



## Board of County Commissioners

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2021 6:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Director, Ben Laury, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**INVOCATION:** CFO, Kelly Hannigan, let the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present joined in reciting 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 December 1, 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:**Mike Tuosto, PSEG

Director Laury presented a Retirement Citation to Mr. Mike Tuosto of PSEG Nuclear. Mr. Tuosto has been an integral part of PSEG Nuclear and has supported many community programs through PSEG for over 25 years. The director noted Mr. Tuosto has become a friend, not just a colleague. Director Laury wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

Beth Sawyer, Assemblywoman Elect

Director Laury introduced Assemblywoman Elect, Beth Sawyer, who thanked him for the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Sawyer then thanked Salem County for helping to elect her. She noted that her Trenton office will promote open communication and that residents should contact the office for anything they need.

Director Laury thanked her for attending the meeting.

**PRESENTATION:** None

**WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

A3 Resolution to Commit Matching Funds to the Salem County Vocational technical School District for the Construction of an HVAV Technology Program and Expand Its Existing Welding Technology

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

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

- Letter from ACE regarding a petition for approval of a change to its zero-emission certificate recovery charge
- Letter from Oldmans Township regarding expansion of the Salem County Farmland Preservation area in Oldmans Township

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

**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 Awarding Contract for Providing Snow and Ice Removal Services for the County of Salem

A2 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

A3 Resolution to Commit Matching Funds to the Salem County Vocation Technical School District for the Construction of an HVAV Technology Program and Expand Its Existing Welding Technology

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

Hand vote – passed 4-0

**AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom**

B1 Resolution Accepting Cultural & Heritage Commission 2022 Grant Dollars from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission

B2 Resolution Awarding Cultural & Heritage Commission 2022 Grant Dollars from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission

<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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Ramsay, Ostrum

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

C2 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Bituminous Concrete and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services 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			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware						
Deputy Director Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury						

Hand vote – passed 4-0

**HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the 2022 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

D2 Resolution Adopting the FY2023 Update of the 2020-2025 Salem County Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan

D3 Resolution to Accept Additional Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for the 2021 Area Plan Grant

D4 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP) Grant 2022

D5 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Congregate Nutrition Title IIIC Programs)

D6 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Certified Home Health Aide SASS)

D7 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Assisted Transportation SHTP)

- D8 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Adult Day Services Medical Title IIIB)
- D9 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Caregiver Adult Day Services Medical Title IIIE)
- D10 Resolution Rejecting Proposals Submitted for Providing Services and Programs for Salem County Residents 60 Years of Age or Older and Limited Disabled Residents Under the Area Plan Grant of the Older Americans Act (Residential Maintenance Title IIIB)

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 the Submission of a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor for the Prosecutor's Office Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program for the County of Salem
- E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Center MDT Grant for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office

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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He noted it has been a tough year for so many people, but he feels blessed to live in Salem County. He also announced that the next meeting will be the Closeout meeting Tuesday, December 28 at 11:00 am in the Olde Courthouse. He expects it to be very short.

Director Laury also announced that the Annual Reorganization Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Olde Courthouse.

## COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Griscom noted the following upcoming events...

- The County Health Dept. continues to offer COVID testing every Monday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the trailer in back of the office at 110 Fifth Street in Salem City.
- 12/17 – 6:00 pm - Drive-thru Nativity at 6:00 pm – Ranch Hope
- 12/18 – 6:00 pm – Quinton Fire Company will escort Santa through town
- 12/18 – 12:00 noon – Wreathes Across America – Finns Point National Cemetery, Pennsville
- 12/18 – 5:00 pm – A Soldiers Christmas – Fort Mott State Park, Pennsville
- 12/18 – 9:30 am – Breakfast with Santa – Penns Grove High School
- 12/18 – 8:00 am – Breakfast with Santa – SCVTS
- 12/18 – 7:00 pm – Christmas in Brass concert – Woodstown Friends Meeting House
- 12/19 – 12:30 pm – Lunch with Santa – Pennsville Public Library
- 1/19 - 11:30 pm – State of the County Luncheon at Creekside Inn. Must Register \$35
- 1/22 - 7:00 pm - Winter Jazz Fest—a Music Around the County event– FREE—at SCC Davidow Hall

Commissioner Ostrum congratulated the Salem County Health Department for their participation in the “Boost New Jersey” day on 12/15, which encouraged residents to get the Covid Vaccine Booster dose.

Director Laury noted he had his booster shot and echoed the kudos for the Health Dept. Commissioner Ramsay also noted the flawless way the vaccine clinics are run.

Commissioner Ostrum noted upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives in Salem County. He encouraged residents to donate if they are able.

- December 29, 2021 – 2:00 – 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Woodstown
- January 4, 2022 – 2:00 - 7:00 pm at Sharptown UM Church in Pilesgrove
- January 12, 2022 – 2:00 – 7:00 pm at Woodstown Masonic Lodge in Woodstown

Director Laury noted some of the meeting attendees:

Assemblywoman Elect, Beth Sawyer  
 Linwood Donelson, SCVTS Board member  
 Bill Corbin, former Salem City Councilman  
 AJ Cummings, Under Sheriff  
 Jim Gilroy, PSEG Nuclear  
 Joe Hannagan, Salem County Veterans Affairs Director

He then thanked all attendees for coming out and those participating on Facebook.

## 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.

### Betty Coombs, Elmer

Ms. Coombs complimented the Roads Department for the rumble strips at Burlington & Shirley Roads intersection. She then asked what else will be done to help with safety at that corner. Ms. Coombs also noted that the State indicated \$300,000 is needed for a traffic light and that Upper Pittsgrove Twp would be responsible for \$75,000 of that amount. Her questions:

1. What else can be done to help with safety at that corner?
2. Why is township responsible for \$75,000?
3. Does the State follow up on their responsibilities in the county?

1. *Commissioner Ramsay said a traffic study was done that recommended a 4-way stop sign solution. Being discussed are solar flashing stop signs, etc. Discussion is continuing and the State DOT needs to do their study.*
2. *The Commissioners could not answer this question. Commissioner Ramsay suggested sending a letter to the state to follow up.*
3. *Director Laury said the state does follow up and that various locations can use some work.*

Lastly Ms. Coombs asked about using CARES funds for improved broadband access in our rural county.

*Director Laury noted that all municipalities have already been contacted to discuss a cost sharing opportunity with the County for broadband upgrades. This is still in the planning stages.*

Bill Corbin, Davis Avenue, Salem

Mr. Corbin asked for the Salem Rams football team, the Rams Cheerleading Team, and the Midget 8-9 y.o. football team to be recognized. He looks forward to more local players doing well in the future, i.e. Jonathan Taylor (Salem High School graduate now in the pros).

*Director Laury noted the teams had been contacted, but this particular evening they were attending a congratulatory dinner. Something will be planned in the new year.*

Doris Moore, Club Town Road, Upper Pittsgrove

Ms. Moore noted that truckers are using Jake Brakes on Commissioners Pike / Daretown Road. It is really noisy. Can 'no jake brake' signs be installed?

*Administrator Jeff Ridgway noted letters have been received from both municipalities involved with this and that he will discuss it with Commissioner Ramsay for the Planning Board meeting. He will follow up.*

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

End Closed Session

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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