



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Salem County Historic 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 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 December 27, 2023 Close Out Meeting and the January 3, 2024 ReOrganization 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 – None

PRESENTATION – None

WAIVER OF THE RULES – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Salem County Mental Health Board November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Pollution Control Financing Authority December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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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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			

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TREASURER'S REPORT - None

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Mental Health Board (Jill Welch, Tracy Demarest)

A2 Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Improvement Authority (Susan Bestwick)

A3 Resolution Ratifying Settlement of the Litigation Matter Captioned Paul Villegas v County of Salem, ET AL., Docket No.: SLM-L-186-16

A4 Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Construction Board of Appeals (Ernie Buff)

A5 Resolution Appointing Members to the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board (Carol Musso)

A6 Resolution Ratifying Settlement of Litigation Matter Captioned Derrick Dashawn Gilliam v County of Salem, ET AL., Docket No. 1:17-06282

- Regarding A4 above, Director Laury noted that Ernie Buff will be an asset to the Board.
- Regarding A5 above, Director Laury noted that Carol Musso is a good person for that Board.

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 Accept and Execute a Grant for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding

B2 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

B3 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application for Medical Supplies from the Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation for the Sheriff's Office

B4 Resolution Authorizing an Application to the New Jersey Office of Information Technology for Funding PSAP GIS Data Upgrades Under Request #05254627

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			

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TOURISM / CULTURAL & HERITAGE / EDUCATION COMMITTEE – None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – None

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE**E1** Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Substance Use Disorder Treatment/Services for the Salem County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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			

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**F1** Resolution Supporting Additional Annual Funding in the Amount of 3 Million Dollars to NJ State Mosquito Commission**F2** Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a 2024 LAIF Grant Application Under the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Salem County Railroad Crossing Signage and Striping Upgrades at 17 Locations

- Regarding F1 above, it was clarified that this resolution is in support of the State of New Jersey increasing available funding.

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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CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET – None**COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ed Ramsay commended the Salem County Public Works Dept. for the fantastic job during the recent snowstorms. In one hour alone, 45 calls were received for downed trees. Also, over 100 calls for assistance were handled. The department Supervisor spent 36 hours straight in the office, sleeping there. Congratulations to them and their supervisor.

Director Laury noted that five new employees have been added to their staff. Administrator Jeff Ridgway noted employees were working 16 hour days to handle the issues.

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS: - None

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted that the Woodstown Central Railroad has had over 13,000 riders since the fall. He also noted these upcoming Salem County events:

Thursday, January 18	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm A Twelfth Night Celebration: 1775 on the Eve on War – Live Music, Games and Refreshments https://www.facebook.com/events/s/a-twelfth-night-celebration-17/6554059478033748/?mibextid=9l3rBW Hancock House Historic Site – 15 Front St, Hancocks Bridge
Thursday, January 18	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Chamber Business After Hours – January Networking, Cash Bar RSVP: (856)351-2245 or Jennifer@SalemCountyChamber.com Penns Grove Elks Lodge – 57 W. Main St, Penns Grove
Friday, January 19	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Live Music – Peter McCarthy For Reservations: Call (856)889-2121 Salem Oak Vineyards – 64 N Railroad Ave, Pedricktown
Saturday, January 20	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Twilight Limited Tickets: Adult \$25, Child \$18, Toddler \$3 https://woodstowncentral.com/excursions/#twilight Woodstown Central Railroad – 650 Woodstown Alloway Road, Pilesgrove
Saturday, January 20	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Chicken Pot Pie Dinner – Includes Veggie, House Salad & Dessert \$17 per Person – Takeout \$12 per Quart Call or Text: Debbie Rambo (856)305-3683 Penns Grove Elks Lodge #1358 – 57 W Main St, Penns Grove
Saturday, January 20	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Live Music – Dave Boucher and January Birthday Bash For Reservations: Call (856)889-2121 Salem Oak Vineyards – 64 N Railroad Ave, Pedricktown
Wednesday, January 24	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Apps Popular with Teens Birds Eye Family Success Center – 364 S Broadway, Pennsville
Friday, January 26	5:30 pm Jersey Tenors Dinner Show – Dinner & Dessert Tickets: \$40 Plus Tax – Can Be Purchased at www.dipaolosrestuarant.com Maria's By Di Paolo's – 72 North Virginia Ave, Penns Grove
Friday, January 26	6:30 pm Comedy Open Mic Night – Adults Only Questions: Email liamzstark@gmail.com The Blue Moon Theatre – 13 West Ave, Woodstown
Friday, January 26	7:15 pm Kricket Comedy Tickets: \$19 per Person – Available at KRICKETCOMEDY.COM Farmers & Bankers Brewing – 8 N Main Street, Woodstown

Director Laury noted the State of the County Annual Luncheon would be held on February 1, 2024 at Creekside Inn in Woodstown, hosted by SC 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.

No Public Comments

NEXT MEETING DATE – February 7, 2024 – 6:00 pm - Olde Courthouse, Salem

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION - 6:15 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			

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End Executive Closed Session – 6:48 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			

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 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