



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM - September 20, 2023

Salem County Historic 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	

QUORUM 5-0

MINUTES

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 6, 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 5-0

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation: Senator Ed Durr, Assemblywoman Bethanne Patrick and Commissioner Daniel Timmerman presented proclamations to each of the families representing Childhood Cancer Awareness month.
 - ❖ The Italiano Family: Luciana Italiano (battling cancer), Carey Italiano (mom), Mike Italiano (dad), Enzo Italiano (brother)
 - ❖ The Donnelly/Lawrence Family: Jaxen (battling cancer), Briann Lawrence (mom), Virginia Lawrence (Grandmom), Nicole Mancini (Grandmom), Harry Lawrence III (grandfather), Austin Lawrence (uncle), Victoria Buoncuore (great grandmother).
 - ❖ The Dalton Family: Vivian Dalton (battling cancer), Tyler Dalton (Dad); Megan Dalton (Mom); Fallon Dalton (Vivian’s big sister)

Senator Durr also presented Carey Ann Italiano with a proclamation from Congressman Jeff Van Drew to recognize her efforts Childhood Cancer Awareness.

Commissioner Timmerman presented June Seiber, Department Head of the Salem County Department of Health and Human Services, with a proclamation from Congressman Jeff Van Drew to recognize her efforts Childhood Cancer Awareness.

- Director Laury presented the 2023 Pennsville Little League Senior Softball team, along with their manager, Coach Chris Watson, with a citation for their outstanding performance on the field last season and for receiving the following titles: District 3 Champions, South Jersey Champions, NJ State Champions, East Regional Champions, World Series of Softball semi-finalists.
- Deputy Director Ostrum presented a proclamation for Recovery Month to Chase VanDover, a member of the Salem County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

WAIVER OF THE RULES:

A8 Resolution Declaring an Emergency to Permit Remediation and Repair Damages to the Salem County Emergency Operations Center, 135 Cemetery Road, Pilesgrove, NJ

A9 Resolution For Emergency Appropriation – Remediation and Repair Damages to the Salem County Emergency Operations Center, 135 Cemetery Road, Pilesgrove, NJ

B3 Resolution Accepting and executing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the Prosecutor’s Office [JAG 1-17TF-20]

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 – FY20 Multi Juris Narc Task (JAG 1-17TF-20)

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 5-0

Public Hearings & Adoptions – Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-005

An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, New Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of \$3,000,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Planning, Purchase, Construction, Installation, Enhancement, Improvement and/or Upgrade to Fiber Optic Cabling, Towers, Telecommunications Equipment, and Related Infrastructure for the Provision or Betterment of Broadband Access, Including All Related Costs and Expenditures Incidental Thereto

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

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			

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- Commissioner Ostrum acknowledged the exciting opportunity for the \$23 million plus match (approximately \$30 million) grant that will be great for the County. A lot of work went into it and many will benefit from it.
- 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 5-0

- Motion and Second for Adoption of Ordinance 2023-005
- 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 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 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 5-0

RESOLUTIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

A1 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem Community College Board of Trustees – Col. (R) Dr. Gwyn Parris-Atwell

A2 Resolution Awarding a Renewal Contract for the Provision of On-Site Food Services and Food Service Management for the Salem County Correctional Facility

A3 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Extension Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Qualified Purchasing Agent

A4 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Providing Two Handicapped Accessible Vans for the Office of Aging in the County of Salem

A5 Resolution Certify the Review of the 2021 Annual Single Audit

A6 Resolution Adopting a Corrective Action Plan for the County of Salem 2020

A7 Resolution Adopting a Corrective Action Plan for the County of Salem 2021

A8 Resolution Declaring an Emergency to Permit Remediation and Repair Damages to the Salem County Emergency Operations Center, 135 Cemetery Road, Pilesgrove, NJ

A9 Resolution For emergency Appropriation – Remediation and Repair Damages to the Salem County Emergency Operations Center, 135 Cemetery Road, Pilesgrove, NJ

- Director Laury commented on the appointment of Col. (R) Dr. Gwyn Parris-Atwell to the SCC Board of Trustees (Resolution A1) and said she will do well on the Board. Commissioner Ramsay thanked the SCC trustees for finding her in their search for a new board member.

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			

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AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution to Support the Application for RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem

B2 Resolution Accepting RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem

B3 Resolution Accepting and executing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for the Prosecutor’s Office [JAG 1-17TF-20]

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			

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing Funding for the 2023-2024 Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness LINCS Grant Program

D2 Resolution Amending 2023 Contracts for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (Sober Living Funding) for the Salem County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

D3 Resolution Applying for the DMHAS Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County Grant 2023-2024

D4 Resolution Accepting of a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Disability Services for the County of Salem

D5 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application to NJ Transit Corporation on Behalf of the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for a Grant Under Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Year 2022 for Transportation Vehicles

D6 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application to NJ Transit Corporation on Behalf of the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for a Grant Under Section 5310 Federal Fiscal Year 2023 for Transportation Vehicles

D7 Resolution to Accept and Execute the 2023 Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation Grant on Behalf of Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for Salem County Disability Awareness Day and Caregiver Resource Fall Festival

- Director Laury noted that all of the resolutions for Health and Human Services this meeting were for accepting grants. He commended June Seiber, head of the Health Department for doing an amazing job in getting grants that will help many people.

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			

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 Hot Mix Asphalt and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for the County of Salem

E2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2018-2019 Local Freight Impact Fund Program Straughns Mill Road, County Road #643 Resurfacing and County Bridge #1700-141 Rehabilitation in Oldmans Township for the County of Salem

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			

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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 – **RERP 2024**

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 – **LINCS**

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 - **PASP 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 – **Salem Health and Wellness**

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 - **FY20 Multi Juris Narc Task (JAG-1-17TF-20)**

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			

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COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS - NONE

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Ramsay commented that a grant from the Federal Government and Department of Transportation was received for a concept design for New Bridge on New Bridge Road in LAC. The bridge has been closed for approximately 20 years. It could be used as a secondary route for that area, especially the PSEG plant. There is hope that the bridge could be restored in the next few years.

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS Commissioner Ramsay listed several upcoming community events as follows:

Date	Event
Thursday, September 21	5:00 pm – 11:00 pm Dance Party – Sensational Soul Cruisers - Dinner & show \$50 (reservation needed) Maria’s, Penns Grove
Thursday, September 21	7:00 pm Summer Concert Series – Don’t Call Me Francis MLK Park – Salem, NJ
Friday, September 22	Dancing With the SCC Stars Salem Community College - \$100 per person (fundraiser) <i>(Deputy Dir. Ostrum & Comm. Daniel Timmerman are dancing for this event!)</i> Purchase tickets at: https://salemcc.edu/scc-foundation/gala
September 22 – October 28	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Coombs Farm Corn Maze (Friday & Saturday nights) Coombs Barnyard, Elmer
September 22 – September 24	Fri & Sat – 8:00 show time Sunday – 2:00 show time “Blithe Spirit” play Blue Moon Theater - Woodstown
Saturday September 23	8:00 am – 1:00 pm Yard Sale (spaces available – contact library) Pennsville Public Library
Saturday, September 23	12:00 noon – 4:00 pm Salem County Veterans’ Appreciation Picnic Penns Grove VFW, Margaret Street
Sunday, September 24	11:00 am Kevin Hardin Bridge Dedication Hawks Bridge, County Road #540

Date	Event
Sunday September 24	3:00 pm Becks' Philadelphia Brigade Band – Civil War Era Brass Band Civil War period music on authentic instruments (Music Around the County – FREE) First Presbyterian Church, Salem
Sunday, September 24	1:00 pm Fall Sausage Dog Walk Fort Mott State Park, Pennsville
Tuesday September 26	10:30 am – 12:00 pm Hispanic Health in Salem County Virtual event – panel discussion
Wednesday September 27	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Painting Fundraiser - \$35 per person (ages High School – Adult) – Register by 9/20 Woodstown High School Cafeteria (supports school choir)
Wednesday, September 27	Stand Up for Salem Annual Dinner Salem – Fenwick Plaza
Thursday, September 28	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adult Arts Lab – Sip Series! - first of 4 different dates/classes Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, Elmer
Saturday, September 30	6:45 am - Wolverine Run 10:00 am – 4:00 pm - Festival Woodstown Fall Festival – Marlton Recreation Park
Saturday, Sunday September 30 – Oct 1	10:00 am – 5:00 pm Historic Soldiers Weekend Fort Mott State Park, Pennsville

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.

Gerald Baber – Alloway, NJ – commented on the following:

Shirley Manahan passed away on 09/06/23

His son, AJ Baber, and fellow Sheriff's Officer Dave Emel were involved in a car accident while on duty on 09/07/23. Mr. Baber gave kudos to the Sheriff's department for the help and kindness towards both Officers, even going as far as making sure Mrs. Emel had a ride to the hospital to visit her son.

Mr. Baber also announced that he will be retiring in May.

Director Laury thanked Bonnie from the Elmer Times for covering for Miranda McCeig, who was also involved in an automobile accident.

Patty Bomba, Carney's Point, was not able to attend but commented online that she wanted to thank Dr Timmerman for the push to make sure that Darryl Behnke was recognized for his service to Salem Medical Ctr & the entire community.

NEXT MEETING DATE October 4, 2023 - 6:00pm

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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			

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The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board