



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2021 4:00 PM

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

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
- **INVOCATION:** CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:** Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington, read the statement.

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 August 18, 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:**

- Commissioner Ostrum presented a Proclamation recognizing National Recovery Month to Victoria Maurizio, Salem County Director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services
- Director Laury read a Proclamation to recognizing Hunger Action Month. He spoke of the hunger insecurity that continues in South Jersey. He noted 170,000 people in South Jersey rely on help to meet their nutrition needs. This Proclamation will be given to the Food Bank of South Jersey.

- **PRESENTATION:** None

- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:** None

- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:**

Adoption of Ordinance 2021-01

Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Equipment and Improvements for Early Voting, By and In the County of Salem, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$852,967 Therefor and Authorizing \$812,349 Bonds or Notes of the County to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof

Director Laury explained that most, and perhaps all, of these voting expenses would be covered by CARES funds. This ordinance is being put in place for when/if these funds are needed before the CARES funds are in place. The motion will be tabled and could be adopted at a later date.

1. Motion to Open the Public Hearing
2. 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

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

3. Motion to Close the Public Hearing
4. 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

5. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-01:

A motion was made and voted on to **Table** this Ordinance

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:

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 Members to the Salem County Agriculture Development Board (Byron DuBois)

A2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-006 Designating a Custodian of Funds and Depositories for Municipal Moneys, and Authorizing Investment of Funds at Interest for the County of Salem

A3 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-008 Adopting a Cash Management Plan for the County of Salem

A4 Resolution of the County of Salem Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease purchase Agreement with Respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing and Leasing of Certain Energy Equipment; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing All Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution

A5 Resolution to Enter Into and Sign a MOU with the New Jersey Department of State for Division of Elections - Early Voting 2021 Election Reimbursement

A6 Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Economic Development Advisory Council (Bill Ferrell, Jr.)

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 Apply for a Grant from Atlantic City Electric - an Exelon Company to Support the 2021 Familiarization Tour

B2 Resolution to Accept and Execute a Grant from Atlantic City Electric - an Exelon Company to Support the 2021 Familiarization Tour

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 Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 in Oldmans Township, Salem County, for their Annual Pedricktown Day Celebration
- C2 Resolution Approving an Agreement Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act with Oldmans Township for Installation of Flashing Stop Signs at the Intersection of Pedricktown-Woodstown Road, County Road #602 and Pennsville-Auburn Road, County Road #551
- C3 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a 2nd Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 County Aid Improvement Program

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 Approving the Submission of a Proposal to New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Service to Apply for the 2022 Area Plan Grant
- D2 Resolution to Accept Additional Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for the 2021 Area Plan Grant
- D3 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the 2022 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract
- D4 Resolution Amending 2021 Contracts for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services for the Salem County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Office
- D5 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-268 to BR Williams to Provide Healthcare Shuttle Services to Provide Medical Transportation to Delaware, Dialysis, and Camden and Philadelphia Appointment Effective September 1, 2021
- D6 Resolution Awarding a Contract to B.R. Williams to Provide Healthcare Shuttles for Salem County Residents in a Designated Rural Area
- D7 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-270 and Resolution 2020-395 to Extend the Funding Period from New Jersey Transit Corporation for Coronavirus Response Through New Jersey Cares Act Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Transportation
- D8 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities to Accept the 2021-2022 State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant
- D9 Resolution Acknowledging the Standardized Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA Grant)

D10 Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application to New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for Medicare Insurance Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant

D11 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant

D12 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the State of New Jersey for the 2021-2022 Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project 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 Accepting Additional RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2021 from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem

E2 Resolution to Accept and Execute a Grant from the 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 (Grant No. SFYOHH-17-2021/DL&PS)

E3 Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2021-107 Accepting Grant Funding from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Operation Helping Hand Reimbursement Grant Funding for the Prosecutor's Office [Subaward No. OHH-17-2019]

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 NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 – Area Plan Grant

F2 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 – Overdose to Action (OHH-17-2019)

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 – Operation Helping Hand (OHH-17-2021)

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 – 2021 Salem County Familiarization Tour

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 – 2021 State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

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 – 2021/2022 CLEP Grant

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 – FY2021 RERP 966 Funds

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 noted the return of Septemberfest and said it was a success. He discussed the 9/11 memorial event held at Cowtown Rodeo and thanked all involved for planning this. There were 5000 people in attendance!

He also mentioned some of the many activities in the county:

- Parvin State Park – Nature Tours
- Salem Community College – Homecoming 9/17
- Salem City – Movie night 9/24
- Pennsville – Wine Fest 9/25-26
- Veterans Picnic – 9/25
- Veterans Dinner – 9/30
- Chamber of Commerce Fall Banquet – 10/7 Veterans Affairs Officer, Joe Hannagan will receive Distinguished Citizen of the Year award.

Commissioner Ware thanked Commissioner Ostrum for getting him to the 9/11 memorial at Cowtown in time, as it was so crowded. He also noted that the Tourism Office ran a county Familiarization Tour (Fam Tour) for tourism writers. Commissioner Ware thanked Pat Federowic for her help with this event.

Commissioner Ed Ramsay also noted the successful Fam Tour. He said it was well received and they have already had good feedback. He thanked Atlantic City Electric for sponsoring the event, and also

Pat Federowic for organizing it. Ms. Federowic noted that it was a possibility only because the Tourism Advisory Council assisted with planning.

Director Laury spoke about Salem County becoming a 'destination' for tourism. We have the Three Forts Ferry, and the planned uses for the train line (holiday tour, dinner train, etc.). He also noted the current wineries, distilleries, and a new brewery coming to Woodstown.

Director Laury discussed the Office on Aging lunch held at Salem County Fairgrounds. The next one is on 10/20.

Director Laury spoke about the Wind Port groundbreaking ceremony held last week. He is excited about this project and how it can help Salem County.

Finally, Director Laury noted that Pat Bomba, Deputy Mayor of Carneys Point, was in attendance, and thanked him for coming.

- **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 everyone to be careful when being solicited online. Her social media account was hacked.

Also, Ms. Bomba noted a few events:

- The ARC Walk is on 9/25 and she is selling 50/50 tickets for this event.
- Disability Awareness Day is on 10/5 at Appel Farms. It is a drive-thru event. It was very successful last year and should be the same this year.
- Meals On Wheels has the Great Pumpkin Carve on 10/2 at Salem County Fairgrounds. Proceeds benefit this great program.
- At the South Jersey Pumpkin Show on 10/9, Resources for Independent Living will have a table of handcrafted items they are selling to support the consumer programs there. This will also be at Salem County Fairgrounds.
- Habitat for Humanity – Ramp Program – they are looking for funding to help build home access ramps. They have a waiting list for 7 people and only enough funds for 4 of them. They are \$4000 each. Can the county help them apply for grants to secure these funds

Director Laury asked Ms. Bomba to get the information to him and he will see what can be done to help them out.

Nelson Carney, Mannington

Mr. Carney noted the Stand Up For Salem dinner is take-out only due to the predicted storm. Dinners can be picked up behind the Fenwick Plaza.

Mr. Carney is again requesting that the county recognize Juneteenth as a holiday for the county and its employees. He would like to know why, when the Commissioners have received raises. He also noted the cost of the courthouse renovations and asked why those funds were being spent.

Director Laury noted that the Commissioners had a pay cut in 2016 and in 2021, their increase was the same % as the employees. He would like the two boards (Commissioners and CWA) to discuss Juneteenth further.

Regarding the courthouse project, Director Laury noted that the county was required to make the renovations by the state legislature.

Deputy Director Griscom noted that by taking control of the renovations, the county had design input. He said we did the best we could in a bad situation and reduced the costs.

Commissioners Ostrum and Ware agreed that we need to work out how to responsibly recognize and pay for a Juneteenth holiday.

- EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 4:50 PM**

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Salem County

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

Close Executive Session: Executive session was closed at 5:37 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

- ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 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			

Next Meeting Date

October 6, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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