



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2021 6:00 PM

Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- **INVOCATION:** CFO Kelly Hannagan offered the Invocation.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present joined in 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 October 6, 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 – John Lenahan**

Commissioner Ware presented a Citation to Prosecutor Lenahan on the occasion of his retirement. Commissioner Ware noted that Prosecutor Lenahan has been a lifelong friend and the one constant during his tenure on the Board.

Prosecutor Lenahan thanked the Board and said it was a privilege to work with the Commission Board. He also noted a great working relationship with the Administration group – Kelly Hannigan, Stacy Pennington, Jeff Ridgway, and Karin Wood. “Keep doing what you are doing”.

• **PRESENTATION – John Snyder, County Tax Administrator**

Mr. Snyder presented the 2021 Abstract of Ratables to the Board. He noted there will not be a County tax increase in 2022. He also provided a table showing the Change in Median Sales Price for homes in Salem County showing a 45% increase in sales price from July 2020-July 2021. Copy is attached.

The Commissioners discussed some business growth in the county as well as people finding the nice quality of life in Salem County and choosing to move here.

• **WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

F12 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 Early Voting Election Grant

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

• **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

- RESOLUTIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Requesting Transfer of 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

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

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

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 Authorizing the Filing of a Third Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2019 County Aid Improvement Program
- C2 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Third Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2020 County Aid Improvement Program
- C3 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Rail Freight Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2022
- C4 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 2017 County Aid Road Program for the County of Salem
- C5 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #3 FY 2017 Mill and Overlay Resurfacing Program New Bridge Road, County Road #623 in Lower Alloways Creek Township and Watsons Mill Road, County Road #672 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem NJ DOT Job No. 7101315
- C6 Resolution Restricting Parking Along a Portion of Courses Landing Road, County Road #628 in Carneys Point Township, County of Salem

- C7 Resolution Restricting Parking Along a Portion of Courses Landing Road, County Road #728 in Carneys Point Township, County of Salem
- C8 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 for Professional Engineering Services Agreement Evaluation and Design of Camp Karney Dam, NJDEP #30-8 in Pilesgrove Township for the County of Salem
- C9 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Maple Avenue, County Road #634, South Broad Street, County Road #607, and West Main Street, County Road #675 in the Borough of Penns Grove, Salem County
- C10 Resolution Amending and Correcting Resolution No 2021-354 Approving Change Order #1 for 2020 Professional Engineering Services for the County of Salem

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 to Revise the Schedule of Environmental Fees to Be Charged by the Salem County Department of Health and Amending Resolution 2012-389 to Remove the Waiver of Inspection Fee for Mobile/Temporary Event Vendors
- D2 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the Private Well Outreach 2022 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 Correcting Resolution 2021-203

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 – 2021 Early Voting Election 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 – 5-0

- **COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:** None

- **COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ware offered his congratulations to Director Laury and Commissioner Ostrum on their re-election to the Board, and he also extended congratulations to the rest of the winners. In addition, he thanked all those who ran for being willing to take on the various leadership positions.

- **COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Deputy Director Griscom noted there will be a Salem County Veterans Medal Ceremony on November 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm at SCC's Davidow Theater.

- **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.

Karen Roots, Oak Street, Salem

Ms. Roots wondered if the Board was familiar with a Salem City Redevelopment Plan and can the Board help with job creation. She also mentioned a proposed cement company at the Ardaugh plant was delayed by the county.

Director Laury noted the state has announced a \$9 million investment in the Port of Salem and plans to use it for receiving parts for the new Wind Port in LAC.. He also noted the railroad was completed. There was no delay in working with the cement company. That was there decision to back out.

Nelson Carney, Woodstown

Mr. Carney inquired about progress with Juneteenth becoming an official holiday for county workers.

Director Laury noted he has no doubt that it will become an official holiday. The issue continues to be negotiated with the unions.

Mr. Carney noted the Board will be held accountable for this decision. He would also like to see a more diverse employee group working for the county.

Bill Corbin, Salem City

Mr. Corbin noted the courthouse construction project and wondered about people of color getting construction jobs at that site.

Administrator Jeff Ridgway said the contract was issued to _____. There is no guarantee that people of color will be hired as the contractor does the hiring.

Mr. Corbin also asked about the resolution to transfer funds. What does that mean?

Director Laury explained that funds allocated to accounts, but not used in full, are transferred to other accounts in need.

Larry Owen, Auburn Road, Pilesbrove

Mr. Owen asked about repairs to storm damaged property on Auburn Road in Pilesgrove Township.

Director Laury noted that due to possible litigation, he could not comment on this.

Mr. Owen just submitted his letter with pictures to the Board. Copy attached.

- EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 6:25 PM**

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

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

End Executive Closed Session - 7:15 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 7:16 PM.

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

Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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