



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 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 4:00 pm.
- **INVOCATION:** CFO, Kelly Hannigan, gave the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was recited by all present.
- **STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:** Read by Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington.

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 June 23rd Regular Meeting and the July 7th Special 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:** NJAC Foundation Scholarship recipient: Jonathan Finney
- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:** None
- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:**

- Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget Amendment (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 there were no comments, Director Laury asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

- Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget Amendment (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.

- Motion to Adopt the 2021 Budget Amendment

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			

Roll Call Vote passed 5-0.

- Motion to bring the 2021 Budget back on the table (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.

- Motion to approve the 2021 Budget as amended (roll call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed 5-0.

- **CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

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

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 Authorizing the Purchase of Election Materials for the County of Salem

A2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant From the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Program Year 2021-2022

A3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) for Program Year 2021-2022

A4 Resolution Appointing a Chairperson to Develop an Independent Review Panel to Review the Feasibility Study for the Unification of Salem County School Districts and Alternatives

A5 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for a Qualified Purchasing Agent

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

B1 Resolution to Amend Resolution 2021-180 Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Bell Farm Alloway Township

B2 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Professional Service Contract to Prepare a Countywide Farmland Preservation Plan Update for the County of Salem

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

C1 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic, South Main Street, County Road #672 In the Borough of Woodstown, Salem County for Their Annual Fall Festival

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 5-0.

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Emergency Training and Consulting

D2 Resolution Accepting and Executing the COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant

- D3 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation 2021 Healthy Salem, Healthy Body Grant
- D4 Resolution Accepting and Executing the FY22 Right to Know Grant
- D5 Resolution authorizing the Filing of an Application to NJ Transit Corporation on Behalf of the County Office on Aging and Disabilities for the 022 Rural 5311/Non-Urbanized Transportation Grant
- D6 Resolution authorizing the Filing of an application to Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation on Behalf of Salem County Office on Aging and disabilities for match to the 5311 Rural/Non-Urbanized Grant Provided by NJ Transit Corporation

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 Approving Change Order #1 for Repairs to the Administrative Area Roof at the Salem County Correctional Facility
- E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Body Worn Camera Grant Program [Award No. 21-BWC-391]
- E3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Body Worn Camera Grant Program [Award No. 21-BWC-392]
- E4 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application Submission to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Prosecutor's Office for SFY2021 Governor Phil Murphy Budget - Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Subaward Reimbursement Grant Funding [DL&PS SFY21-OHH]
- E5 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2021-225 and Amending a Contract for Providing Pharmaceutical Services 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.

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET:

Motion and second to bring back to the table resolution F1 and resolution F2 (roll call)

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			

Roll Call Vote passed 5-0.

F1 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948- Subregional Transportation Planning Program

F2 R Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Municipal Alliance

F3 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Covid-19 Vaccination Supplement

F4 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Right to Know

F5 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Body Worn Camera – Prosecutor’s Office

F6 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Body Worn Camera – Sheriff’s Office

F7 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4- 87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Work first NJ

F8 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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.

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

- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Ostrum noted there are lots of events and activities in the County. He mentioned a few of them. Additional items are attached.

- Red Cross Blood Drive – July 21, 2021
- Salem County Fair – August 3-6, 2021
- Car Show at Lapps Dairy Bar – July 14, 2021
- Salem City Block Party – July 16, 2021
- Bluegrass Festival – Labor Day Weekend

Director Laury welcomed those watching on Facebook. He also noted a \$9 million grant for upgrades to the Port of Salem. The port is shallow and dredging is being discussed.

Commissioner Ramsay mentioned the new operator for the Salem County Railroad has exciting plans. He is expecting good changes in the next few years.

- New cars ordered
- Plans for a 'Christmas Train' to run from Woodstown to Swedesboro; maybe a 'Wine Train' and holiday trains
- Inquiries about moving freight already

Commissioner Ramsay noted that the Chamber of Commerce has organized a Wind Port update on August 4, 2021.

- **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 informed everyone of upcoming fundraisers:

- Darryls Wheels (provides transport for disabled) – a raffle for a grill, a cooler, or a basket of cheer – pulled on 8/28/21
- Habitat for Humanity – October 18, 2021 at the Salem Oak Winery - \$40
- Habitat for Humanity – a construction blitz will be held November 13-14 for 2 houses
- Habitat for Humanity – a Taste of South Jersey will return in April 2022

Pat Bomba, Carneys Point

Mr. Bomba wanted to discuss a few items:

- He thanked Commissioner Ramsay for leading the meeting regarding Courses Landing Road issues. He felt there was good attendance.
- Mr. Bomba also asked about the American Legion Ambulance situation.

Director Laury noted funding was being discussed with Senator Sweeney. All municipalities will be invited for future discussions.

- Mr. Bomba asked about dredging Salem Port

Director Laury said the county was approached to set up a meeting to discuss this with DRBA and Army Corps. An initial cost estimate for one depth was \$85 million. The county does not have those funds. Discussions are continuing.

Nelson Carney, Salem County NAACP President

Mr. Carney asked about a decision for Juneteenth being a paid holiday for Salem County.

Director Laury noted this was still under consideration

Nick Mesiano, Gershal Avenue, Norma

Mr. Mesiano wished to keep the Commissioners aware of issues in Norma and along Gershal Avenue. He noted our hamlets are being destroyed. He has no vendetta against development, but it needs to be monitored. In particular, he noted these items:

- A liquor store replaced three ‘Mom & Pop’ stores
- Dollar General is trying to use zoning laws against the wishes of the residents
- Recycle facility issues was resolved.

He asked the Commissioners to please keep up on what is happening in these hamlets.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments and appreciates what he reports.

• **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: 4:43 PM**

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem (Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege; and Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship)

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.

Motion to End Closed Session - Executive Session was ended at 5:05 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** Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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.

Next Meeting Date

August 18, 2021

Regular Meeting 4:00 PM Meeting

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