



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 28, 2021 11:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER: Director Ben Laury called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: Read by Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board

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 (via phone)	
Commissioner Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 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			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL AND COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES AND REPORTS:

- Resolution from Monmouth County Urging the President of the United States and the EPA to take appropriate action to issue waivers and implement other reforms to allow for the blending of renewable fuels under the Clean Air Act
- Letter from Oldmans Township requesting a County inspection of overgrowth at the intersection of Straughns Mill Road and Perkintown Road.
- Resolution from the Borough of Rockaway Opposing S-3810 and A-5862 public sector unions in collective bargaining negotiations
- Covid 19 Grant Request from SCIA
- Minutes from the December 9, 2021 SCIA regular meeting
- Resolution from the County of Warren urging the NJ Legislature to properly allocate 911 Systems and Emergency Trust Fund Account to County Municipal 911 Centers

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Amending the Salem County Policy and Procedure Manual

A2 Resolution of the County of Salem Awarding a Contract for a Photovoltaic System Power Purchase Agreement in Connection with an Energy Savings Improvement Plan

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 Submission of a NJDEP Dam Restoration Loan Application for the Rehabilitation of Camp Karney Dam

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.

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution Awarding a Contract to South Jersey Legal Services, Inc. for Providing Legal Presentations to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D2 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition – State Home Delivered Meals to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D3 Resolution Awarding a Contract to South Jersey Legal Services, Inc. for Providing legal Services to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D4 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Bayada Nurses for Providing Certified Home Health Aide – Title III E to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D5 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Bayada Nurses for Providing Certified Home Health Aide – Title III B to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D6 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing State Weekend Home Delivered Meals to the Disabled and/or Elderly residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D7 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition Title III C-2 to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan Grant
- D8 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Meals on Wheels of Salem County for Providing Home Delivered Nutrition-SASS to the Disabled and/or Elderly Residents of Salem County Under the Older Americans Act – Area Plan 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 - NONE

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET: NONE

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ramsay wished all a Happy New Year.

Director Laury thanked all Commissioners for serving Salem County and said it is an honor to work with them.

Commissioner Ostrum thanked Director Laury for his leadership. This sentiment was echoed by Deputy Director Griscom.

Commissioner Ed Ramsay wished a Happy New Year to all and thanked Director Laury and Deputy Director for their leadership this past year.

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (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

Thank you to the Board for working for the disabled citizens. She knows there is work going on to have more handicapped ramps available and hopes to see that soon.

Is Code Blue still active? With housing vouchers?

Administrator Ridgway noted this is still active and runs through County Emergency Services.

Director Laury noted that the budget this year should include funds for 2-3 ramps. Also, grants for libraries will be included, as they are also in need.

Ms. Bomba also noted that Penns Grove/Carneys Point Women's Club had a library out of River Church, but the church was flooded out and has temporarily halted lending services. She hopes they will be included in any help for libraries.

Director Laury noted that could be done. He also mentioned that each municipality received CARES funds. The County also received funds of \$12 million and has offered each of the 15 municipalities a share of these to help with any CARES approved needs in their communities.

Patrick Bomba, Carneys Point

Regarding Camp Karney Dam Restoration – was a study done to also dredge the lake?

Director Laury noted that the EPA and Agriculture departments were involved noted there was preserved land involved. Also, costs were increasing to the point where there were no funds to do this.

Tim Kitchell, 68 Brookmeadow Circle, Shrewsbury, PA

Mr. Kitchell is interested in Resolution A2 regarding the Solar Contract. He would like more details about who it was awarded to, etc.

Administrator Ridgway said he would get that information to him if he will give his contact information.

No online comments.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: 11:15 am.

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			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

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 5-0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Meeting Date

January 5, 2022

Reorganization Meeting 6:00 PM Meeting

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