



Board of County Commissioners

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Olde Courthouse, Salem, New Jersey

OPENING

6:00 pm, Salem County Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington invited all present to stand as the Colors were presented by the Honor Guard of the Salem County Correctional Facility.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Pennington led all assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the Color Guard exited.

WELCOMING STATEMENT – Ms. Pennington welcomed all and thanked them for coming.

ELECTION CERTIFICATES – Ms. Pennington announced the election winners for the seat of County Commissioner: Virgil (Cordy) C. Taylor and Daniel S. Timmerman. She noted the results were certified by the County Clerk.

COMMISSIONER OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

The Honorable Virgil (Cordy) C. Taylor was invited forward to take his Oath of Office for County Commissioner. The Honorable Assemblywoman Bethanne McCarthy Patrick presided with Mr. Taylor's children, Alexander and Sarah Taylor, holding the bible. After taking his oath, Mr. Taylor was congratulated and applauded.

The Honorable Dr. Daniel S. Timmerman was invited forward to take his Oath of Office for County Commissioner. The Honorable Frank Hoerst, Attorney at Law, presided with Mr. Timmerman's daughter, Evelyn Timmerman, holding the bible. Mr. Timmerman's other children, Brewer, Ella, and Benton Timmerman were also in attendance. After taking his oath, Dr. Timmerman was congratulated and applauded.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Pennington called the Reorganization meeting to order immediately following the Oath of Office Ceremony. Attendance Roll Call was taken:

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Commissioner Laury	X	
Commissioner Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Ramsay	X	
Commissioner Taylor	X	
Commissioner Timmerman	X	

A quorum was present.

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – The Statement was read by Stacy Pennington, COB.

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times; 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.

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR

Ms. Pennington asked the Commissioners for a nomination and second for County Commissioner Director.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote passed 5-0

Commissioner Laury stepped forward to take his oath as Commissioner Director. The Honorable Sen. Edward Durr presided with County Counsel, Karin Wood, holding the bible. After taking his oath, Director Laury was congratulated and applauded.

Clerk of the Board Stacy Pennington then handed the gavel over to Director Laury and he continued the meeting.

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Director Laury asked the Commissioners for a nomination and second for the position of County Commissioner Deputy Director.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call vote passed 5-0

Commissioner Ostrum stepped forward to take his oath as Commissioner Deputy Director. The Honorable Assy. Beth Sawyer presided with County Counsel, Karin Wood, holding the bible. After taking his oath, Director Laury was congratulated and applauded.

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE

Director Laury invited COB Stacy Pennington to read the Resolution list in its entirety. It would then be voted on in bulk.

See attached list of resolutions.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 5-0

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Director Laury invited each Commissioner to say a few words.

Commissioner Taylor thanked all for attending. He is looking forward to starting today to serve Salem County with useful choices, good habits, instincts and willingness to learn.

Commissioner Timmerman noted that former Commissioners Scott Griscom and Lee Ware are the reason he is a commissioner today. They both encourage him to serve. He appreciates the opportunity to serve and will do his best for all residents.

Commissioner Ramsay noted that everyone in the room tonight IS Salem County. He welcomed new Commissioners Taylor and Timmerman. He considers it a pleasure to serve and looks forward to handling the challenges ahead. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Director Ostrum thanked everyone for coming. He is excited to see so many people engaged in local government. He welcomed Commissioners Taylor and Timmerman and noted that we have an Administrative Team above compare.

Director Laury invited everyone to attend a reception at the Creekside Inn after the meeting. He is excited for the growth in Salem County and working together whether Democrat or Republican. He noted that there is again no increase in the County Tax Rate. He also noted what a great Administrative Team we have in Salem County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Laury asked for a motion to close the meeting. - 6:32 pm

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand Vote passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board