



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 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 April 3, 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.

Special Recognition: None

Waiver of the Rules:

A2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Providing Communications Tower Appraisal Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem to Sterling Disanto & Associates LLC

F4 Resolution Requesting Gloucester County Restrict Truck Traffic on Gloucester County Road #601, Pedricktown Road in Logan Township, Gloucester 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 passed 5-0.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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

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 passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to the Contract for Developing a Multi Hazards Mitigation Plan for the County of Salem

A2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Providing Communications Tower Appraisal Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem to Sterling Disanto & Associates LLC

Commissioner Ostrum commented regarding A2 - "We Worked hard to bring A2 to the table. It's appreciated to have the partnership with Cumberland County for the Broadband, Middle Mile project."

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 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Center Grant for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office

B2 Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application by the Prosecutor's Office for State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration pursuant to the Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA-47-23)

B3 Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration Pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) (V-17-23)

B4 Resolution Approving the Inspection Agreement Renewal between Suppression Systems Inc. (SSI) and the Salem County Prosecutor's Office

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 Apply for the Salem Health & Wellness Foundation's 2024 Matching Gift Program

E2 Resolution Amending and Executing the Dates of Service to a Shared Services Agreement Between the City of Vineland and the County of Salem for a Health Officer, Consultant (SSA)

E3 Resolution Accepting the 2024-2025 State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant for the Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities

E4 Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-506 Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of the County Innovation Grant

E5 Resolution Acknowledging the Standard Board Resolution Form from the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant

E6 Resolution Approving an Application to New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Disability Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant

Commissioner Laury commented regarding E5 – “The PASP Grant is very limited. It’s a tremendous program where residents can have classified assistance within their home. Appreciates the efforts it took to get this established/brought forth.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Approving "Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee, Inc" Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

F2 Resolution Restricting Parking along Cemetery Road, County Road #679 in Mannington Township, County of Salem

F3 Resolution Restricting Truck Traffic on Salem County Road #642, East Mill Street and For Large Wheelbase Vehicles and Reducing Weight Limit for Pedricktown Bridge (Salem County Bridge #1700-199) Oldmans Township, Salem County

F4 Resolution Requesting Gloucester County Restrict Truck Traffic on Gloucester County Road #601, Pedricktown Road in Logan Township, Gloucester County

Commissioner Laury commented regarding F3 & F4, “Further discussion will be anticipated once Gloucester passes their resolution.”

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:

Comments from Commissioner Taylor:

- The Secretary of Agricultural visited the County Agricultural Board and are trying to put together a tour.
- Ed Wengryn was appointed to the Board back on March 22nd. He is very well known across the Agricultural Board and South Jersey as he assisted the previous Secretary of Agricultural.
- The Agricultural Board would love the Commissioners presence in August once the tour is planned.
- May 1st the state will be releasing the Cross Acceptance Plan. The plan is developed to where the counties will have the role of answering on behalf of the Municipalities to the state. The last time this was discussed was in 2001.
- The plan will provide affordable housing in New Jersey for taxpayers to the state. Further discussion to be anticipated.
- Attended the Salem County College Designated Employee and Student Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. This event had a nice turnout as it was well attended. Happy to have had the opportunity to partner with the college in helping recognize these individuals. We look forward to participating in these ceremonies in the future.

Comments from Commissioner Laury:

- The state is basically trying to accomplish what was planned for two years in eight months. Wetlands were desired over industrial/businesses.
- Clarified that the county planner should review the state plan and then meet with the municipalities on an individual level. Once the planner meets with the municipalities then they should revert the results back to the county so the county can then vet the results to the state based on negotiations and cross acceptance.
- Summarized results from a forum that took place after the last commissioner meeting on April 3, 2024. Suggesting a possible plan of taking two cents from the County and spreading that amongst the calls that are responded to by each ambulance. Each township would get a portion for their cooperation on calls and response so whichever township supplies mutual aid will receive the benefit. This is just a synopsis and is open to the public for opinions and comments. Another forum will take place after the May 1st commissioner meeting to further discuss how the county will proceed.

Comments from Commissioner Ramsay:

- Provided clarification as it was previously mentioned that Pennsville was in the black. No EMS is in the black. Cash Funds are needed to run it but in the end each cost depends on whoever is delivering the service aide.
- Attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Turnpike 1 Trade Center on Harding Highway and said it was a nice turnout. Pilesgrove was present during the event and contractors were present.

Comments from Deputy Director Ostrum:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony occurred at what they are calling a Turnpike 1 Trade Center on Harding Highway. This does need to be raised as anticipated traffic is to be expected along route 40 with the upcoming construction.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Commission Laury announced that there will be a Chicken Pot Pie dinner next Saturday. Contact Alice Waddington 609-202-0383 for more information.

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

Every Sat in Apr, April 20 th – 27 th	10:00 am – 11:00 am Story Time – Story, Snack & Craft Location: Salem Public Library, Salem
Every Sun in Apr, April 21 st – May 5 th	4:00 pm Healthy Kids Running Series Spring 2024 Location: Elsinboro School, 631 Salem-Ft. Elfsborg Road, Salem For more info visit runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Salem/HealthyKidsRunningSeriesElsinboroNJ
Friday, April 19	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SCC Media Mashup – An All-Inclusive SCC Student Exhibition Location: SCC Glass Education Center, 460 Hollywood Ave (parking lot A) Carneys Point
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
Saturday, April 20	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Salem County Improvement Authority – Household Hazardous Waste Days Location: 286 Welchville Road, Alloway
Saturday, April 20	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 100th Anniversary Celebration – Open House Location: Pennsville Fire & Rescue Co. #1, 91 First Street, Pennsville Celebration continues at Pennsville VFW Post 1952, food and drinks available to purchase.
Saturday, April 20	6:30 pm Comedy Open Mic Night – Adults Only Questions: Email liamzstark@gmail.com The Blue Moon Theatre – 13 West Ave, Woodstown

Saturday, April 20	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Broadway Spring Clean Up Event – Keeping Salem Beautiful Location: 49 Deli to Keasbey Street FREE T-Shirts & Lunch Afterwards For more info, contact Stand Up for Salem at (856) 935-1248 or standupforsalem@gmail.com
Saturday, April 20	Community Garden Cleanup Event - Keeping Salem Beautiful 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Hires Ave Community Garden 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Olive Street Community Garden FREE T-Shirts & Lunch Afterwards For more info, contact Stand Up for Salem at (856) 935-1248 or standupforsalem@gmail.com
Sunday, April 21	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Oldies But Goodies – Come on out for a stroll down Memory Lane!!! Location: 20 Phillip Drive, Salem \$15 Donation (Includes Refreshments)
Wednesday thru Friday April 24 th – 27 th	Pennsville Midget Football Carnival Wed thru Fri from 6-10pm Sat from 3-8pm Mega pass (All 4 days - \$50) Family Band (Wed-Thurs only - \$30) 32 tix for \$50. 12 tix for \$20. Individual tickets are \$2.00 each.
Saturday, April 27	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Salem County's Largest Yard Sale Location: 735 Route 40, Salem County Fairgrounds, Pilesgrove For space rentals contact: Andy Ware (609) 472-0256 or email; wareandy13@gmail.com
Saturday, April 27	11:00 am – 3:00 pm South Jersey Arts Fest – People of all ages are welcome to this Free Event! Location: Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, Elmer
Sunday, April 28	11:00 am – 4:00 pm SCC Open House, Workshops & Glass Sale Location: Salem County College For more info visit salemcc.edu/glass/experience or Kdeady@salemcc.edu
Wednesday, May 15	6:00 pm Salem County College Commencement Ceremony Location: SCC, Carney's Point

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.

Next Meeting Date: May 1, 2024 6:00PM (last 6:00pm meeting until September 18th)

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	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 7:30 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.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 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