



Board of County Commissioners

2022 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2022 6:00 PM

Salem County Historic Courthouse

Welcoming Statement: The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington, who welcomed all present and congratulated all those elected.

Election Certificate from the County Clerk – Certified election results were presented by Clerk of the Board, Stacy L Pennington. Benjamin H. Laury and Gordon (Mickey) J. Ostrum, Jr. were elected to the office of County Commissioner for a term of 3 years. Charles M. Miller was elected as Sheriff for a term of 3 years.

Oaths of Office

Honorable Charles M. Miller
Presiding: Dale A. Cross, County Clerk

After taking his Oath of Office, Sheriff Miller thanked everyone for their support over the years. He specifically thanked all the men and women from the Sheriff's Department with whom he has served.

Honorable Benjamin H. Laury
Presiding: Dale A. Cross, County Clerk

Honorable Gordon J. Ostrum, Jr.
Presiding: Dale A. Cross, County Clerk

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board - *Presiding Protem*

Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington, called the meeting to order and then invited Chaplain Daniel Spencer, from the Salem County Correctional Facility, to offer the Invocation. She then asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance Roll Call was taken.

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.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT: Ms. 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.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR

Ms. Pennington Commissioner accepted nominations for the position of Commissioner Director. Commissioner Ostrum nominated Commissioner Benjamin Laury. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

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

Roll Call vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ben Laury was elected to the position of Commissioner Director. Karin M. Wood, Attorney at Law, presided for the Oath of Office.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Commissioner Director Laury accepted nominations for the position of Commissioner Deputy Director. Commissioner Griscom nominated Commissioner Gordon Ostrum, Jr. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

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

Roll Call vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Gordon Ostrum, Jr. was elected to the position of Commissioner Director. Karin M. Wood, Attorney at Law, presided for the Oath of Office.

RESOLUTIONS (list attached)

The Resolutions were read in their entirety and then voted on as a group. A list is attached.

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

Roll Call vote passed 5-0.

COMMENTS

Newly elected Assemblywoman Beth Sawyer thanked Salem County for support and noted the hard work begins now.

Newly elected Assemblywoman Bethanne Patrick also thanked Salem County for the support and echoed Assy. Sawyer sentiments.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Ed Ramsay – Comm. Ramsay wished all a Happy New Year and said it was an honor and pleasure to work with this Board. He also noted it is a privilege to work with the Salem County employees.

Commissioner Scott Griscom – Comm. Griscom welcomed all and offered his thanks. He noted that this Board works well together as they take the politics out and work together, focusing on what is best for Salem County citizens. He noted that Salem County will have a population explosion in the near future.

Commissioner Lee Ware – Comm. Ware wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He hopes 2022 will see Covid issues end. He feels the Board has come a long way in his many years here and attributes that to the Director. As a sports Coach, he appreciates good leadership. A lot of good things are happening in Salem County – Wind Port, railroad, jobs, etc.

Deputy Director Mickey Ostrum – Comm. Ostrum wished all a Happy New Year and is honored to be starting his second term as a County Commissioner. He noted the Board puts the needs of Salem County citizens first. He also noted we have devoted employees here in the county. He also mentioned several accomplishments:

- June Seiber and her Health Department have risen to the challenges of Covid pandemic.
 - Property values have increased, and the Wind Port project is starting.
 - The state mandated courthouse expansion is underway, with no increase in county tax.
 - The railroad is about to be rejuvenated with tourism opportunities in the near future.
- Deputy Director Ostrum is excited for the future of Salem County.

Director Ben Laury – Director Laury thanked Comm. Griscom for his work as Deputy Director and said he will be missed in that position. He recognized the dedicated work of the county Administration team. Dir. Laury also noted some successes:

- Inspira Health plans to work with Salem Medical Center
- Wind Port - \$400 committee plus 1500 jobs to come
- Tax relief – no new county taxes in 2022
- Grants for county libraries
- Offers to match municipality CARES spending in process

- Purchasing handicap ramps for those in need
- Airport expansion
- New railroad operator with development plans
- Salem City terminal improvements (dredging) with \$9 million committed from the state
- Courthouse expansion cost negotiated to be reduced by 50%
- Expanded courses at the Salem County VoTech School to support Wind Port jobs
- Three (3) years of funding for an Economic Development office
- Working on increased bandwidth for 911
- Construction – Amazon facility, etc.

Lastly, Dir. Laury noted we have a great Board because of those that came before us. He is thankful for God, his family, and Salem County citizens.

BENEDICTION – Chaplain Daniel Spencer, Salem County Correctional Facility offered the parting prayer.

Next Meeting of the County Commissioner Board will be on January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Olde Courthouse, Salem, NJ

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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

Hand Vote passed 5-0.

2022 Reorganization Meeting List of Resolutions

001	Resolution for the Adoption of the Rules to Govern the Salem County Board of County Commissioners for Year 2022
002	Resolution for Compliance With the Open Public Meetings Act Law for the County of Salem
003	Resolution Adopting the 2022 Temporary Budget
004	Resolution Setting Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges for 2022
005	Resolution Designating a Custodian of Funds and Depositories for Municipal Moneys and Authorizing Investment of Funds at Interest for the County of Salem
006	Resolution Approving Signatories for Required Bank Accounts for the County of Salem
007	Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for the County of Salem
008	Resolution Assigning County Departments for 2022
009	Resolution Designating County Commissioner Member or Liaison for Various Boards, Commissions, and Agencies Outside of Salem County Government 2022
010	Resolution for the Appointment of County Commission Members to Various Education Boards and Committees
011	Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of an Emergency Appropriation for the Acquisition of Various Equipment and Improvements for Early Voting
012	Resolution of the County of Salem Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement with Respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing and Leasing of Certain Energy Equipment; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement with Respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing and Leasing of Certain Energy Equipment; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing All Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated By This Resolution
013	Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer for the County of Salem (Linwood Donelson)
014	Resolution Appointing a County Adjuster for the County of Salem (Linwood Donelson)
015	Resolution Appointing a Medical Examiner for the County of Salem (Dr. Gerald Feigin)
016	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Auditor for the County of Salem (Bowman & Company)
017	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Bond Counsel for the County of Salem (Archer and Greiner)
018	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Civil Litigation Counsel for the County of Salem (Marla Gaglione)
019	Resolution Awarding a Contract for County Counsel for the County of Salem (Karin M. Wood)
020	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Financial Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Agent Services for the County of Salem (Phoenix Advisors, LLC)
021	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Health Insurance Broker for the County of Salem (Assured Partners)
022	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Labor Counsel for the County of Salem (DiNicola and DiNicola, LLC)

023	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Medical Director for the Salem County Correctional Facility (Dr. John Amrien)
024	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Medical Director for the Salem County Department of Health and Human Services (Dr. Robert Smick)
025	Resolution Awarding a Contract for County Planner for the County of Salem (Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers)
026	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Psychological and Psychiatric Services for the Salem County Correctional Facility (CFG Health Systems, LLC)
027	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Risk Management Services for the County of Salem (Assured Partners)
028	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Special Auditor for the County of Salem (Holt, McNally and Associates, HMA)
029	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Agricultural Development Board (Bill Stoms)
030	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Board of Social Services (Bertha Hyman, Gwynne Griscom)
031	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Citizens Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Victoria Maurizio)
032	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals (Rob Ceaser, K. Myrle Patrick, Rob Sutton, Jim McKelvie, Diana Ford)
033	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Commission on Women (Brenda Parris Banks)
034	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Cultural & Heritage Commission (Patty Grenier, W. Pete Michel)
035	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Disability Advisory Board (Patty Bomba, Mike DiPaolo, Elizabeth DiPrimio, Lori Lackey, Tyler Spino, June Seiber)
036	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Human Relations Advisory Board (Kristen Telsey, Douglas Bell, Maribel Bermudez, Robert Bratty, Patricia Braxton, Ida Garlic, Julia Harris, Elliott Hernandez, Bertha Hyman Brian Miller, Jose Sanchez)
037	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Improvement Authority (Lew Schneider and Steve DeMatteo)
038	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Insurance Claims Review Committee (Karin Wood)
039	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Office on Aging Advisory Council (Julie McCoy, Harvey Saunders)
040	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Office on Aging Transportation Advisory Council for the Casino Revenues
041	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Planning Board (John Humphries, II, Bill Stoms, Jim McKelvie, Joe Augustyn)
042	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Pollution Control Financing Authority (Fran Grenier)
043	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Right of Way Commission (Mike Brooks, James McKelvie, Diana Ford)
044	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Shared Services Working Group (Beth Blohm, Kelly Hannigan, Carey Italiano)

045	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Tourism Advisory Council (Shannon Carter, Jim Grant)
046	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Veteran's Advisory Board (Joseph Hannagan, Jeffrey Ridgway, Sam Willis, Edward Hassler, Daniel Reilly, Jaci Bobbitt, Brenda Parris Banks, William Berglund, Patrick Hassler, Mark Taylor, Jr., Lester Sutton, Fedrick Weisgerber, Bob Richards, Frank Hofacker)
047	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem Community College Board of Trustees (Ida Bowen, Patrice Burdalski)
048	Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem Community College Trustee Search Committee (Grace Alliegro, Bob Bender, Nelson Carney, Zenaida Cobian, Stacy Pennington, Harvey Saunders)
049	Resolution to Appoint Members to the South Jersey Economic Development District for the County of Salem (John Bobbitt, Carey Italiano, Robert Zuest)
050	Resolution to Appoint Representatives for the County of Salem to the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (Ben Laury, Ed Ramsay, Ed McKelvey, James McKelvie, Joseph Augustyn)
051	Resolution For the Appointment of a County Commission Representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (Ed Ramsay)