



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 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. He then asked for a moment of silence for two local students recently killed in car accidents.

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 – Emergency Medical Services Week – May 15-21, 2022

Commissioner Griscom read the Proclamation of Emergency Medical Services Week and presented it to Debbie Ashcraft, President of the Salem County Ambulance Assn. All emergency personnel were thanked for their dedication and “rising to the challenge” of their duties.

Director Laury noted that Ms. Ashcraft is a great asset to Salem County, stating “if you have an accident, there is a good chance you will see Debbie there taking care of you.” Ms. Ashcraft noted how she recently helped deliver twins as EMS responders do train for births, and it’s nice when moments like that happen. She was thankful the recognition for all emergency medical personnel.

PRESENTATION – Farmland Preservation – Kris Alexander, Farmland Preservation Administrator; and Elena Gable, Heyer Gruel & Assocs.

Ms. Gable noted that the Farmland Preservation Plan is updated every ten years. She gave a presentation of the Plan and outlined Salem County’s current agriculture and land use breakdown.

After some Q&A, Director Laury thanked Ms. Gable for a great presentation. (copy attached)

After the presentation, Director Laury noted that Commissioner Ramsay had to excuse himself for another meeting.

WAIVER OF THE RULES –

A5 Resolution Appointing Robert Zuest County Road Supervisor

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 – 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS**Adoption of Ordinance 2022-001**

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

Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing

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 – 4-0.

Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing

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			

Roll Call vote passed – 4-0.

Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2022-001

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			

Roll Call vote passed – 4-0.

Adoption of Ordinance 2022-002

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

Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing

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 – 4-0.

Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing

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			

Roll Call vote passed – 4-0.

Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2022-002

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 – 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2022
2. SCIA Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022
3. Atlantic County Resolution urging Governor Murphy to appoint a qualified Atlantic County resident to the NJ State Council on the Arts

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 – 4-0.

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 – 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None**RESOLUTIONS**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth as an Official Holiday for the County of Salem
- A2 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Tourism Advisory Council (Amy Peterson-Petrie)
- A3 Resolution Accepting the Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2020
- A4 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund
- A5 Resolution Appointing Robert Zuest County Road Supervisor

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 – 4-0.

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - NoneECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

- C1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Contract with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for a Transportation Services Grant for Veterans for the Period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
- C2 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Truck Repairs for the Salem County Road Department

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 – 4-0.

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

- D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing the COVID-19 Vaccination Program 2022 Activity C Grant

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 Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Family Development for the FY2021 Title IV-D Child Support Reimbursement
- E2 Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Reimbursement Grant FY2022 Title IV-D, Child Support Reimbursement for the Salem County Sheriff's Office
- E3 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the Lock Retrofit Project at the Salem County Correctional Facility

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 – 4-0.

County Counsel, Karin Wood, clarified that the 4-0 votes tonight reflect four (4) ayes, zero (0) nays; one vote was absent.

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS – None**COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS – None****COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Director Ostrum noted there is plenty to do in Salem County and spoke about a few of them:

- The Fort Mott Ferry is back for the season. See their Facebook page for hours of operation.
- Best of Salem County awards event will be on 5/5/22 at the Fairgrounds.
- Habitat for Humanity is having a “Sponsor a Stud” day fundraiser on 5/7/22.
- The Salem Oak Singers has their Spring Concert on Saturday afternoon, 5/7/22 at Salem Community College, Davidow Hall.
- The Salem County Health Department is hosting their annual Silver Fox Tea at Sharptown United Methodist church on 5/12/22.
- Salem County Arts in Bloom will be on 5/14-15/22 all around the county.
- The Annual Walk for Special Needs will be held along with a Car Show at Salem County Vocational Technical School on 5/21/22.
- Annual Pittsgrove Day is 5/21/22.
- Cowtown Rodeo opening night is 5/28/22.

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:

- Last call for outdoor furniture raffle tickets. Supports Salem County Habitat for Humanity. Drawing this week.

- Pocketbook Bingo on 5/21/22 to support Habitat for Humanity.
- Special Services school graduation is on 6/7/22
- SCVTS graduation is on 6/15/22
- Resources for Independent Living in Pennsville and also in Cumberland County have been approved for day services for clients over the age of 21 but not seniors. This service has not been previously available in our county.

In addition, Ms. Bomba thanked the Board for the SCVTS bond vote and the positive Juneteenth vote. She also thanked everyone for recognizing the diversity in our community.

Director Laury thanked Ms. Bomba for her comments.

Nelson Carney, Woodstown

Mr. Carney thanked the Board for honoring the Juneteenth holiday this evening. He noted past jubilant Juneteenth celebrations at a local church in Woodstown. He also appreciated the Board support of the Annual NAACP banquet. Commissioner Ware handed out the award certificates. Lastly, Mr. Carney said the railroad in Woodstown is looking great. He is thankful for the cleanup and long-range plans for the railroad.

Director Laury thanked Mr. Nelson for his comments.

Joe Hiles, Woodstown, Exec VP, CWA Local 1085 (virtually)

“Thank you, Commissioners, for recognizing the Juneteenth holiday. It is much more important than just a day off. Communication Workers of America, Local 1085 is appreciative for the opportunity to work with the County, especially Administrator Ridgeway, Director Laury, and Deputy Director Ostrum, to properly celebrate our county’s diverse culture. We hope to continue to work with you on the establishment of a diversity committee to educate and promote diversity in the workplace. Thank you again for your service and partnership.
In solidarity,
Joe Hiles, Exec VP, CWA 1085”

NEXT MEETING DATE - May 18, 2022 4:00 pm (summer hours) Olde Courthouse.

Director Laury told everyone to please check the website dates and times for upcoming meetings, as the summer schedule begins with the next meeting on 5/18/22.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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			

Hand vote passed – 4-0.