous, and safe communities. His presentation was based on biblical quotes and the 10 Commandments. He would like to continue this presentation at a later meeting.

*Director Laury asked Dr. Halley to speak with him after the meeting to discuss future presentations.*

• **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

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 regarding the Petition to Reconcile and Update the Level of Its Non-Utility Generation Charge and Its Societal Benefits Charge
- Carneys Point Resolution Requesting the Salem County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Elections and the Sheriff’s Department undertake a Study and Enter Into a Discussion with Municipal Clerks to make Election Night Procedure Safer and Less Burdensome
- Pennsville Resolution Requesting the Salem County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Elections and the Sheriff’s Department undertake a Study and Enter Into a Discussion with Municipal Clerks to make Election Night Procedure Safer and Less Burdensome
- Monmouth County Resolution Opposing NJ State Assembly and Senate Forest Management Bills A-4843/S3549, A-4844/S-3550 and A-4845/S-3548
- Monmouth County Resolution Opposing Senate, No. 3203 In Person Early Voting
- Fifteen Letters and E-mails Opposing the Giordano Recycling Facility in Pittsgrove Township

Alloway Twp Environmental Committee, Bill Bell, Carolyn Jacob, Christina Gerstenbacher, Earleen Rentz, James and Monica Orr, Jeff Dux, Jen Galati, Judith Theisen, Louise Queen, Mary Miranda, Mary Rowson, Monique Folwell, Tracy Troiani

- Borough of Rockway Resolution Supporting S-3522 Establishing a New PERS Pension Board for the Local Portion
- Borough of Milltown Resolution Supporting S-3522 Establishing a New PERS Pension Board for the Local Portion
- Monmouth County Resolution Supporting S-3522 Establishing a New PERS Pension Board for the Local Portion
- Piscataway Township Resolution Supporting S-3522 Establishing a New PERS Pension Board for the Local Portion
- Warren County Resolution Opposing Cuts in State School Aid Allocations to Warren County School Districts
- Morris County Resolution Opposing PL 2021 Chapter 40 Early Voting and Unfunded Mandates

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:** None

• **RESOLUTIONS:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form from AP Benefit Advisors, LLC Including Assured Partners of NJ for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act Included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

A2 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Authorizing a Contract Between the County of Salem and SODAT of New Jersey for Providing Juvenile Probation-Enrichment Programming with Transportation for 2021

A3 Resolution to Rescind Resolution 2021-074 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Salem County Fair Association for Barn Improvements

A4 Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2020-456 Awarding a Contract to Mid-Atlantic States Career Education Center for Providing Healthcare Shuttles for Senior Residents Age 60 and Limited Disabled Residents and General Population in a Designated Rural Area Provided by the Salem County Office on Aging Due to Insufficient Funds

A5 Resolution Appointing A Salem County Economic Development Coordinator

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 Prohibiting Normal Traffic Greenwich Street, County Road #540, Main Street, County Road #581 and Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #540 in Alloway Township, Salem County

C2 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for our Fiscal Year 2018 Local Freight Impact Fund Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation

C3 Resolution to Approve Elmer Fire Department Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

Director Laury noted all of the road work going on in the county. Please watch for detours as you travel through the county.

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 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 the Filing of an Application to NJ Transit Corporation on Behalf of Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for a Grant Under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP) Grant 2022

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 to Approve a Lease Agreement for the Woodstown National Guard Armory Annex for the County of Salem

E2 Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2020-275 Authorizing the Trade-In of Three Evinrude Model E55 MRLAF Outboard Motors for One 9.9 EH 4Stroke Outboard Motor Including Gas Tank, Fuel Hoses and Boat Retrofit Kit

E3 Resolution Authorizing the Trade-In of Three (3) Evinrude Model E55 MRLAF and One (1) Johnson Model J3Orleta Outboard Motors for One Yamaha F25 LWHC Outboard Motor

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:** None
- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Ramsay noted a meeting held earlier in the day where Judge Benjamin Telsey met with members of the municipal committees to discuss a regional court system. Municipal Court incomes have declined as expenses have remained the same. State funds are available to

pay for a study of this idea and all agreed it was worth the effort to examine. County Commissioners will facilitate this.

Commissioner Ostrum noted the county is starting to open up and many activities are scheduled again. In particular, he mentioned the SCVTS Car Show on 5/8/21, Red Cross Blood Drives throughout the month, Mothers Day on 5/9/21, Arts in Bloom on the weekend of May 15-16, Cowtown Opening Day, and the Pennsville Memorial Day Parade.

Directory Laury noted the National Day of Prayer will be tomorrow, May 6. He also said the Spitfire Airport in Pedricktown has a new owner and will have a Grand Re-Opening soon. He also wished all a happy Cinco de Mayo.

Commissioner Ramsay asked everyone for patience on the roads. There is a lot of work being done. The increased gas tax doubled the budget for roads. He said the county will be looking good when all this work is 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 asked about the schedule to get road work done. Route 540 was scheduled for work in 2018 and it is still not started. She said the road is not safe.

*Administrator Jeff Ridgway noted that this the 2018 list of projects are just starting this year. Funds are approved in 2018 and then the design work starts. Projects go through many approvals and changes until work can begin. He will find out when Route 540 is scheduled and get back to Ms. Bomba.*

Debbie Ashcraft, Penns Grove

Ms. Ashcraft echoed Ms. Bomba's concern about the roads. She mentioned that Hawks Bridge Road has a large bump that is dangerous for ambulances on the way to Salem Medical Center. She also noted problems on Pennsville Auburn Road.

Also, Ms. Ashcraft is President of the Salem County Ambulance Association. In that capacity, she wanted to know about a Shared Services Committee. Can they assist the county ambulance groups with changes to their systems? Who can she call, who can help discuss the issues the ambulance groups face? She noted a county-wide system was declined in earlier years. There are some issues now. Can the Commissioners facilitate a meeting to get ahead of problems before they become desperate?

*Director Laury noted that discussions have been started about 'what is not working'. He and Commissioner Ware would will definitely want Ms. Ashcraft to serve on a group to discuss further.*

Brian Perry, 317-319 Auburn Road

Mr. Perry noted, via Facebook, that a storm water easement at this address needs to be cleaned out. When will it be serviced?

*Commissioner Ostrum noted that this issue is actively being addressed already.*

- EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 6:45 PM**

F1 Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem – *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege and Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed: 5-0

End Executive Session – 7:10 pm

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed: 5-0

- ADJOURNMENT – No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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

May 19, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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