



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2021 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Director Laury opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

INVOCATION – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Director Laury invited all to recite the Pledge together.

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 November 17, 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

PRESENTATION

Jack Swain, Superintendent of Schools – Salem County Vocation Technical High School

Mr. Swain presented a plan to offer Submerged-arc Welding (SAW) Technology, HVAC, and Mechatronics, Robotics, and Automation Engineering at the school. He noted how these skills are presently, and will continue to be, in demand. A Bond would be needed to move ahead with this plan.

Mr. Swain had three items of note:

- A \$750,000 investment would be needed
- A bond is necessary
- There is a tight time frame to accomplish this
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A copy of the presentation is attached.

After some talk about the attached presentation, the Board reached a consensus for further discussions.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

A4 Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Salem County Sheriff's Office Mobile Communications Vehicle Upfit

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS

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

Motion To Open the Public Hearing

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			

Roll Call vote – passed 5-0

Motion To Close the Public Hearing

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			

Roll Call vote – passed 5-0

Motion To Adopt Ordinance 2021-02

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			

Roll Call vote – passed 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

- County of Monmouth Resolution to Oppose S-3810 and A-5862
- Minutes from Public Works Committee Meeting October 1, 2021
- Minutes from Salem County Improvement Authority Meeting November 10, 2021
- Letter from SJI Utilities regarding the Petition of Approval of Base Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the Accelerated Infrastructure Replacement Program
- Letter from SJI Utilities regarding the Petition to Revise the Levels of its Societal Benefits Clause Charges and its Transportation Initiation Clause Charge

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 to Amend Resolution 2021-004 Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

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A2 Resolution Authorizing the Director of the County Commissioner of the County of Salem to Enter Into a Shared Services Agreement for Qualified Purchasing Agent Services with Pennsville Sewerage Authority

A3 Resolution Authorizing the Director of the County Commissioners of the County of Salem to Enter Into a Share Services Agreement for Qualified Purchasing Agent Services with Pennsville Township

A4 Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Salem County Sheriff's Office Mobile Communications Vehicle Upfit

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 - None**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum**

C1 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Bridges Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2022

C2 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Full Services Right-of-Way Consultant Services for the Five Points and Six Points Roundabout Projects 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 Extending and Amending the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant

D2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-236 to Extend the Funding Period From New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Resolution 2020-237 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Through Area Plant 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 to Amend Resolution 2021-198 Supporting an Application to the New Jersey State Police Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Performance Grant Program No. FY21-EMPG-EMAA-1700

E2 Resolution to Accept and Execute CY 2022 JDAI Grant Funding for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission Award #JDAI-21-IF-17

E3 Resolution Approving a Rental, Location and Partnership Agreement Between Ranch Hope, Inc. and Salem County Rescue Recovery Resource Center

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 – Bulletproof Vest

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 – Personal Assistance Service Program (PASP) Grant

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:

Commissioner Director Laury congratulated the Salem County American Legion Band on an amazing concert last weekend. He said it was well attended and was appreciative of the talent in the county.

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Commissioner Griscom noted a lot of upcoming events:

- New Chamber of Commerce office ribbon cutting on 12/9 at 9:00 am
- Covid testing every Monday at the county office: 110 Fifth Street, Salem
- Woodstown by Candlelight on 12/3 from 4-10 pm
- Elmer Methodist Thrift Shop open on 12/4 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Penns Grove Christmas in the Park 5:30 – 7:00 pm on 12/4
- Yuletide Tour in Salem City, parade, etc 11:00 am thru 6:30 pm
- SC Humane Society open house 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on 12/4
- Elmer Grange Hall – Dinner Dance on 12/4
- Annual Toy Run to Al Dupont on 12/5 from Sakima CC 9:00 am
- 4-H craft night – free – just register – 6:00 – 8:00 pm on 12/10/2021
- Oak Singers concert on 12/12 at 3:00 pm (SCC Davidow Hall)
- Ranch Hope Drive Thru Nativity – 6:00 – 8:00 pm on 12/17
- Wreaths Across America – 12/18 at 12:00 noon – Finns Point Cemetery in Pennsville
- A Soldier's Christmas – Ft. Mott Park – 5:00 – 9:00 pm
- Pea Patch Brass – free concert at Friends Meetinghouse in Woodstown 7:00 pm 12/18

Commissioner Ostrum noted Rurla Health Week was November 15-19, 2021. The Salem County Health Department was recognized by Governor Murphy for the Park 'N Stay lunch program and the COVID clinics – which have operated during the pandemic. Congratulations!

Commissioner Director Laury thanked all in the county for planning so many wonderful events.

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. Online viewers, please type in your questions for a response.

In person

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba informed everyone of these activities:

- SCVTS is having a holiday side-dish sale

- SCVTS FFA is having a breakfast with Santa
- Dunns Park in Penns Grove will have a tree lighting
- St. Gabriel church will have a breakfast with Santa
- Fazzios opening in Salem City will be on 12/20 with a ribbon cutting

William P. Corbin, Salem City

Mr. Corbin wanted to recognize Salem High School Rams football team for the upcoming state title game. The Salem High School cheerleading squad also won their competition! He noted the three Salem Middle School teams did very well, with the 8-9 year old team winning the championship. Can this be recognized publically?

Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, said to contact her to set this up.

On Facebook

Catherine Bobbitt

1. Were commissioner salaries included in resolution to amend job classifications and salaries?

COB, Stacy Pennington stated Commissioner salaries were not included.

2. How have \$12.1 million in Covid relief funds been allocated? Any insight would be appreciated.

CFO Hannigan noted that about \$350,000 have been encumbered; none of it has been spent yet.

Director Laury noted the Board feels that the funds can make a bigger impact by cost sharing with the municipalities, so we have reached out to them for input.

3. The the sophomore squad of the Salem Junior Rams won their championship against Paulsboro last weekend. Would they be recognized by the Board?

Director Laury noted, absolutely! Please get in touch with Stacy Penning to arrange this.

Mr. Corbin additional noted that three teams did well this year.

Director Laury noted that the Board would be happy to recognize all of them.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Regular Meeting December 15, 2021 6:00 PM Meeting
Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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