



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 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 Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Director invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement Regarding Open Public Meetings Act – 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 21, 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 passed 5-0.

Public Hearings & Adoptions – None

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from South Jersey Gas regarding a petition for approval of new energy efficiency programs and associated cost recovery pursuant to the clean energy act.
2. Letter from NJ American Water regarding the petition for recovery of regulatory asset established for incremental Covid-19 related expenses, and for establishment of an uncollectible adjustment clause.

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 – None

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

- A1** Resolution Declaring an Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Remediate and Repair Roadway and Embankment Damages to Hook Road, CR 551, at Beaver Creek Pump Station, Pennsville, New Jersey
- A2** Resolution Approving an Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP), Naming Salem County as Lead Applicant, to Implement a Shared Services Agreement Between the Counties of Salem, Cumberland, and Gloucester
- A3** Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for Providing One Stop Career Services – WIOA Title 1-B Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programming Services for Cumberland, Salem, and Cape May County by Means of the Cumberland, Salem, Cape May County Workforce Development Board
- A4** Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for Providing Industry Focused Training & Internship Program Services for In-School Youth in Cumberland County by Means of the Cumberland, Salem, Cape May County Workforce Development Board

A5 Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-147, A Shared Services Agreement Between the State of New Jersey Judiciary Administrative Office of Courts for Vicinage 15 and the County of Salem for Reimbursement of Costs Incurred in the Design and Purchase of Furniture

A6 Resolution to Approve the Salem County Code of Professional Responsibility for the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission

A7 Resolution Certifying the Review of the 2022 Annual Audit

A8 Resolution Consenting to an Award of a Contract for Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program Engineering Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem to EN Engineering, LLC

A9 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Cumberland, the County of Salem, the County of Gloucester, and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Engaging Professional Services for Work Related to Wetlands Delineation in Facilitation of a Regional Jail

Regarding A1 above, Commissioner Ramsay noted this is for a severe washout during the recent storms.

Regarding A7 above, Director Laury noted that we had a great audit – no findings! He congratulated the Administrative Team on a good job.

Regarding A8 above, Director Laury noted this Broadband project is a win-win situation for both counties – Salem and Cumberland.

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 Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation for Medical Supplies for the Mid Atlantic Severe Situation Exercise Training

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 the SYF24 Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together Grant

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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- E1** Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Salem County Department of Health & Human Services and the Salem County Improvement Authority to Assist in Annual Maintenance Fee for DHD System
- E2** Resolution Authorizing an Application for Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant
- E3** Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant
- E4** Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant

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			

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business - None

Commissioner Public Announcements

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming Salem County events:

	<u>HEALTH DEPT. EVENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:</u>		
	Health Screenings:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
	Office on Aging & Disabilities Monthly Luncheon:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 20th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Sharptown United Methodist Church - 24 Church St, Pilesgrove, NJ 		
	A Matter of Balance:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 5th – Thursday, March 28th (Tuesdays and Thursdays), 1:00 – 3:00PM 		
	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES		
	DATE	TIME	LOCATIONS
	Tuesday, 3/14/24	2:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit - Woodstown
	Wed., 3/27/24	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	First Baptist Church - Woodstown
	Thursday, 4/11/24	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	SC Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 6 - Pennsville

	<p>It's Spring Musical time! Support our students and see the performances!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7,8,9 Woodstown – Brigadoon • March 8,9 Salem – Mamma Mia! • March 14,15,16 Penns Grove – Mamma Mia! • March 22,23,24 Pennsville - Fiddler on the Roof <p>(Schalick did their show last weekend)</p>
Starts April 13, 2024	<p>Challenger Baseball registration: www.pennsvillelittleleague.com More information: Bridgettobrien@yahoo.com See flyer attached.</p>
Friday, March 8	<p>8:00 am – 10:00 am 2024 Bankers and Brokers 1st Annual Economic Forum For Additional Information: Salem Chamber of Commerce – www.SalemCountyChamber.com or info@salemcountychamber.com Salem County Community College – Davidow Hall – 400 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point</p>
Saturday, March 9	<p>Oyster Dinner – SOLD OUT Elmer Grange – 535 Daretown Rd, Elmer</p>
Sunday, March 10	<p>10:00 am – 2:00 pm Breakfast Boards and Mimosas For Reservations: Call (856)889-2121 Salem Oak Vineyards – 64 N Railroad Ave, Pedricktown</p>
Wednesday, March 14	<p>8:00 am – 11:00 am Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem</p>
March 15 – 17	<p>6:30 pm Comedy Open Mic Night – Adults Only Questions: Email liamzstark@gmail.com The Blue Moon Theatre – 13 West Ave, Woodstown</p>
Saturday, March 16	<p>9:00 am – 12:00 pm Salem County Improvement Authority – Document Shredding Event 286 Welchville Road, Alloway</p>

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 mentioned a lack of services for the homeless, especially during the colder months. Is there a chance of opening a County Shelter in the future?

Director Laury noted this issue falls under the Board of Social Services (BOSS) and he will speak with the Director about this issue. Deputy Director Ostrum also noted this is worth discussing.

Tracy Rogers, Salem

Mr. Rogers noted he has handled homeless issues in northern New Jersey and now lives here. He is available to assist with any homeless issues.

Director Laury thanked him and we will get his contact information.

Cameron Hudson, Cumberland County
Collective Impact Mgr. for Hopeloft in Bridgeton, NJ

He has done community revitalization out of Bridgeton and would like to partner with Salem County to share ideas to improve the quality of life for residents. He wants to bring services to the people, not the people to the services.

Commissioner Timmerman invited him to attend future Health & Human Services meetings to see where he could help.

Maggie Masserini, Salem; William Wright, Penns Grove; and Alicia Bjornson, Pennsville

Topic: Bookmobile

Ms. Masserini is the former Director of the Salem County Bookmobile. She noted the County is required to have a library and is sad the bookmobile no longer exists. She noted deliveries were made to schools, The ARC, shut-ins, nursing homes, etc. – individuals who normally do not have access to a library. She would like a Bookmobile to start again.

Mr. Wright noted they would like financial assistance to get the Bookmobile running again.

Ms. Bjornson noted she has letters from previous users of the bookmobile showing support for this service. She noted the bookmobile served about 1000 patrons per month in the past.

The Commissioners agreed this could be discussed further. They would like to see a plan and associated expenses.

Michael Cosby, Woodstown

Mr. Cosby is concerned about the inequities of taxes in his area. He feels reassessment is needed for the town.

Director Laury thanked him for his concerns and noted he should bring this issue to the Woodstown Borough Council for discussion.

Next Meeting Date - March 20, 2024 - 6:00pm - Old Courthouse, Salem

Executive Closed Session 6:41 pm

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 passed 5-0.

End Executive Closed Session - 7:16 pm

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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 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 passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board