



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – Deputy Director Ostrum opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

INVOCATION – Rev. Awood Jones of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Salem City offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Deputy Director Ostrum led all in 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 Laury		X
Deputy Director Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Ramsay	X	
Commissioner Taylor	X	
Commissioner Timmerman	x	

A quorum was present.

MINUTES:

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Black History Month

Commissioner Timmerman read a Proclamation recognizing Black History Month and presented it to Rev. Awood Jones of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Salem City.

Rev. Jones was proud to accept the Proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Black History and the African American experience in Salem County. He reiterated what John F. Kennedy noted – that every American has the right to enjoy the privilege of being an American without regard to their race or their color. He was grateful for the acknowledgement that Black History is entwined with all Americans history. Rev. Jones also noted there should be no repression of history.

WAIVER OF THE RULES:

A4 Resolution Accepting and Executing New Jersey CDBG-CV1 and CV-3 Grant

A5 Resolution Accepting and Executing New Jersey CDBG-CV2 Grant

A6 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2023 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from NJ American Water regarding the filing for approval pf proposed cost recovery of lead service line replacement plan
2. Minutes from the January 12, 2023 SCIA regular meeting
3. Minutes from the November 9, 2022 Public Works Committee Meeting

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

RESOLUTIONSADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A1 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

A2 Resolution Changing Custodians of Petty Cash Funds

A3 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Gloucester and the County of Salem for Medical Examiner

A4 Resolution Accepting and Executing New Jersey CDBG-CV1 and CV-3 Grant

A5 Resolution Accepting and Executing New Jersey CDBG-CV2 Grant

A6 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2023 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

A7 Resolution of the Second Reading and Adoption to Fix the Annual Salary of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners, the Salem County Sheriff, the Salem County Clerk, the Salem County Surrogate, and the Salem County Prosecutor

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

Roll call vote passed 4-0.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on James and Dianne Valentine Upper Pittsgrove Township

B2 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Sub-Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General for Funding Under the FFY 2018 Addressing the Training Needs of Juvenile Prosecutors Grant Program

B3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution to Accept Additional Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for the 2022 Area Plan Grant

D2 (This resolution was not included in the vote)

D3 Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-272 the DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant - Year One to Reflect Change in Grant Period

Vote is for D1 and D3 above.

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Authorizing 2023 Aerial Dispensing Operations by Salem County Mosquito Control

E2 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 to Federal Agreement No. 18-DT-GLA-784 for Hook Road, County Road #551, Phase 1 - Construction Federal Project No. STP-SJ-0551(300) NJDOT Job No. 7105306

E3 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 to Funds Exchange Program Agreement No. 2018-DT-BLA-FEP-434 Salem County Mill and Overlay Program (FY 2017-Construction) Watsons Mill Road, County Road #672 and New Bridge Road, County Road #623 NJDOT Job No. 7101315

E4 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 to Federal Aid Agreement No. 19-DT-BLA-804 Willow Grove Road, County Road #639 - Construction Federal Project No. STBGP-SJ-0636(303) NJDOT Job No. 7110320

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

Hand vote passed 4-0

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Timmerman noted the NJEDA \$2.5 million investment in food desert areas. If anyone is interested in knowing more about this, please contact him.

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Ostrum announced that the Commission on Women Annual Women of Achievement Breakfast will be on Saturday 3/25 at The Grove at Centerton.

Commissioner Ramsay noted some February events:

- 2/4-5 Dining to Donate at Diamond Grill supporting Quinton Volunteer Fire Company
- 2/4 Annual Groundhog Golf Tournament at Town & Country Golf Links
- 2/5 Paint 'N Sip at Monroeville Winery
- 2/8 Annual State of the District Breakfast at EERC, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce
- 2/9 Chamber of Commerce Networking Event at GW Pens
- 2/10 Sweetheart Bingo, Woodstown Middle School, benefits Class of 2023
- 2/11 Animal Food Drive for Humane Society – drop off at Fort Mott Park
- 2/12 Breakfast at Penns Grove VFW –
- 2/17 Beef and Beer benefiting Pittsgrove Wrestling Assn
- 2/17 Cash Bingo, Salem VFW
- 2/21 Soup for the Soul – soup sale – pick-up at Salem VFW
- 2/25 Black History Cultural Event – Shiloh Baptist Church, Penns Grove
- 2/25 Shrimp & Wing Dinner – Alloway Vets
- 2/26 20th Annual Awards Banquet – Calvary Community Development Corp.

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 mentioned some that Challenger League basketball games are in progress. She also noted these other planned events:

- 2/8 A Coat Giveaway at St. John's Episcopal Outreach Church in Salem City
- 2/2 Reliance Fire Appreciation Night at farmers & Bankers Brewery
- 3/16 SCVTS Leadership Dinner at Maria's
- 3/24 Blue Moon Theater Variety Show
- 3/30 State of the County Luncheon at Creekside Inn
- 4/15 NAACP Banquet at Maria's

Ms. Bomba was thanked for her comments and attendance.

Nelson Carney, Woodstown, NJ – President of Salem County NAACP

Mr. Carney thanked the Commissioners for honoring Black History Month. He also noted that he has been re-elected as Salem County NAACP President. Mr. Carney also wanted to reiterate his and Joe Hiles desire for a Diversity Committee for the county. Lastly, Mr. Carney informed all of the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 17, 2023 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Deputy Director Ostrum noted that a Diversity Committee is still on the radar for the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 15, 2023 6:00 PM Old Courthouse, Salem City

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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

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