



## Board of County Commissioners

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2022 6:00 PM

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**INVOCATION** – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Commissioner Director Laury asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** – The Statement was 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	
Commissioner Scott Griscom	X	
Commissioner Ed Ramsay	X	
Deputy Director Gordon Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

### MINUTES

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.  
 Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** – None

**PRESENTATION** – None

**WAIVER OF THE RULES** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS**

- Director Laury asked COB Stacy Pennington to read this Ordinance and then explained that this was for upkeep and will be split between the college and the state. As there were no other comments, he called for a vote. He then noted the public hearing and adoption is scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**Introduction**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF SFY 2021-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SALEM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Ordinance 2022-001
2. Roll Call
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for May 4, 2022

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Commissioner Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote passed – 5-0.

- Director Laury asked COB Stacy Pennington to read this next Ordinance and then noted that this was for an expansion project at SCVTS, including a submersible arc welding program. As there were no other comments, he called for a vote. He then noted the public hearing and adoption is scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**Introduction**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALEM COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPANSION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Ordinance 2022-002
2. Roll Call
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for May 4, 2022

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

Roll Call vote passed – 5-0.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports**

1. Letter from the Pennsville Little League

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.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

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.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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.

**RESOLUTIONS****ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom**

- A1 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Tourism Advisory Council (Nick Mesiano)
- A2 Amendment to Resolution 2022-004 to Establish Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges
- A3 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Cumberland and the County of Salem for the Cumberland County/Salem County Broadband Connectivity Project
- A4 Resolution Rescinding an Amendment to the Salem County Policy and Procedure Manual
- A5 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the Temporary Budget

Regarding A3 – Deputy Director Ostrum emphasized this is part of the plan to improve broadband access in Salem County and goes hand-in-hand with radio transmissions for emergency services.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed – 5-0.

**AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - None****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum**

- C1 Resolution to Approve "Alloway Township Fire Company" Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115
- C2 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract Re-Bid for Traffic Engineering Consultant Services for the County of Salem SJTPO Unified Planning Work Program
- C3 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Furnishing, Installing, Supplying, and Servicing Vending Machines 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>
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed – 5-0.

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for Improving Communication and Language Access for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind New Jerseyans
- D2 Resolution Amending and Extending Resolution 2021-059 for the FY21 Rural 5311/Non-Urbanized Transportation Grant Funding Through New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities
- D3 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Emergency Training and Consulting

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

- E1 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Expert Opinion Services with Steven Simring, MD, MPH, for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office

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

Hand vote passed – 5-0.

**COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS – None****COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ostrum noted that the county is moving forward to observe Juneteenth as an official holiday. A few issues are being finalized and then an announcement will be made.

Commissioner Ramsay informed us that earlier today he toured the now repaired washout site along the Salem County Railroad Line which had been damaged in a major storm last year. He noted SMS is doing a phenomenal job fixing this area. SMS expects to be running rail bikes soon. They already have 6 passenger cars and are working on tourist events like dinner trains, holiday trains, etc.

Director Laury added a few other items about the railroad:

- SMS plans on running a Christmas train to coincide with Woodstown by Candlelight in December.
- Rail bikes are expected to start running on June 17. This will be a 7 mile round-trip from Wilson Avenue in Woodstown to the trestle area near Swedesboro.
- SMS has acquired 94 acres in Pilesgrove Twp. for parking
- They have a restored steam engine and a 1907 wooden car

## COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Ostrum noted a number of upcoming activities in the county:

- The Commission on Women is offering two (2) \$1000 scholarships to a graduating Salem County female. Applications are on the website.
- Narcan giveaway from the Health Dept.
- April is Alcohol Awareness Month
- Saturday, 4/23/22 – NAACP Annual Banquet
- Salem County Friends – Pot Pie Dinner on 3/30/22 in the Annex Bldg.
- Best of Salem County celebration – 5/5/22 at the Fairgrounds.
- Silver Fox Tea on 5/12/22 at Sharptown Methodist Church
- Car Show and Walk at SCVTS on 5/21/22
- Salem County Fair – August 9 thru 12

## 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.

### Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba informed all of a few activities:

- Resources for Independent Living will have a Vaccination Clinic
- Habitat for Humanity will have a Pocketbook Bingo on May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Habitat for Humanity will have a groundbreaking event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon for two properties
- Habitat for Humanity has a 'Sponsor a Stud' event to support new projects

*Ms. Bomba was thanked for her information.*

### Nelson Carney, Woodstown

Mr. Carney thanked the Commissioner Board for the good news about the Juneteenth holiday. He noted he is the Chairperson for the 1st Annual Juneteenth Celebration to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Grieves Parkway on 6/18 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

*Director Laury thanked Mr. Carney for this information.*

### Joe Hiles, Woodstown

Mr. Hiles is Exec VP for the Local 1085 Union. He thanked Commissioners Laury and Ostrum and Administrator Ridgway for the Juneteenth discussions. Mr. Hiles also would like to be a diversity committee formed to help the county celebrate its' cultural differences. He noted the Union would be willing to help with this.

*Mr. Hiles was thanked for this information.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE** - May 4, 2022 6:00pm Olde Courthouse in Salem City.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** (if needed)

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed – 5-0.

End executive session and return to regular meeting at 6:54 pm

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed – 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Commissioner Griscom	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed – 5-0.