



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023 - 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 – Commissioner Director invited all present to recite 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 February 1, 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			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury					X	

Hand vote passed 4-0-1.

PRESENTATION - Pat Hassler, Together with Veterans (TWV) – Mr. Hassler and his colleague, Brian Sheets, gave an overview of a Veterans suicide prevention program named

Together with Veterans, a help service that started in January 2023. This is a Veteran-to-Veteran referral service.

- Local veterans are trained in referring other veterans to suicide prevention help.
- Salem County is one of two counties in New Jersey selected to initiate this program (sponsored by VFW Post 253, Salem City)
- The program has county support, including from Dr. Gorman, President of Salem Community College, who offered ways to work with the community.

Commissioner Timmerman asked is service is available to Veterans family members. Mr. Hassler said not at this time.

Commissioner Ostrum asked if this worked in collaboration with the 811 hotline. Mr. Hassler noted it did not at this time.

Additionally, Mr. Sheets mentioned another program, Gallant Hearts Program, where Veterans are assisted with participation in outdoor activities. Locally, there is a pheasant hunt scheduled for this weekend.

Both gentlemen were thanked for their time and presentation.

WAIVER OF THE RULES - None

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from NJ American Water regarding a petition for approval to change the levels of its purchased water adjustment clause and purchase wastewater treatment.

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 voted passed 5-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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 voted passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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 voted passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONSADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Salem County Prosecutor's Office Assistant Prosecutor's Association

Motion to table resolution A1, above:

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 voted passed 5-0.

A2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-095 Accepting and Executing New Jersey CDBG-CV2 Grant

A3 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

A4 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2023 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1

Motion to vote on A2 through A4, above.

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 voted passed 5-0.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program for the Prosecutor's Office [Cycle 23]

B2 Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Salem County Prosecutor's Office and the Salem County Vocational Technical School to Provide Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Funding for Expansion of Bridge Programming

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

Hand voted passed 5-0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution to Accept and Execute the 2023 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) Grant Funding Through New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities

D2 Resolution Authorizing a Professional License Agreement Between Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities and Partnership for Healthy Aging to Participate in a Matter of Balance Lay Leader Training

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

Hand voted passed 5-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Requesting Extensions of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Local Freight Impact Fund Grants

E2 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2019 County Aid Improvement Program

E3 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2020 County Aid Improvement Program

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 voted passed 5-0.

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS – None**COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS – None****COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Taylor noted:

- Former Salem County Votech student, Lavar Scott, will be racing in the ARCA Daytona 500 this weekend.
- Brandon Bermudez has become the first basketball player to score 1000 points on the Salem County Votech team.

Commissioner Ramsay noted:

- 2/17 Beef and Beer benefiting Pittsgrove Wrestling at Seabrook Fire Hall
- 2/17 Cash Bingo at VFW Post 253, Salem
- 2/17-19 Godspell Jr. at the Blue Moon Theater
- 2/18 Celebration of Salem County Black Authors at Hetty Reckless Center
- 2/21 Soup for the Soul at the “V” – soup sale at VFW Post 253, Salem
- 2/22 Family Feud at Farmers & Bankers Brewery, Woodstown
- 2/25 Black History Cultural Event at Shiloh Baptist Church in Penns Grove
- 2/25 Shrimp and Wing Dinner at Alloway Vets
- 2/25 20th Annual Awards Banquet at Calvary Community Development Corp.
- 2/26 Celebrating Black History Month at 1st Presbyterian Church, Salem
- 3/30 State of the County luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

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.

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 1, 2023 6:00 pm Olde Courthouse, Salem City

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - 6:27 pm

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem

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 voted passed 5-0.

Motion to close Executive Session

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 voted passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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 voted passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board