



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2024 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 Hannigan offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Director asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act The statement was read by Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. 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 7, 2024 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 approved 4-0.

Presentation

Anthony Matarese, Jr. from M&M Hunting Preserve offered information about a major event at his venue: The 2024 World Sporting Clays Championship.

M&M has hosted the U.S. Championships 4 times in the last 20 years and now they are excited to be hosting the world event from May 13 – 19, 2024. They are expecting 2000 international participants and up to 4000 people overall to be in attendance. Mr. Matarese discussed his need for community support, i.e. Police, traffic, medical, tourism, etc.

It was noted the county has programmable traffic signs that can be used. Notice to the hospitality industry was discussed also.

Commissioners Ramsay and Taylor will meet with Mr. Matarese, Fred Young of SC Economic Development, and Jake Buganski of SC Tourism to further discuss how the county can assist.

Public Hearings & Adoptions –

A1 Resolution of the Second Reading and Adoption to Fix the Annual Salary of the Salem County board of County Commissioners, the Salem County Sheriff, the Salem County Clerk, the Salem County Surrogate, and the Salem County Prosecutor

Open Public Hearing – Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to open the public hearing.

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 vote approved 5-0.

No public comments were given.

Close Public Hearing – Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to close the public hearing.

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 vote approved 5-0.

Adoption – Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to adopt the resolution 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			

Roll call vote approved 5-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from NJ American Water regarding the Petition for Approval to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchase Wastewater Treatment Clause
2. Minutes of the January 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Salem 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 approved 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 approved 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: -**

A2 Resolution to Appoint Members to the Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

A3 Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Salem County Mental Health Board (April Friant)

A4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Under the Hunterdon Cooperative Purchasing Program Between Visual Sound and the County of Salem to Provide a Video Wall Processor

A5 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2024 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1

A6 Resolution authorizing a Contract with Capsicum Group for Digital Forensic Services In the Litigation Matter of Price, et al. vs County of Salem, et al.

A7 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Construction Management for Various Projects Within the County of Salem

A8 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program Expert Consulting and Advisory Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem to Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists and Land Surveyors, DPC

A9 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program Administrative Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem to Triad Associates

A10 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Cumberland, the County of Salem, and the County of Gloucester for Engaging Professional Services for Work Related to Wetlands Delineation in Facilitation of a Regional Jail

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to read A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, and A8 in bulk.

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 approved 5-0.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to table A7 and A9. These will be discussed further in closed session.

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 approved 5-0.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to table A10. This will be discussed further in closed session.

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 approved 5-0.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to approve A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, and A8.

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 approved 5-0.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –

B1 Resolution to Amend the Title of Resolution 2023-532 to Read - Resolution to Accept and Execute a Grant for the Prosecutor's Office for Grant Funding From the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration [SART/FNE Grant No.VS-17-21]

B2 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Salem County Correctional Facility and the International Association for Human Values (IAHV) Prison Program/Art of Living Prison Program for Stress/Anger Management and Rehabilitation Training

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 approved 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE –

F1 Resolution to Approve a State Equipment Use Agreement

F2 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2-Final Resurfacing and Safety Improvements of Hook Road County Road #551, Phase 1 for the County of Salem Federal Project No. STP-SJ-0551 (300) NJDOT Job No. 7105306

F3 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement Modification No. 2 to Funds Exchange Program Agreement No. 2018-DT-BLA-FEP-434 Salem County Mill and Overlay Program (FY2017-Construction) Watsons Mill Road, County Road #672 and New Bridge Road, County Road #623 NJDOT Job No.7101315

F4 Resolution Authorizing Amendment "A" to the 2024 Professional Services Contract for Railroad Engineering Services with Pennoni Associates, Inc.

F5 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #4 Resurfacing and Safety Improvements South Greenwich Street-Telegraph Road, County Road #540, Phase 1 for the County of Salem Federal Project No. STBGP-L5K-0540(304) NJDOT Job No.7101317

County Administrator Ridgway noted that F1 above is to continue to use NJ State equipment for Mosquito Control activities. The county will maintain this equipment.

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 approved 5-0.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business – None**Commissioner Public Announcements**

Deputy Director Ostrum noted these upcoming events in the county:

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HEALTH DEPT. EVENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:</u></p> <p>Health Screenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, February 22nd, 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Jersey Fitness • Friday, February 23rd, 1:00 – 3:00 PM St. Johns Food Bank • Thursday, March 7th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Salem County Department of Health (Health & Lead) • Friday, March 29th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Suds Yer Duds <p>Office on Aging & Disabilities Monthly Luncheon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 20th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Sharptown United Methodist Church - 24 Church St, Pilesgrove, NJ <p>Health SCOOT Adventures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, February 23rd – Woodlanes (Bowling) <p>A Matter of Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 5th – Thursday, March 28th (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 1:00 – 3:00PM <p>Stress Busters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, February 29th – Thursday, April 25th (Thursdays), 10:00AM – 12:00PM <p>COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, February 22nd, 12:00 – 3:00PM (County Employees) & 2:00 – 3:00PM (Public)
Saturday, February 24	<p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Annual Chili Cook Off</p> <p>Info contact: Debbie Rambo 856-305-3683</p> <p>Location: Penns Grove Elks Lodge, 57 W. Main St., Penns Grove</p>
Saturday, February 24	<p>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Black History Month Event – <i>Educators from the Past</i></p> <p>Location: Salem Free Public Library</p>
Sunday, February 25	<p>3:00 pm</p> <p>FREE Concert – Enchanting Instrumental Folk Music of Yore (Hammered Dulcimer & Mandola)</p> <p>A FREE <i>Music Around the County</i> event!</p> <p>Location: First Baptist Church, 117 S. Main St., Woodstown</p>
Sunday, February 25	<p>11:00 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Open House – Workshops, Glass Sale, and “Beads of Courage” Fundraising and Beadmaking Event</p> <p>Salem Community College – Glass Education Center – 460 Hollywood Ave, Carney’s Point</p>
Thursday, February 29	<p>Scoot Trip</p> <p>Christiana Mall</p> <p>Call to Register: (856) 339-8644</p>

Friday, March 1	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Friends of Agriculture Dinner \$25 Location: Elmer Grange Catered by DiPaolo's BYOB, Door Prizes
Saturday March 2	9:00 am – 3:00 pm Clothing Drive – new/gently used clothing, shoes, toys, stuffed animals, hats, scarves, coats Location: ReStore Habitat for Humanity, 416 Pennsville Auburn Rd, Carneys Point Questions: contact Shannon 609-202-4539
Saturday, March 2	3:00 pm and 5:00 pm seatings Muskrat Dinner \$40 per person, eat-in only Alloway Vets, 95 Timberman Road, Alloway
Saturday March 9	8:30 am Women of Achievement Breakfast - \$50 (Ida Bowen, Bonny Beth Elwell, Anna Fox, Michele Norton, Rae Walzer) Location: The Grove at Centerton, 1022 Almond Road, Pittsgrave
Saturday, March 9	2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm Seatings Oyster Dinner – Fried Oysters, Chicken Salad, Peas, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Roll & Dessert Tickets: \$35 per Person – Dine In & Take Out For Reservations: (856)358-0583 Elmer Grange – 535 Daretown Rd, Elmer
Wednesday, March 14	8:00 am – 11:00 am Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem

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, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba had a few comments:

- She thanked the County for the paving of Route 540 in Carneys Point.
- She noted a few upcoming events:
 - March 2, 2024 Clothing/Shoe drive to benefit Habitat for Humanity
 - March 7, 2024 Votech Leadership Dinner
 - March 12, 2024 Resources for Living – Craft Pop-Up event at Habitat for Humanity Restore
- She noted that Habitat for Humanity Annual Conference will be held in Atlanta in March and that Salem County was being recognized for its' recyclable ramp program. They are very proud of this.
- Regarding Code Blue in Salem County: She noted there are problems with getting people to the warming center. Are the police aware of this? Is there a bus voucher program for return trips for the homeless?
 - Director Laury noted the Code Blue program is the responsibility of the Board of Social Services (BOSS).
 - Ms. Bomba noted we need to do better for the homeless population.
 - Deputy Director Ostrum noted he understands the frustration with the "Call 211" code blue program run by the state.

Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2024 - 6:00PM - Old Courthouse, Salem

Executive Closed Session - 6:40 pm

11 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem: *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege*

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 approved 5-0.

Motion to close Executive Session – 7:22 pm

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 approved 5-0.

The regular meeting continued.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to take A7 and A9 off the table.

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 approved 5-0.

Resolution A7 title was changed to read: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Construction Management for an Expansion to the County Administrative Complex
Additionally, the 2nd paragraph pertaining to the County Complex in Pilesgrove was stricken.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to approve the modified wording for A7.

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 approved 5-0.

Director Laury then asked for a motion and vote to approve A7 as modified.

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 approved 5-0.

Director Laury asked for a motion and vote to approve A9.

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 approved 5-0.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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 approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
 Clerk of the Board