



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2021 4:00 PM

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

- **CALL TO ORDER** – Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Director Laury asked all to observe a moment of silence in honor of a county resident, Dalton Beals, who recently passed away during Marine training; and for a Salem County employee, Ken Brown, who also recently passed away.

- **INVOCATION** – Kelly Hannigan, CFO, offered the invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited by all in attendance.
- **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	

Voice Roll Call. A quorum was present.

- **MINUTES:** Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 2, 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:**

- Jami Bytheway, Michael DeBellis, and Aliyah Robinson – These graduating seniors from the Salem County Vocational Technical School were presented with scholarships from the NJAC Foundation after being nominated by their school. Congratulations!
- Michelle Williams, a science teacher from the Woodstown/Piles Grove School District, has been chosen by New Jersey as the Salem County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Williams was asked for some remarks about her long career:

Ms. Williams noted a few things about her teaching career:

- *Students need connection and experiences to learn.*
- *Teaching is about relationships.*
- *Three words define her teaching style – Experience, Understand, and Appreciate. She helps students to experience what they are learning, understand it and finally appreciate how it affects them.*

The Commissioners offered congratulations to Ms. Williams on her long and successful career!

- Henry Ludwigsen of Bowman & Company LLP – the County Auditor. He was thanked for his years working with the county and offered congratulations on his retirement. Director Laury noted he was always available for questions. CFO Kelly Hannigan also thanked him for always being there for Salem County. Commissioner Ostrum noted that Mr. Ludwigsen has also been very active with the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Ludwigsen thanked everyone and said it had been a pleasure to serve the county.

- Lee R. Ware – Commissioner Ware was honored last year with induction into the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Hall of Fame for his 20+ years of service to Salem County. As the induction was virtual last year, a beautiful plaque was presented today in-person. Congratulations Commissioner Ware!

Director Laury noted that Commissioner Ware was a mentor to him starting out on the Board and that Salem County has been blessed to have him serve.

Commissioner Ware was surprised to receive the plaque thanked everyone for the recognition and said he is proud to represent Salem County and is happy to work with such a great Board.

- **PRESENTATION:** None

- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

- A5 Resolution to Amend the Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Communication Workers of America, Local 1085
- A6 Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Licensed Nurse Practitioner for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A7 Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Licensed Physician Assistant for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A8 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2021 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1

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.

At this point in the meeting, Director Laury announced:

Please note, we are required to hold the public hearing for the budget today. However, due to delays in the budget review process by the State of NJ – NJDCA/DLGS, we are unable to take action on the adoption of the budget.

- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:** 2021 Budget Adoption

Resolution to have the 2021 Budget Read by Title (Roll Call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed – 5-0

- Director Laury asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget (Roll Call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed – 5-0

- There being no Public Comments, Director Laury asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget (Roll Call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed – 5-0

- As noted from Director Laury's statement above, no action can be taken on the 2021 Budget. A motion to Table the Adoption of the 2021 Budget was made.

Motion to Table the 2021 Budget (Roll Call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed – 5-0

- **CORRESPONDENCE** - General and Committee/Commission Minutes and Reports:
 - Pilesgrove Township Resolution Requestion the County Undertake a Study and/or Discussion with the Salem County Municipal Clerks regarding Election Night Procedures
 - Pittsgrove Township Resolution Requestion the County Undertake a Study and/or Discussion with the Salem County Municipal Clerks regarding Election Night Procedures
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 4656 Authorizing the Creation of Local Civilian Review Boards to Review Police Operations and Conduct
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 5301 Requiring Access to Law Enforcement Disciplinary Records to be Considered Government Records and Shall Be Made Available for Public Access
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 4282 Establishing the Crime of a Law Enforcement Officer for Choking Another Person
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 4663 Creating Two-Year Restorative and Transformative Justice for a Youth and Communities Pilot Program In JJS Focused on Reducing Youth Involvement with the Youth Justice System
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 2455 Establishing a Pilot Program in the Department of Education Supporting Robotics Programs in School Districts
 - Mercer County Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 4526 Establishing the Requirements for Use of Deadly Force.
 - Letter from Oldmans Township Requesting Permission to Replace the Current Stop Signs on Pedricktown-Woodstown Rd and Pennsville-Auburn Rd with Flashing Illuminated Stop Signs
 - Letter from Pittsgrove Township Requesting Salem County to Address Road Patching Issues on Porchtown Road
 - Public Works May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - SCIA June 10, 2021 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

- RESOLUTIONS:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Amending Resolution #2020-351 Approving an Agreement Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act with Lower Alloways Creek Township for Road Resurfacing
- A2 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Prosecutor's Superior Officers
- A3 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Communication Workers of America Local 1085
- A4 Resolution Authorizing the Amending of the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 Salem County Superior Correction Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement with the County of Salem
- A5 Resolution to Amend the Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Communication Workers of America, Local 1085
- A6 Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Licensed Nurse Practitioner for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A7 Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Licensed Physician Assistant for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A8 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2021 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1

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 Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridge Future Needs Program for Fiscal Year 2020
- C2 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic 8th Annual Cow Run Event Kings Highway, County Road #620, Haines Neck Road, County Road #631 and By-Pass Road, County Road #540, in Pilesgrove Township and Mannington Township, in the County of Salem
- C3 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority for Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Program
- C4 Resolution to Approve a State Equipment Use Agreement

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

Hand vote passed – 5-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution of Intent to Apply for the 2021-2022 Right To Know Grant
- D2 Resolution Approving Change Order #8 for Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center
- D3 Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- D4 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the Salem Health and Wellness Foundations 2021 Healthy Salem, Healthy Body 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 Awarding a Contract for Providing Pharmaceutical Services for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- E2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Providing Inmate Dental Care to the Salem County Correctional Facility
- E3 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Program Grant Application from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office

E4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners Supporting and Approving a Grant Application with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office [SART/FNE Grant No. VS-82-19]

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:

F1 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to JSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – FY 2022 Sub-regional Transportation Planning Organization

F2 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to JSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Director Laury noted that because the 2021 Budget could not be acted upon earlier, he would ask for a motion to table these two resolutions.

Motion to Table the above two resolutions until the 2021 Budget is adopted.

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

- **COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:** None

- **COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:** None

- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Ostrum said it was good to see people at the meetings again and noted many more activities are opening up. A list of some activities is attached.

- **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.

Robert Lanard – Radio Control Airplane Club

Mr. Lanard wanted to thank the County for continuing to the Radio Control Airplane Club to use county land for their events. They would like to make a donation to the county with the Commissioners determining its disbursement.

Director Laury thanked Mr. Lanard on behalf of the Board.

Pam Holmes, Penricktown, NJ – Captain of Pedricktown Ambulance

Ms Holmes spoke about the American Legion Ambulance management and would like to discuss her concerns with the Commissioners.

Director Laury noted that there has been two meetings with the municipal mayors. The Board can only facilitate these meetings, not make decisions about the issues. Director Laury said the Board would be in touch with Ms. Holmes regarding any future meetings. He also noted that people like Ms. Holmes are true heroes in our county.

Nelson Carney, Salem County NAACP President

Mr. Carney spoke about the newly recognized Juneteenth holiday. He noted it embraces the idea of freedom and equality for all. He is urging the Commissioners to honor this holiday with a day off for the Salem County employees.

Director Laury noted this is under discussion at this time.

Mr. Carney also noted that the funeral services for Ken Brown, a Salem County Roads Department employee, would be on July 1, 2021 at Adams Funeral Home.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba noted a few upcoming events:

- The ARC Walk – September 25, 2021 at Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville
- The Chamber of Commerce Banquet honoring the Distinguished Person of the Year, Joseph J. Hannagan, the Salem County Veterans Affairs Officer. This will be on October 7, 2021.
- The Great Pumpkin Carve will be on October 2, 2021 at the Salem County Fairgrounds. Proceeds benefit Salem County Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Bomba also noted another casualty of the pandemic with the Hollydell School closing. She is concerned that there is nothing else available for the 21+ year old special need citizens. She has called Sen. Sweeney's office about this. She is tired of special needs programs getting cut.

Pat Bomba, Carneys Point

Mr. Bomba noted again the need for the poor conditions on Route 540 to be addressed. He mentioned the bridge is a serious problem for ambulances and should be widened.

County Administrator, Jeff Ridgway, said that Public Works is looking into the issue.

- EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

Director Laury noted that the next meeting would be July 14 at 4:00 pm; with one meeting in each month of August and September.

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem

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

Hand vote passed – 5-0

Motion to End Closed Session: 5:29 pm

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

- ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn meeting: 5:30 pm

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

Hand vote passed – 5-0

Next Meeting Date

July 14, 2021

Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event
Saturday, June 26	10:00 am – 2:00 pm 1st Annual Salem County Second Amendment Action Day Riverview Beach Park
Wednesday, June 30	6:30 pm Short Track MTB Races - \$ (mountain bike racing) Camp Edge, 26 Camp Edge Road, Alloway (benefits Camp Edge / Ranch Hope) <i>(also on July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25)</i>
Saturday, July 3	10:00 am – 4:00 pm Free In the Footsteps of Cornelia Hancock A Civil War Living-History and Tour
Saturday, July 3	3:00 pm Patriotic Concert – by the Fort Delaware Cornet Band First Baptist Church of Woodstown
Sunday, July 4	5:00 – 10:00 pm Fourth of July Fireworks! - FREE Marlton Recreation Park
Wednesday, July 7	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Music in the Park – Free concert Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville <i>(also on August 4, September 1 and October 6)</i>
Wednesday, July 7	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cruise Nights – nice ride? Stop by! Free W. Main Street, Penns Grove (Riverwalk) <i>(also on August 4, September 1, and October 6)</i>
Saturday, July 17	2:30 – 5:00 pm Pole Tavern Ruritan – Annual Chicken BBQ - \$12.00 Reservations: 717-965-5910
Friday, July 30	5:00 pm Road Knights Car Show (rain date Aug 6) Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville, NJ
Tuesday, August 3	Time: varies National Night Out – check in your community for any planned activities
Tuesday thru Friday August 3-6	Time: varies Salem County Fair Fairgrounds on Route 40
Saturday, August 14	Time ? Dog Show Salem County Fair Grounds

Date	Event
Saturday, August 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Fort Mott State Park Car Show (food trucks, DJ, etc.) at Fort Mott State Park, Pennsville
Labor Day Weekend September 3-4-5	All day Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival Salem County Fairgrounds
Saturday, September 11	All day – parade and fair Septemberfest Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville
Friday, September 17	5:00 pm SCC Foundation Homecoming Fundraiser (<i>replaces the Glass Ball</i>) Davidow Hall
Saturday/Sunday September 18-19	Time: Tri-State Dog Show Salem County Fair Grounds
Saturday, September 25	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Veterans Picnic Penns Grove VFW
Saturday, September 25	Time ? Gospel Folk Jam Salem County Fair Grounds
Sunday, September 26	7:30 am – Registration / 9:00 am - Start Annual Cow Run – 10 mile and 5 mile runs (from Cowtown to Salem) Start locations: Cowtown and also Salem City.
Thursday, September 30	5:30 pm Veterans Dinner SCC Field House
Saturday, October 2	5:00 pm?? Giant Pumpkin Carve (benefits Meals on Wheels) Salem County Fairgrounds
Thursday, October 7	5:30 pm Chamber of Commerce Fall Banquet – Man of the Year: Joe Hannagan SCC Field House
Fri-Sat-Sun October 8,9,10	Time? South Jersey Pumpkin Carve Salem County Fair Grounds
Saturday, October 16	10:00 am – 3:00 pm Road Knights Car Show at Pennsville Historical Society 86 Church Landing Rd., Pennsville, NJ
Monday, October 25	Time: ? Get to Know Your Candidates Event Davidow Hall Auditorium

Date	Event
Thursday, November 4	6:00 pm Military Medal Presentation to Salem County Veterans SCC Davidow Theater
Thursday, November 18	8:30 am SCC Foundation Scholarship Breakfast SCC Davidow Lobby