



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 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 Hannigan offered the Invocation.

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

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – 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 December 7, 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

RETIRING COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION

Director Laury announced a very special recognition - Commission Scott Griscom and Commissioner Lee Ware will from the Board.

Commissioner Ostrum led the recognition by presenting a plaque to Commissioner Griscom for his 5 years of service on the Board. He noted that he has learned a lot from both retiring commissioners and how they served with dignity. He will miss them.

Director Laury continued the recognition by speaking about Commissioner Lee Ware and his 20+ years of on the Board. He noted that he learned the right way to be a commissioner by working with Commissioner Ware and that he has been a blessing to the County.

Director Laury then opened the meeting to public comment regarding the retirement of Commissioners Griscom and Ware.

- Dale Cross, current Salem County Clerk and former Freeholder: Mr. Cross said it was a pleasure serving with both retiring Commissioners and wished them good luck and good health in the future.
- Patty Bomba, Carneys Point resident: Ms. Bomba thanked both retiring Commissioners for their service. Over the years, she appreciated being heard in a non-partisan manner and noted that is the way government should be.
- County Sheriff Chuck Miller: Sheriff Miller noted he has had the pleasure of knowing the retiring Commissioners as both friends and colleagues. On behalf of the Sheriffs Dept. employees, he presented them with congratulation Citations.
- June Sieber, Health and Human Services Director: Ms. Sieber sent a virtual comment thanking both retiring Commissioners for their service.

Commissioner Griscom took the opportunity to thank everyone for the letting him serve. He noted it was a pleasure to work with this Board and that they were able to take the politics out of governing. With all that has been put in place, he is optimistic for the future of Salem County. He thanked the Administrative Team – Administrator Jeff Ridgway, HR Director/Clerk of the Board Stacy Pennington, CFO Kelly Hannigan, County Counsel Karin Wood - for working so well with the Board and wished good luck to the two incoming Commissioners, Cordy Taylor and Daniel Timmerman.

Commissioner Ware then said he had a 'great run'. He said governing is not rocket science – you just do the best you can. He noted his fellow retiree, Commissioner Griscom and how he helped the Board work well together. He also thanked the Administrative Team and wished good luck to the two incoming Commissioners.

There was applause all around.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Salem County Meals on Wheels Volunteers.

On behalf of the Commissioner Board, Director Laury recognized the Salem County Meals on Wheels volunteers. He noted they annually donate over 62,000 miles and over 5,000 hours of their time. More importantly, they offer a friendly face and lifeline to the outside world to their neighbors.

Carly Melchert-Parlante, MOW Executive Director, said Meals on Wheels would not exist without its' volunteers.

Teresa Christoff, MOW Volunteer Coordinator, noted she has a dream job working with the Meals on Wheels volunteers and she thanked them all.

WAIVER OF THE RULES –

E6 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Salem County Corrections Facility and NuYu Radiense, LLC, Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment

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 HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS**Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2022-005**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT), SERIES 2023, OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON ON DECEMBER 21, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

- Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing
- Roll Call

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 5-0

There being no public comment, Director Laury asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

- Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing
- Roll Call

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 5-0

Director Laury asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-005

- Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2022-005
- Roll Call

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 5-0

Ordinance 2022-005 is adopted.

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2022-006

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OF COUNTY GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT), SERIES 2023, OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000 IN BONDS, CONSENTING TO THE UNDERTAKING AND FINANCING OF SUCH COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT BY THE AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON ON DECEMBER 21, 2022 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

- Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing
- Roll Call

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 5-0

There being no public comment, Director Laury asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

- Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing
- Roll Call

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 5-0

Director Laury asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-005

- Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2022-006
- Roll Call

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 5-0

Ordinance 2022-006 is adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from Dynamic Earth, LLC regarding a statement of consent for the proposed Northpoint Pilesgrove Warehouse
2. Minutes from the October 4, 2022 Pollution Control Meeting
3. Minutes from the December 8, 2022 SCIA Meeting

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 Authorizing the Financing of Certain Equipment and Related Items by Lease Purchase Agreement Pursuant to State Contract; Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Purchase Agreement; Authorizing Appropriate Officials to Undertake Certain Actions in Connection with the Proposed Lease-Purchase Transaction; and Taking Certain Actions Related Thereto

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 – None**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum**

C1 Resolution Accepting Terms and Conditions for a Grant of Easement Identified as Lot 1, Block 13 on the Tax Map of City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey
 C2 Resolution to Accept and Execute CY 2023 JDAI Grant Funding for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice commission Award #JDAI-23-1F-17

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

Hand Vote passed 5-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Local Core Capacity Grant for the Public Health Emergency LINCS Grant Program
 D2 Resolution Approving Change Order #3 for Bayada Nurses to Provide Certified Home Health Aide - Title IIIB Services

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 the Submission of a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor for the Prosecutor's Office Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program for the County of Salem
- E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Center MDT Grant for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- E3 Resolution to Accept and Execute a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Addiction Responses and Enforcement Strategies ("NJ Cares"), for Funding under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Overdose Data To Action – Operation Helping Hand Grant Program for The Prosecutor's Office (Subaward #FFYOHH-17-2022)
- E4 Resolution Authorizing an Application for RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2023 from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem
- E5 Resolution to Accept Fiscal Year 2023 RERP 966 Funds from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem
- E6 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Salem County Corrections Facility and NuYu Radiense, LLC, Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment

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 – FY23 RERP Funding Program
- 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 – 2022 Overdose to Action–OHH Grant
- 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 – Child Advocacy Center MDT Grant
- 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 – Local core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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 – None

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Ostrum mentioned his recent tour of the courthouse construction project. He was very impressed with the project and expects it to be a nice facility. He also noted that Salem County has a Shared Services Agreement with Cumberland County for the County Broadband project.

Director Laury has noted that Glen Donelson at the Mid Atlantic States Career and Education Center has received a \$123,000 grant from the NJEDA for the food program. They have also received an additional \$400,000, which will carry them thru to May 2023.

Commissioner Ramsay wished Commissioners Griscom and Ware a happy retirement. He also offered seasonal good wishes to everyone.

Commissioner Ramsay then noted some upcoming events in the county:

- 1/7/23 Dodgeball Tournament at Salem High School
- 1/10/23 Ribbon Cutting – Re-Opening Hampton Inn, Pennsville
- 1/14/23 Foreign Mission Symposium – Outreach Center of Faith, Salem
- 1/21/23 Country Music Concert – Kelsey Coan – Pennsville Memorial High School

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.

June Seiber, Salem County Dept of Health and Human Services Director
(via Facebook)

Ms. Seiber offered congratulations to both Commissioner Griscom and Commissioner Ware on their retirement.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 28, 2022 - 11:00 am - 110 5th Street Conference Room

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion to end Closed Session

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

Hand Vote passed 4-0

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 4-0