



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 – 134

Public Works/Economic Development Committee

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FISCAL YEAR 2020 RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution #2020-175 on May 20, 2020 approving the acceptance and execution of a funding Agreement for a 90% reimbursement Grant for the "SALEM COUNTY RAILROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM, CHESTNUT RUN CULVERT REPLACEMENT under the NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 2020 RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"; and

WHEREAS, the original Grant period commenced on July 22, 2020 and ends on July 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, during the design phase, storm damage occurred to the culvert requiring changes to the design plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a "State of Emergency" by the Governor of New Jersey due to Covid-19 continues to impact staffing and work production; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Omicron variant has impacted and continues to impact staffing and work production; and

WHEREAS, Salem County has entered into a contract with "SMS Rail Lines" for operation and maintenance of the railroad. The plans and specifications are to be reviewed by "SMS Rail Lines" prior to submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for approval, which may necessitate additional revisions to the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to affect supply chain schedules and is expected to impact the schedule for delivery of the culvert pipe and steel sheeting during the construction phase; and

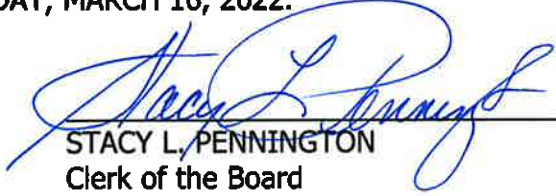
WHEREAS, due to the foregoing circumstances, the County Engineer and Administrator would like to request a six (6) month extension of the Grant period, making the new deadline for award of a construction contract January 22, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners that a formal request be made to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to approve an extension to the FISCAL YEAR 2020 RAIL FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM until January 22, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward A. Ramsay".

EDWARD A. RAMSAY, County Commissioner
Chair, Economic Development/Public Works Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022.


STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.			✓			
E. Ramsay	✓		✓			
L. Ware			✓			
R.S. Griscom		✓	✓			
B. Laury			✓			

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