



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 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 6:00pm.

Invocation – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Director Laury invited all to recite 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 March 20, 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			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Special Recognition:

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – Deputy Director Ostrum read and presented a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Kristi Hunter, Chief PST for Salem County accepted it on behalf of all Public Safety Telecommunicators.

Waiver of the Rules: None

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

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Construction Board of Appeals March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Township of Pilesgrove resolution requesting a No Parking Sign on Baily Street
3. Letter from NJ American Water regarding a petition for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service
4. Letter advising and application for Minor Subdivision Approval and Bulk Variance Approval Block 49, Lot 20 & 31 Borough of Woodstown

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.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

- A1** Resolution Authorizing a Contract Utilizing the GSA Federal Services Award Between Geo-Comm Inc. and the County of Salem to Provide GIS Data Management for Emergency Services
- A2** Resolution Certifying the Review of the 2022 Annual Single Audit
- A3** Resolution Adopting a Corrective Action Plan for the 2022 Audit of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance for the County of Salem
- A4** Resolution for Additional Appropriations

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 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 (Subaward Number: JAG 1-17TF-22)
- B2** Resolution Approving the Multi-Year Subscription Agreement between Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation and the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- B3** Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-349 Accepting and Executing a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Center MDT Grant for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office
- B4** Resolution for the Appointment of Salem County Fire Coordinator – Jeff Pompper
- B5** Resolution Accepting Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Performance Grant No. FY23-EMPG-EMAA-1700 CFDA#:97.042 in the Amount of \$55,000.00

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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- E1** Resolution to Accept and Execute the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Through New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Salem County Office On Aging and Disabilities
- E2** Resolution Authorizing an Application for Funding from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Grant
- E3** Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-354 the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH)- Office of Local Public Health's (OLPH) County Health Infrastructure Program 2024

E4 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between New Jersey Transit and the Salem County Board of County Commissioners for an Award of Two Vehicles Under Section 5310 Program

E5 Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Cumberland and the County of Salem for a Public Health Workforce Training Needs Assessment

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 approved 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Authorizing 2024 Aerial Dispensing Operations by Salem County Mosquito Control

F2 Resolution to Approve "Alloway Township Fire Company" Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

F3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along a Portion of South Greenwich Street, County Road #540, East and West Main Street, County Road#581 and Alloway-Friesburg Road, County Road #640 in Alloway Township, Salem County for the Alloway Township Annual Halloween Parade

F4 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 27 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F5 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 28 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F6 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 29 to the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to the Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

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 – Director Laury mentioned that Patty Bomba could not be present tonight and texted her concerns regarding homelessness and any county programs to aid them. Director Laury mentioned that he will be looking further into the issue.

Commissioner New Business – Director Laury announced that the Special Budget Meeting will take place on June 5th at 4:00pm in the Conference Room at 110 Fifth Street, Salem, NJ.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATIONS
Thursday, 11/24	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	SC Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 6 - Pennsville
	<p>Challenger Baseball registration: pennsvillelittleleague.com More information: Bridgettobrien@yahoo.com See flyer attached.</p>	
Saturday, April 6	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	<p>Penns Grove Spring Clean Up Day 2024 Volunteers can sign up by April 2nd at the borough or call 856-469-7870</p>
Saturday, April 6	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	<p>Veterans Resource Fair Location: Salem County Community College, Davidow Hall, Salem</p>
Saturday, April 6	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	<p>Alloway Township Halloween Parade Committee – 1st Annual Truck and Car Show Event Location: 450 Telegraph Road, Alloway</p>
Tuesday, April 9	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>Natty's Famous Cheesesteaks – The VFW Post 253 Location: 20 Phillip Drive, Salem \$15 per person Call 856-469-1700 by April 5th to sign up!</p>
Wednesday, April 10	8:00 am – 11:00 am	<p>Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem</p>
Thursday, April 11	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<p>Business After Hours – Joint Chamber Networking (Vineland Chamber of Commerce) Location: Woodstown Central Railroad To RSVP call The Chamber Office at (856) 351-2245 or email Jennifer@SalemCountyChamber.com</p>
Friday, April 12	6:00 pm	<p>Pocketbook Bingo - Supports Woman's Club of Pennsville Location: Pennsville Middle School Cafeteria, 4 William Penn Avenue, Pennsville TICKETS: 856-678-8659 or 609-217-6455</p>

Friday, April 12	11:30 am Salem Circle of Friends Meeting Location: PSEG Energy and Environmental Resource Center, 244 Chestnut St, Salem Seating is limited Contact Ceil Smith at csmith@salemcc.edu or call 856-351-2644 to RSVP Today!
Saturday, April 13	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Prime Rib Dinner - \$30 per person – purchase in advance! Location: Penns Grove Elks Lodge #1358
Saturday, April 13	11:00 am – 3:00 pm Black Maternal Health Symposium Location: Mount Zion Baptist Church, 437 Grieves Parkway, Salem
Saturday, April 20	9:00 am 9th Annual Nick Mowers 5K Run/Walk – party after at The Shipyard Location: The Shipyard, Pennsville Info: http://www.runsignup.com/nickmowers5k

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.

Jim Coombs, Elmer

Mr. Coombs spoke regarding road drainage and road damage. Mr. Coombs made suggestions to cut back tree debris from shaded areas where ditches are present and may cause water drainage issues. He also mentioned the idea of conducting road patchwork from stone to take place during the summer season so this will allow the compound to work more efficiently.

Commissioner Ramsey responded that he would speak directly to Public Works. Public Works is currently putting together a 10yr program to help alleviate road issues. He thanked Mr. Coombs for raising his concerns.

Betty Coombs, Elmer

Betty Coombs spoke regarding reckless driving taking place on Route 77 and Wood Lane Roads. She asked for an update regarding a possible traffic light or no passing sign installation.

Commissioner Ramsey mentioned that Route 77 has been an ongoing issue. Unfortunately, signs might not suffice to resolve this issue.

Mrs. Coombs also questioned what is the current law regarding cutting down trees on private property?

Director Laury responded that the law regarding cutting down trees on private property differs by municipality.

Bruce Foster, Elmer

Bruce Foster is a storm coordinator for Elmer. He suggested that each municipality has instituted a tree cutting process.

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2024 - 6:00PM

Executive Closed Session - 6:30pm

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			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 7:14 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.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 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			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board