



## Board of County Commissioners

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**INVOCATION** – Director Laury offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** – The statement was 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 November 3, 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	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware						X
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0

**PRESENTATION** - Lou Joyce Executive Director of the SJ Economic Development District

Mr. Joyce spoke on the Triad Associates study: Economic Development Vision and Action Plan. He noted the full report is over 70 pages, and this is a summary presentation. His discussion included personnel requirements, funding, branding, public or private entity, and a commitment timeline. A copy of the summary is attached.

*The Commissioner Board thanked the Economic Development Advisory Council, and the SJEDD for the work done on this project.*

**WAIVER OF THE RULES** - A4 Resolution to Oppose New Jersey Senate Bill S-3810 and New Jersey Assembly Bill A-5862

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 4-0

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS****Introduction**

Ordinance No. 2021-002

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES AND TRUCKS BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Ordinance 2021-002
2. Roll Call Vote

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			

3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for December 1, 2021

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

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 4-0

**Payment of Bills and Claims**

<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 4-0

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<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	X			
Commissioner Ware						X
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0

**RESOLUTIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Authorizing a Service Exchange Agreement for Voluntary Benefits Administration Between American Fidelity Assurance Company and the County of Salem
- A2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Supply and Delivery of Sheriff Correctional Officers' Uniforms, Correctional Facility Maintenance Department Uniforms, and Communication Center Uniforms for the County of Salem
- A3 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Lighting Project Under an Energy Savings Improvement Plan for the County of Salem
- A4 Resolution to Oppose New Jersey Senate Bill S-3810 and New Jersey Assembly Bill A-5862

<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 4-0

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - NONE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

C1 Resolution Authorizing the Filling of an Application and Execution of an Agreement for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2022

C2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements of Hook Road, County Road #551, Phase 3 for the County of Salem

<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		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 Awarding a Renewal Contract for Facilitating Events, Activities, and Trips for the Clients of the Salem County Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service Under the County Based Innovative Grant Program

<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	X			
Commissioner Ware						X
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for a Project Lifesaver International Grant from Alzheimer's Foundation of America for the Sheriff's Office

E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program [BVP21]

<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 4-0

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET - NONE**COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS** – None**COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS** – None**COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Ostrum noted it is nice to see everyone out and about again. Of the many activities around the county, he mentioned:

- Covid testing continues
- Toys for Tots has collection boxes around the county
- Salem Community College Foundation Scholarship Breakfast is on 11/18/21
- SCIA will have Document Shredding at their location on 11/20/21
- Woodstown Rotary will have a Santa Breakfast at the Creekside Inn
- American Legion Band has a Christmas Concert on 11/30/21
- Yuletide Tour will be in Salem City on 12/4/21

**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 noted how wonderful the Challenger Baseball League was this past season. She mentioned how gratifying it is to see so many people come out to help, including high school students. She also mentioned that the league has received a \$10,000 grant to improve the grounds.

Ms. Bomba also congratulated the Office on Aging & Disabilities on another successful Disability Awareness Day. She said a video of the event is now online for anyone wanting to view it.

*The Board thanked Ms. Bomba for her comments.*

Larry Owen, Pilesgrove

Dr. Owen noted problems he is having at his residence on Auburn Road after storm damage last year. He has been waiting for county counsel to contact him.

*County Counsel, Karin Woods, apologized to Dr. Owen and noted she dropped the ball on this issue. She will contact him first thing in the morning.*

*Commissioner Ostrum noted he has seen the damage and we will help within the bounds of our ability.*

*Director Laury noted if discussions with County Counsel are fruitful, then the issue will move on.*

William P. Corbin, Salem City

Mr. Corbin asked for an explanation of the Ordinance for sport utility vehicles.

*The Board noted these were for the Road Department.*

Mr. Corbin asked about A4 (resolution above) opposing certain bills in the state Senate and Assembly and what it meant.

*The Board noted these were bills limiting County powers when negotiating with unions.*

Mr. Corbin also said he would appreciate any help the county could offer Salem City police, etc. for dealing with crime in the city.

*Director Laury noted Salem is a beautiful city.*

Finally, Director Laury commented on expansion plans for the Spitfire Airport in Oldmans. He noted that the county will support what it can to aid this project.

He also noticed Cordy Taylor in attendance and thanked him for his work at the Salem County Improvement Authority (SCIA).

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2021 at 6:00pm - Olde Courthouse in Salem City.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

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

<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		X			
Commissioner Ware						X
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0

End Closed Session – 7:41 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
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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	X			
Commissioner Ware						X
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 4-0