



**Board of County Commissioners**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2023, 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 Laury invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** - 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

QUORUM 4-0

**MINUTES**

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 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	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

HAND VOTE 4-0

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- Commissioner Ramsay presented a proclamation for Lyme Disease Awareness Month to Jolyn Mitchell and Brittany Robinson from Salem County Mosquito Control.

**WAIVER OF THE RULES:**

A9 Resolution to Have the 2023 Budget Read by Title

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 4-0

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS:**

- Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-003

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF SFY 2022-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT AND FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES OF SALEM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE AID, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1971**

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

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 4-0

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

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 4-0

- Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2023-003
- Roll Call

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 4-0

**CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from Assemblywoman Patrick to Chairman Kennedy of the Environment and Solid Waste Committee regarding Assembly Bill #4605 and a request for a hearing.
2. Resolution from Ocean County supporting federal legislators to protect and enhance Social Security and other critical programs to Ocean County’s senior and disabled residents.
3. Resolution from Sussex County supporting Senate bill 3534 restricting all ownership of agricultural land in state by foreign government and persons.

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 4-0

**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 4-0

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

**2023 CAP BANK**

**A1** CY 2023 Resolution to Exceed the County Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

1. Motion and Second to Introduce the Resolution

2. Roll Call Vote

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 4-0

**A2** CY 2023 Resolution Authorizing County Entity to Exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP (P.L. 2015, C. 249)

1. Motion and Second to Introduce the Resolution
2. Roll Call Vote

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 4-0

**A3** Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Delaware Bayshore Council – Matthew Goff

**A4** Resolution Accepting and Executing the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Award

**A5** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with USA Architects for the Completion of the Remainder of the Energy Savings Plan Contract

**A6** Resolution Adopting the Citizen Participation Plan Developed by the NJDCA Small Cities CDBG Program

**A7** Resolution Identifying CDBG Fair Housing Officer County of Salem – Jeffrey Ridgway

**A8** Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$1,250,000 County College Bonds, Series 2023 (County College Bond Act, 1971 NJ Laws c 12, as amended) of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of Such Bonds and Additionally Determining Certain Matters with Respect to the Sale and Issuance of \$2,250,000 Bond Anticipation Notes

**A9** Resolution to Have the 2023 Budget Read by Title

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 4-0

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**D1** Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant

**D2** Resolution Approving an Application to the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

HAND VOTE 4-0

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**E1** Resolution to Approve "Elmer Fire Department" Application for Motorists Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution NO. 98-115

**E2** Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-474 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

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

HAND VOTE 4-0

**2023 BUDGET:**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET**

1. Motion for the introduction on the first reading
2. Roll Call Vote
3. Public Hearing and Adoption scheduled for May 24, 2023, at 4pm in 5<sup>th</sup> Street Conference Room

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

ROLL CALL 4-0

**COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS - None**

**COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS - None**

**COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Commissioner Ramsay read the list of upcoming Community Events for the County.

Thursday, May 4	6:45 am (before school starts) <b>National Day of Prayer – Meet Me at the Flagpole</b> Pennsville Memorial High School – flagpole near the Veteran’s Memorial
Thursday, May 4	6:30 pm <b>National Day of Prayer Service</b> MLK Park, Salem <i>(if rain, go to First Baptist Church on Broadway)</i>
Friday, May 5	9:00 am (shotgun start) <b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament – Drive for Education (Salem CC)</b> Town & Country Golf Links
Friday, May 5 Saturday, May 6	11:00 am – 4:00 pm <b>Hotdog Fundraiser</b> Mt. Pisgah AME, 15 Yorke St., Salem
Friday, May 5	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm <b>Pitch Perfect Pasta Dinner</b> (catered by Botto’s to benefit Woodstown HS Choirs) Purchase tickets by 4/28 from <a href="mailto:woodstowncpa@gmail.com">woodstowncpa@gmail.com</a>
Friday, May 5 Saturday, May 6	Friday hours: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm          Saturday hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm <b>Woodstown FFA Plant Sale</b> Woodstown AG Center – 188 East Millbrooke, Woodstown
Saturday, May 6	11:00 am – 4:00 pm - FREE (from Greenwich to Penns Grove) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Revolutionary War Naval Battle on the Delaware River - Guided Driving Tour</b> Meet at Tea Burning Monument, Ye Greate Street, Greenwich
Saturday, May 6	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm <b>Pocketbook Bingo</b> <i>(benefits Pennsville Twp Historical Society)</i> SC VoTech Gym
Saturday, May 6	6:30 pm <b>Annual Oyster Dinner</b> (all you can eat!) \$35 Salem Eagles #1966, Salem
Saturday, May 6	12 pm – 4 pm <b>Pennsville Community Spring Vendor Pop Up Event (shopping)</b> Various residences around Pennsville
Saturday, May 6	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm <b>All You Can Eat Wings, Fries, Macaroni Salad with a Shrimp Basket - \$35</b> <i>Benefits Daretown Boy Scouts Troop 60</i> Elmer Grange - Take-outs available
Saturday, May 6	12 pm – 4 pm <b>Lapp’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ</b> - free food and samples as well as a big giveaway 23 N Virginia Ave, Penns Grove
Saturday, May 6	<b>Woodstown Community Yard Sale Day - Rain or Shine</b> First Baptist Church of Woodstown, 117 S. Main St.

Sunday, May 7	9:00 am – 10:00 am <b>5K Run and 2K Walk</b> (benefits Ian Bradley Memorial Scholarship Fund) SC Special Services School, 45 Cheney Road
Mon, Tue, Wed May 8-10	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Build</b> - Habitat for Humanity 308 Monroe Avenue, Carneys Point

Commissioner Taylor also spoke briefly about the Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build and that it is always a great, successful event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bishop Celena Spain-Frank – Lives in Philadelphia but is a former Salem City resident.

Ms. Spain-Frank requested that a proclamation be written to make June “Pride Month” for Salem County. She also provided factual information about LGBTQIA statistics regarding the Salem County Community. She appealed to the Commissioners to follow through on the Core Values found on the website.

Patty Bomba – Carneys Point, NJ

Ms. Bomba shared that a long-time friend to many, Mr. Darryl Behnke, passed away. Commissioner Director Laury also commented on the loss of Mr. Behnke and shared his condolences on behalf of the Commissioners.

Ms. Bomba also shared several upcoming community events:

- Walk for Special Needs – 05/06/23 – 8am-10am
- Votech Car Show – 05/20-23 – 9:00am – 1:00 pm
- The hot dog cart will be open at the ARC every Wednesday, starts at 11:00am and out all day long
- ARC Walk – 06/03/23. Ms. Bomba has 50/50 raffle tickets – drawing will be at noon

Nelson Carney, Nr. – Carneys Point, NJ – President of Salem County NAACP

- Mr. Carney noted that the County office has no person of color employed
- He also spoke about discrimination lawsuits against the County and noted that nearly \$118,000 of tax payer money was spent on lawsuit payout.
- Mr. Carney also asked why a certain individual that applied for a job was not considered.
- He asked the Commissioners to support the NAACP with celebrating Juneteenth.

Ursula Friedrich – Pennsville, NJ

Ms. Friedrich spoke of her two daughters, one that is transgender, and how they do not feel safe in Salem County because there is not much support of the LGBTQIA community. She also appealed to the Commissioners to consider the proclamation for June as Pride Month.

Karen Johnson – Quinton, NJ

Ms. Johnson has two kids that are part of the LGBTQIA community. Speaking on behalf of the LGBTQIA community, she asks for more support throughout the County and asked that June be recognized as Pride Month.

Commissioner Ostrum commented that the Commissioners do want Salem County to be inclusive and that June has been recognized as Pride Month. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and speaking.

**NEXT MEETING DATE May 17 at 4:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Taylor	X		X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

HAND VOTE 4-0

**The meeting ended at 6:36 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington, Clerk of the Board