



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2022 - 4:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

INVOCATION – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered an Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Director Laury led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – Clerk of the Board Stacy L. 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.

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 August 17, 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

1. National Recovery Month

Deputy Director Ostrum read and presented a Proclamation for National Recovery Month to Salem County Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Victoria Maurizio and department employees. He thanked them for their tireless work helping those county residents who need understanding and support.

2. Hunger Action Month

Director Laury presented a Proclamation for Hunger Action Month to South Jersey Food Bank CEO, Fred Wasiak. The SJ Food Bank delivers food to 15 locations in Salem County for distribution to those in need. Mr. Wasiak was thanked for all they do to assist our county residents.

Director Ben Laury noted a few people in attendance tonight:

Ed McKelvey – Alloway Mayor

Pat Bomba – Carneys Point Deputy Mayor

Warren Morgan – Alloway Committee member

Cordy Taylor – SCIA Board Chairperson

Kirsten Telsey – Salem County Prosecutor

Director Laury also recognized the many volunteers involved in Salem County issues – serving on Committees, Commissions, and Boards. He thanked all of them and noted that the county could not operate without them.

Seeing some new faces in attendance, Commissioner Griscom wanted to clarify how these meetings proceed. He noted that all the paperwork is given to the Commissioners on the Friday before the Wednesday meeting. This gives them 5 days to read all items carefully and contact the appropriate people for any needed clarifications. In this way, the Commissioners are prepared for voting on meeting day.

PRESENTATION: None

WAIVER OF THE RULES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE - General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Resolution from SCIA supporting the City of Salem NJ being designated Home to the Wind Institute for the State of New Jersey
2. SCIA Minutes from the August 12, 2022 regular meeting
3. Resolution from the Township of Upper Pittsgrove supporting Salem City being the home to the proposed Wind Institute
4. Resolution from Harmony Township in Warren County supporting Salem City being designated
5. Resolution from Ocean County opposing limited brewery licenses
6. Letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding a public hearing for basic generation service and compliance filings
7. Letter from SJ Gas regarding a petition for approval of increased base tariff rates

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: None

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Ostrum

- A1 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Commission on Women (Dr. Gwyn Parris-Atwell, Elaine Dunner)
- A2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) for Program Year 2022-2023
- A3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Program Year 2022-2023
- A4 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Cumberland County for a Special Assault Response Team Nurse (SART)
- A5 Resolution Authorizing an MOU Between the County of Salem, the Township of Pennsville, and the Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage of the State of New Jersey Judiciary for the Utilization of Temporary Court Space

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.

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

B1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Robert and Donna Dickinson Farm, Upper Pittsgrove Township

B2 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Robert Stephens Farm, Pittsgrove Township

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 5-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Griscom

C1 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-344 Endorsing Youth Services Commission (YSC) 2022 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Services Application to the State of new Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Funding for the Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

C2 Resolution Endorsing the County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement & Youth Services Commission's 2023 Juvenile Detention and Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Innovations Proposals and Authorizing the County of Salem to Apply to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Grant Funding of \$120,000 for the Period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

C3 Resolution Accepting Funding for the New Jersey Department of Health tick Surveillance Program

C4 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic, South Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 In Oldmans Township, Salem County for Their Annual Pedricktown Day Celebration

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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 Authorizing the Grant Application for the Enhancement of the Salem County Overdose Fatality Review Team

D2 Resolution to Accept a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Aging Services, for WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

D3 Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-309 Accepting and Executing a Grant from the State of New Jersey for the FY22 Special Child Health Case Management

D4 Resolution of Intent to Apply for Funding for the 2022-2023 County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) 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 Approving a Rental Location and Partnership Agreement Between Ranch Hope, Inc and Salem County Rescue Recovery Resource Center
- E2 Resolution Authorizing the Trade-In of One DJI Matrice 200V 2 Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Serial Number 17S3H7U002U013 for One DJI Mavic Enterprise Advanced Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)
- E3 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Partnership Between the Salem County Prosecutor's Office and the Salem County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction for Grant Funding Awarded from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Reimbursement Grants
- E4 Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-276 to Approve an Extension of Time for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the Prosecutor's Office [JAG 1-17TF-18]

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.

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET

- F1 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Work First New Jersey
- F2 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- F3 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - 2022 Salem Farmers Market

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.

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted that new vaccines for the two most prevalent variants of COVID would be available soon. Salem County does not yet have them. He also noted flu season starting and noted vaccine clinics would be starting soon.

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Commissioner Ostrum noted a few of the many events planned around the county:

- Red Cross Blood Drives are scheduled
- Salem County Flu Clinics are scheduled
- Septemberfest on 9/10/22 in Pennsville
- South Jersey Applefest on 9/10-11 at Salem County Fairgrounds
- SC Historical Society Annual Luncheon on 9/11 at the Inn at Salem Country Club
- NARCAN Giveaway thru the SC Health Dept. on 9/15/2022
- Evening of Jazz at the Dorn Community Center on 9/16
- Salem County Veterans Picnic on 9/17 at the Penns Grove VFW
- Cyber Security – Lunch & Learn on 9/21 at Maria’s Hall in Penns Grove
- Stand Up For Salem Annual Dinner on 9/21 at Fenwick Plaza
- Woodstown Fall Festival on 9/24
- Elmer Harvest Day on 10/1
- Pedricktown Day on 10/8

He asked Cordy Taylor, who was in attendance, to speak about the Oldmans Airport. Mr. Taylor noted there would be an Open House at the airport on Thursday, September 8. Includes free plane and helicopter rides, food, and music. He noted there are plans for new runway lights in the near future.

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.

- There were many attendees who wanted to discuss a traffic study done in Alloway.

Warren Morgan, Greenwich Street, Alloway

Mr. Morgan is an Alloway resident and on the Alloway Township Committee. He discussed a traffic study done for certain intersections in Alloway. He urged the County Commissioners to approve a request for 4-way stop signs at these intersections, as recommended by the study.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

Ed McKelvey, Aldine Road, Alloway

Mr. McKelvey noted the traffic study discussed by Mr. Morgan (above) was vast and complete. He also asked the Commissioners to consider the study and allow 4-way stop signs at these intersections.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

Diana Eichfeld, Alloway

Ms. Eichfeld noted she is a more recent resident of Alloway. She is a regular commuter on these roads and feels stop signs are not much to ask for to provide safety in the community.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

John Mahalla, Fire Chief, Alloway Fire Co.

Chief Mahalla noted there are blind spots at the intersections discussed and there have been 44 accidents in recent years. He feels flashing stop signs would help immensely with safety.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

Ryan Startare, Watsons Mill Road, Alloway

Mr. Startare noted that a utility pole at one of these intersections has been replaced three times in just the last two years due to accidents there. He feels rumble strips would help in addition to 4-way stop signs. He does not want to see a fatality at any of these intersections and urged the Commissions to allow these signs.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

Joe Quather, E. Main Street, Alloway and the Alloway Fire Co.

Mr. Quather noted the bad accidents he has seen and questioned how the study could be ignored. He feels the county would be liable if the 4-way stop signs are not allowed.

Director Laury thanked him for his comments.

Director Laury commented on the Alloway intersections issue. He noted that this is not a re-consideration, as the issue had not yet been officially presented to the Public Works Committee, and then to the Commissioner Board as is necessary for any action to be taken. It is, however, already in process.

A short discussion by the Commissioners followed and Commissioner Ramsay thanked all for coming out tonight to share their opinions. He mentioned the next Public Works meeting is scheduled for 9/14 at 1:00 pm and all are welcome.

- Other comments

Patty Bomba, Hawks Bridge Road, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba noted a few items of interest:

- 9/11 A 50/50 Raffle will be held at Dunns Park followed by an Open House at the Penns Grove/Carneys Point Historical Society
- 9/18 Chicken BBQ at VFW in Elsinboro - \$15 eat in or take out
- 9/30 SCC 50th Anniversary Gala - \$100
- 10/1 Chicken BBQ to benefit The ARC - \$15 take out only
- 10/1 Indoor Yard Sale at St. Gabriel Church – table spots available to rent
- 10/1 Great Pumpkin Carve at fairgrounds – benefits Meals on Wheels
- 10/8 Shrimp & Wing night at St. Gabriel Church - \$30 all you can eat, no takeout
- 10/10 Habitat for Humanity 40th Anniversary Celebration - \$40 at Salem Oak Vineyard

10/11 Disability Awareness & Caregiver Fall Festival – Free at SC Fairgrounds

Ms. Bomba also requested that future County Commissioners remain at 4:00 pm and return to the 6:00 pm time.

Ms. Bomba also noted a recent incident involving county personnel and hoped it was not politically motivated. County Counsel Karin Wood noted that no personnel issues would be discussed. Director Laury and Deputy Director Ostrum assured her it was not political.

James Nichols, Watsons Mill Road, Alloway

Mr. Nichols was thankful that a road sign was put in the neighborhood for his autistic child. He also noted that the roads/intersections discussed earlier need speed limit signs as well as stop signs.

Cordy Taylor, E. Mill Street, Pedricktown

Mr. Taylor announced two events at Salem County Improvement Authority (SCIA):

10/15 Hazardous Waste Disposal - 8:00 am to Noon
11/19 Shredding Event - 9:00 am to Noon

Director Laury thanked everyone for their comments and noted that this kind of interaction is America at its' best.

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 21, 2022 6:00pm

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION: The meeting entered closed session at 4:54 pm.

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

Hand vote – passed 5-0.

End Closed Session: 5:16 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

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

Hand vote – passed 5-0.