



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 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 – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – The Statement was read by Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington.

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 November 2, 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
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 4-0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

E4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners to Accept and Execute a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Prosecutor's Office for SFY2022 Governor Phil Murphy Budget – Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Subaward Reimbursement Grant Funding (Grant No. SFYOHH-17-2022)

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Carneys Point Township Resolution Supporting designated home of Wind Institute
2. Letter from the Salem County Board of County Commissioners to Governor Murphy requesting grant money to offset the cost of a much needed upgrade for our emergency communication system.

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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

A1 Resolution Authorizing a Letter of Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Communications Workers of America Local 1085

A2 Resolution Authorizing a Letter of Agreement Between the County of Salem, the Salem County Prosecutor, and the Communications Workers of America Local 1085

A3 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Rubbish Removal (Massari)

A4 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

A5 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC. And UGI Energy Services for Natural Gas Supply and Delivery for the County of Salem

A6 Resolution Approving a Contract Change Order for Election Printing

Regarding A1 and A2, Deputy Director Ostrum thanked county leadership for working out the final contracts of the nine unions in the county.

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.

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom

B1 Resolution Awarding Cultural & Heritage Commission 2023 Grant Dollars from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts

B2 Resolution Awarding Cultural & Heritage Commission 2023 Grant Dollars from the New Jersey Historical Commission

B3 Resolution Accepting the 2023 Cooperative Marketing Grant from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism

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 4-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

C1 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid and Economic Development Federal Aid Agreement No 22-DT-

BLA-871 for the Fiscal Year 2022 Salem County Mill & Overlay Resurfacing Program Construction South Greenwich Street/Telegraph Road, County Road #540 Federal Project No. STBGP-L5K-0540(304), NJDOT Job #7101317

C2 Resolution Authorizing Execution and Acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid and Economic Development Federal Aid Agreement No. 22-DT-BLA-873 for the Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Engineering Up to Final Design Griffith Street/Grant Street, County Road #657, Federal Project #STBGP-0657 (300), JDOT Job #7112311

C3 Resolution Authorizing Execution and Acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid and Economic Development Federal Aid Agreement No. 22-DT-BLA-874 for the Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Engineering up to Final Design Telegraph Road, County Road #540, Phase 2 Federal Project No. STBGP-0540 (301), NJDOT Job #7111301

C4 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid and Economic Development Federal Aid Agreement No. 22-DT-BLA-872 for the Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Engineering Up to Final Design Welchville Road, County Road #540, Phase 2 Federal Project No. STBGP-L5K-0540(303), NJDOT Job #7100327

C5 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 Final Replacement of Jesse Bridge, County Bridge #1701-274 Gershal Avenue, Local Road Over Muddy Run and Deer Pen Park Riparian Mitigation, Block 1101, Lot 21 in Pittsgrove Township for the County of Salem

C6 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2018 Mill and Overlay Program Federal Aid Agreement No. 19-DT-BLA-804 NJDOT Job #7110320

C7 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2017 Mill and Overlay Program Federal Aid Agreement No. 18-DT-BLA-784 NJDOT Job #7105306

Regarding C5 above, Director Laury noted that construction of Jesse Bridge is now done and work is beginning on Centerton Bridge. Please watch for detours.

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 4-0.

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the 2023 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

D2 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 to a Contract with 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

D3 Resolution Supporting the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities to Accept the 2022-2023 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant

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 SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution Accepting State of New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) Funding for the Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities Grant

E2 Resolution Authorizing the State of New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) Memorandum of Agreement for the Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities

E3 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement Between the Cumberland County Prosecutor and Salem County Prosecutor SART Team

E4 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners to Accept and Execute a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Prosecutor’s Office for SFY2022 Governor Phil Murphy Budget – Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Subaward Reimbursement Grant Funding (Grant No. SFYOHH-17-2022)

Referring to E3 above, Deputy Director explained SART (Sexual Assault Response Team). Director Laury noted the success of this shared service with Cumberland County.

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.

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 -NJDOC COVID-19

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 – FY22 STBGP South Greenwich St/Telegraph Rd (CR540), Phase 1 CON

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 – FY22 STBGP Welchville Rd (CR540) DES

F4 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 – FY22 STBGP Telegraph Rd (CR540) Phase 2 DES

F5 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 – 2022-2023 MIPPA

F6 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 – FY22 STBGP Griffith St/Grant St (CR657)DES

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Laury welcomed those attending the meeting, including:

- Members of the Salem County Roads Department
- Elmer Times reporter, Miranda McCeig
- County Commissioners elect Daniel Timmerman and Cordy Taylor
- SCVTS Board member Linwood Donelson

Commissioner Ramsay announced these upcoming events

- 11/19 Shredding Event at SCIA
- 11/19 Car Show at Salem VFW
- 11/19 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Joy Tabernacle Ministries, Penns Grove
- 11/19 Fall Garden Volunteer Day at Appel Farm
- 11/19 Curiosity House Tour in Elmer
- 11/20 Grand opening of Mucho Loco Mexican Restaurant in Pennsville
- 11/24 Tukey Trot at Marlton Park
- 11/24 Parvin Turkey Trot
- 11/26 Tractor Parade with Santa at Coombs Barnyard
- 11/26 Pop-Up Vendor Sales in Pennsville
- 11/26 Grand opening of Sunny Side Boutique in Salem
- 11/26 Grinchmas & Friends at Salem VFW
- 11/29 American Legion Band Christmas Concert at SCC
- 12/2 Woodstown by Candlelight tour
- 12/3 Salem City Christmas Parade
- 12/3 Lunch with Santa at Mary Shoemaker School
- 12/3 Salem City Vendor Market at Hetty Reckless Center

- 12/3 Salem City Yuletide Tour
- 12/4 Brass Society Christmas Concert at SCC
- 12/7 COC – Distinguished Citizen of the Year honoring Lee Ware at The Grove

Deputy Director Ostrum spoke about the success of the Woodstown Central Railroad. Tours our selling out quickly. The train will be included in the Woodstown by Candlelight and the Salem Yuletide Tours.

Director Laury had additional comments:

- He congratulated the new businesses opening up around the county
- He noted are making progress towards a county 300 Mh system which is needed by 911 emergency services. Grants to help cover expenses for this are being explored. The governor is on board and this will be about a two year project once the upgrade begins.

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.

Nelson Carney, Mannington

Mr. Carney congratulated Cordy Taylor and Daniel Timmerman on winning the election for County Commissioner.

As a former Roads Dept. employee, Mr. Carney spoke about problems he sees in that department.

County Counsel, Karin Wood, noted that these personnel issues cannot be discussed in this setting.

Director Laury thanked Mr. Carney for his employment with the county and wished him well in future endeavors.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba emailed in some upcoming events.

- Thanksgiving food giveaway at Mt. Zion Baptist church in Salem
- Community Thanksgiving at Joy Tabernacle Ministries in Penns Grove
- Woodstown Rotary Club breakfast with Santa

NEXT MEETING DATE – 12/7/22 4:00pm Pittsgrove Township

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 6:30 pm

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem

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.

Motion to close the Executive Session.

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 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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.