



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

August 16, 2023 4:02 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

INVOCATION – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Director Laury led everyone 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 July 19, 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 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Helen Musumeci of Woolwich Twp. representing “Zero Prostate Cancer” and accepted a Proclamation from Commissioner Daniel Timmerman declaring September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Mr. Musumeci is an 11-year prostate cancer survivor. He advises all men over 45 to have a DRE and their PSA checked.

National Preparedness Month – Jeff Pompper

Deputy Director Mickey Ostrum declared September 2023 as National Preparedness Month. Accepting the Proclamation was presented to Mr. Jeff Pompper, Salem County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Deputy Director Ostrum

Director Laury also noted that the County has received a \$166,000 prescription rebate from our insurance company. This is for the 1st quarter of 2023.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

- A8** Resolution Amending a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority

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.

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

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.

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 vote 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 vote passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

- A1** Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) for Program Year 2023-2024
- A2** Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Program Year 2023-2024
- A3** Resolution Renewing Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Rock Salt for the County of Salem and the Members of the Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCP
- A4** Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-003 Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges
- A5** Resolution Approving the Agreement with Fulton Bank to Provide Coin Deposit Services
- A6** Resolution Establishing an Incentive Program to Recruit and Retain New Primary Care Physicians to Practice and Reside Within the County of Salem
- A7** Resolution Rejecting Proposals for Providing Two Handicapped Accessible Vans for the Office of Aging in the County of Salem
- A8** Resolution Amending a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority

Regarding A6 above, Commissioner Timmerman noted that Salem County has a patient/physician ratio of just 1:3000. The national average is about 1:1200. The incentive is a real estate tax abatement for those medical professionals who move to and practice in Salem County and for a minimum of 5 years. If they should leave the county before that time, the abatement would be immediately due and payable. Inspira has a recruitment package already in place, and this can be offered with that package to attract medical professionals to the county.

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.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- B1** Resolution Authorizing Contract for Expert Opinion Services with Steven Simring, M.D., M.P.H. for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- B2** Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application Submission to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Prosecutor's Office for SFY 2023 Governor Phil Murphy Budget - Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Subaward Reimbursement Grant Funding [SFYOH-17-2023]

B3 Resolution Accepting and Executing the County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan Grant

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 vote passed 5-0.

IT / PLANNING / TOURISM COMMITTEE – None

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-141 Accepting and Executing the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Partner Organization Grant

D2 Resolution Accepting and Executing the FY24 Right to Know Grant

D3 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Local Public Health Overdose Fatality Review Teams 2024 Grant

D4 Resolution Authorizing an Application to NJ Transit Corporation for the 2024 Rural 5311/Non-Urbanized Transportation Grant

D5 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application to Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation for the Required Match for the Rural 5311/Non-Urbanized Grant

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 vote passed 5-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Hawks Bridge Road, County Road #540 In Carneys Point Township, County of Salem Hawks Bridge Memorial Dedication

E2 Resolution to Approve Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee Inc. Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

E3 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 9 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

E4 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 10 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

E5 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 11 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

E6 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 12 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

E7 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 13 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

E8 Resolution for Accepting the Grant for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY 2023 Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) Grant #6217331

Regarding E1 above, Commissioner Ramsay noted the closure would be from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on September 24, 2023. This is required as a bridge on Hawks Bridge Road is being dedicated in honor of Kevin Hardin, U.S. Army, who died from injuries received in Iraq. This dedication is supporting the “Bridges for the Fallen” program, which honors fallen heroes and their families. The dedication ceremony will take place at 11:00 am on 9/24/23. All are welcome!

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 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 – **Work First New Jersey (WFNJ)**

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 – **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**

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 – **County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan 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 – **2024 Local Public Health Overdose Fatality Review Teams Grant**

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 – **Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Partner Organization Grant**

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 – **FY23 Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant**

F7 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 – **FY24 Right to Know Grant**

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 OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ramsay noted that the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Update will be available online in draft form beginning 8/18/23. All public comments are appreciated. He thanked the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for their work on this update.

Some events he noted:

- 8/19 South Jersey Youth Outdoor Day at Salem County Sportsmens Club
- 8/19 Car Show at Pennsville Historical Society
- 8/22 Burger night at VFW 253 in Elsinboro
- 8/24 Wind Industry Trade Jobs – Information Session
- 9/1-3 Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival
- 9/2 8th Annual Labor Day Pig Roast
- 9/6 Pennsville Outdoor Concert
- 9/8 Pennsville High School Open High School Reunion
- 9/9 Septemberfest – morning parade, day-long activities, fireworks at night

Commission Timmerman mentioned an additional event – the Wednesday 9/15 ceremony at noon to dedicate a section of Inspira at Salem Medical Center in honor of Darryl Behnke. Darryl was a dedicated volunteer with over 600 hours of service at Inspira. He noted Mr. Behnke was a patient and friend who is dearly missed.

Director Laury also thanked Inspira for honoring Mr. Behnke and his family.

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, 310 N. Broad Street, Penns Grove, NJ

Ms. Bomba noted:

- Thanks to Administrator Jeff Ridgway and his department for the good work after the recent storms.
- Thanks to the Commissioner Board for the resolution focused on attracting new physicians to the county.
- She said that Mrs. Hardin is so grateful for the bridge dedication for her son, Kevin.
- The first Habitat for Humanity Color Run was a success! Two houses were dedicated recently and she thanked Commissioner Taylor for attending this event.
- SCVTS Time Capsule opening was fun! Thanks to the Commissioners who attended and Miranda McCeig from the Elmer Times for covering the event.
- Events coming up:
 - 9/16-17 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration
 - This week Lifehouse VBS – for special needs residents
 - 8/17 Big Package Band and MLK Park in Salem
 - Ongoing Shoe donations needed to support SCC Foundation
 - 9/22 SCC Foundation Dancin' with the SCC Stars
 - 10/12 Save the date – Darryl's Wheels event to be announced
 - 10/27 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast

Arthur Maurizio, 224 Straughns Mill Road, Pedricktown, NJ

Mr. Maurizio noted the incredible increase in truck traffic on Straughns Mill Road. They are speeding, using jake brake, and destroying his property. They run day and night. They throw trash and are causing many accidents. He is afraid this will worsen as the new warehouses come into use. He would like to know if signs could be installed on the county roads such as 'No Truck Traffic', 'No Jake Brake', etc. as he has not seen them in this area.

In response, Director Laury noted

- *Warehouse construction is a municipal matter*
- *Commissioner Ramsay will examine the area with a county engineer and see what the county can do.*

Deputy Director Ostrum appreciates Mr. Maurizio's concerns for truck noise and traffic. He noted Pilesgrove and Pittsgrove have discussed the same problem.

Commissioner Ramsay noted that the State Police have been notified and been asked to put more patrols in that area.

Next Meeting Date September 6, 2023 4:00 pm (last 4:00 pm meeting in 2023)

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 4:39 pm

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem

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.

Return to Regular Meeting – 5:04 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 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