



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2021

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

- **CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Director Laury opened the meeting at 6:02 pm
- **INVOCATION** – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Director Laury led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **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 September 15, 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

- **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

- Proclamation - Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – A Proclamation declaring 10/6/21 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day was presented to Health Department Employee, Jenna Hogate
- Proclamation – Hispanic American Heritage Month – A Proclamation declaring September 15 through October 15, 2021 as Hispanic American Heritage Month was presented at the PRAC (Puerto Rican Action Committee) Flag Raising on 10/1/21.

PRESENTATION: Prosecutor Kristin Telsey

Prosecutor Kristin Telsey attended the meeting to introduce herself. She is replacing Prosecutor John Lenahan, who retired.

The Commissioners welcomed Prosecutor Telsey and wished her well in her new position.

Prosecutor Telsey announced a ribbon-cutting for the new Child Advocacy Center. Date and Time TBD.

Prosecutor Telsey also announced a partnership with the state for a Gun Buy Back Program (cash for guns). This will be on 10/23/21 at the Carneys Point Fire Department. The program is anonymous, and payments will be from \$25 to \$250.

- **WAIVER OF THE RULES:** None
- **PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:** None
- **CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:
 - Letter from Walter C. Williams, Jr regarding excessive speeding on CR 540 in Alloway

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:**

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

- TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

- RESOLUTIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Camden County Educational Services Commission

A2 Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory Council

A3 Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Solar Power Purchase Agreement for the County of Salem

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

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

B1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Zeck Farm, Upper Pittsgrove Township

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

C1 Resolution to Approve Pedricktown Ambulance Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No.98-115

C2 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic East Main Street, County Road #675 in the Borough of Penns Grove, Salem County for the Penns Grove High School Homecoming Parade

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

Hand vote passed 4-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation - 2021 Healthy Salem, Healthy Body Grant

D2 Resolution Accepting and Executing the FY22 Special Child Health Case Management

D3 Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Grant (2019 Healthy Salem-Healthy Body Grant)

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application Submission to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Operation Helping Hand, the Attorney General and the Office of the New Jersey Coordinator for Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies (“NJ CARES”), for Funding Under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Overdose Data to Action – Operation Helping Hand Grant Program

E2 Resolution Endorsing Youth Services Commission (YSC) 2022 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Services Application to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Funding for the Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

E3 Resolution Endorsing the County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement & Youth Services Commission's 2022 Juvenile Detention and Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Innovations Proposals and Authorizing the County of Salem to Apply to the State of New

Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Grant Funding of \$120,000.00 for the Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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

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, 2022 Special Child Health Case Management

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, 2021 Healthy Salem, Healthy Body

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, Salem Health and Wellness Spec Trans 5311

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

- **COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:** None

- **COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Laury said that the Tax Assess does not anticipate any increase in County taxes for the year 2022.

- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Laury noted that there are a lot of events planned for the last quarter of 2021. He noted a few of them:

Parvin State Park - Terror in the Timbers – October weekends

Jersey Pumpkin Show 10/9-10/21 - SC Fairgrounds

Alloway Halloween Parade – 6:00 pm – 10/30/21

Spooky Pooch Costume contest – Dog Park in Pennsville, 2:00 – 4:00 pm – 10/30

OOA Park and Stay Lunch – 10/20 – SC Fairgrounds

Hancock House – Campfire Tales – 10/15-16/21

Pedricktown Day – 10/9
 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner – Friends in Salem - 10/9
 Dinner to Honor Dave & Eileen Bailey – 10/21 – The Grove
 Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – honoring Joe Hannagan, VA Director

• **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:

- Resources for Independent Living will have a table of client-made items for sale at the SJ Pumpkin show this weekend. She asked all to stop by and visit.
- Habitat for Humanity will have a construction blitz on November 13-14. Two families have been chosen for these homes.
- Habitat for Humanity Winter Raffle tickets are on sale now - \$5.00 each.

Ms. Bomba thanked all involved with the Disability Awareness Day. She said it was a great event.

*Director Laury added his congratulations to the Health & Human Services Dept for a fantastic job. He said it was a well-attended event.
 Commissioner Ostrum also noted the success of this event.*

• **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

Director Laury does not anticipate any actions after this session.

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

Open Executive Session: 6:30 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 4-0

Close Executive Session: 7:06 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 4-0

After Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded for an additional resolution:

Resolution in Support of Atlantic County Economic Alliance's Application for a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant

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 4-0

- ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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

Next Meeting Date

October 20, 2021
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM Meeting

Pittsgrove Municipal Building
989 Centerton Road
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318