



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024 4:00 PM

Salem County Historic Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey

Call to Order – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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.

Special Recognition:

Commissioner Ramsay presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Administrative Clerk of the Salem County Mosquito Control Department, Judith Legg. Judith is the 2024 recipient of the “Bunnie” Hajek Award.

Commissioner Laury presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sue Ann Leighty and Charles Hassler from Salem County's Habitat for Humanity. The organization was recognized Nationally for the most Innovative Ramp Program.

Commissioner Laury further added that the service Habitat for Humanity provides for the residents of Salem County is amazing. He personally had taken advantage of the ramp program when his wife was diagnosed with a brain tumor several years ago and she was temporarily immobile.

Ms. Sue Ann Leighty Thanked the Commissioner’s for the Certificate of Recognition. She spoke briefly on the accomplishments/projects that the Salem County Habitat for Humanity organization have achieved this year.

Commissioner Ostrum presented a Proclamation to Mr. Patrick Bomba from Carneys Point. The Proclamation is to proclaim June 2024 as Men’s Health Month.

Waiver of the Rules –

A7 Resolution Ratifying Settlement of the Litigation Matter Captioned Terry Walker v County of Salem, ET AL., Docket No.: 1:15-cv-07073 – AMD/RJK

A8 Resolution Ratifying Settlement of the Litigation Matter Captioned Richard Martino v County of Salem, ET AL., Docket No.: 1:22-cv-516-KMW-MJS

A9 Resolution Declaring an Emergency to Permit Imminent Acquisition of Goods and/or Services to Remediate and Repair Collapse of Roadway crosspipe, Perkintown Road, CR 644, Carneys, Point

A10 Resolution for Emergency Appropriation to Remediate and Repair Collapse of Roadway crosspipe, Perkintown Road, CR 644, Carneys Point, New Jersey

A11 Amendment to Resolution 2024-003 to Amend Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

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 – Introduction of Ordinance 2024-001

An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, New Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of \$1,925,000 From the Capital Improvement Fund for the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Ordinance 2024-001
2. Roll Call

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll Call Vote passed 5-0.

3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled July 17, 2024, at 4:00pm

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from M&M Hunting Preserve thanking the Commissioner Board for their support
2. Letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding a petition for approval of a Portfolio of Energy Efficiency, Building Decarbonization and Demand Response Programs, a Cost Recovery Mechanism, and Other Related Relief Pursuant to the Clean energy Act for the Period January 2025 through June 2027
3. Letter from Colliers Engineering regarding a freshwater wetlands letter of interpretation notice to neighboring landowners submitted to NJDEP
4. Letter from Walmart regarding the closing of its facility located in Pedricktown, NJ
5. Resolution from the County of Warren opposing A-410 Bill Allowing the Removal of County Commissioners Due to Absences.

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.

Commissioner Laury highlighted the appreciation letter received from the M&M Hunting Preservation. The event had an amazing turnout. People from all over the world came out to Pennsville to attend the event which really had positive exposure to Salem County.

Commissioner Ostrum commented briefly on the letter received from Walmart regarding the closure of the servicing facility in Pedricktown. Hopes that this doesn't become a pattern going forward as it could affect Salem County Residents employment.

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

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 Appointing Members to the Salem County Transportation Advisory Council For Casino Revenues (Joan Jones, Andrea Lipsey, Edward Murray)
- A2** Resolution to Appoint Members to The Board of Education of Special Services School District and The Vocational School District of The County of Salem (Patty Bomba, Julie Smith)
- A3** Resolution to Renew The Shared Service Agreements Providing Equipment, Labor and Services for Salem County Municipalities
- A4** Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property for The County of Salem
- A5** Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2024-187 Authorizing Change Order #1 to the Contract for the Purchase of Election Materials for the County of Salem
- A6** Resolution Authorizing a Renewal Contract for the Purchase of Election Materials for The County of Salem
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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.

Commissioner Ostrum commented briefly on Resolution A4. Wanted to make the public aware that surplus property can be purchased by citizens via the GovDeals website. He further expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for expediting the emergency road repair for Perkintown Road.

Commissioner Laury recognized and thanked Patty Bomba for her ongoing service to the Board of Education of Special Services School District and The Vocational School District.

Commissioner Laury commented that the Court House copula is up for sale as well. The public can place a bid via the surplus property government website if interested.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant from The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for The Prosecutor's Office for The SFY24 Alternative Responses to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together Grant Subaward No.: 24-ARRV-10

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 for the Completion of the Federal 2024 Annual Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance as Required by New Jersey Transit Corporation for the 5311 Non-Urban/Rural Transportation Grant

E2 Resolution to Apply for The Southern Coastal Fund Wellness Grant Program

E3 Resolution to Apply for The 2024-2025 Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Lincs Grant Program

E4 Resolution Amending 2024 Contract for Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (Recovery Transportation) for The Salem County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

E5 Resolution to Apply for Funding for the 2024-2025 Special Child Health Services Case Management Grant

E6 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Renewal to the Shared Services Agreement between the County of Salem and Salem County Municipalities for Public Health 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			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Establishing a Reduced Speed Limit along a Portion of Porcupine Road, County Road #643 in the Township of Oldmans, County of Salem

F2 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for The New Jersey Department of Transportation State Aid To Counties Under The New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 County Aid Improvement Program

F3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along Lotus Avenue, County Road #678, South Main Street, County Road #672 and Marlton Road, County Road #636 in The Borough of Woodstown for an Independence Day Parade

F4 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along South Main Street, County Road #672, in The Borough of Woodstown for their Annual Fall Festival

F5 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along South Main Street, County Road #672, in The Borough of Woodstown for their Annual Candlelight Tour

F6 Resolution Restricting Parking Along Bailey Street, County Road #616 in The Township of Pilesgrove, County of Salem

F7 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 31 To the Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations to The Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F8 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Hot Mix Asphalt and Concrete Testing and Inspection Services for The County of Salem

F9 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2-Revised Final FY 2018 Mill and Overlay Resurfacing Program Willow Grove Road, County Road #639 for The County of Salem Federal Project No. STBGP-SJ-0639(303) NJDOT Job No. 7110320

F10 Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #2 2019 County Aid Road Program for The County of Salem

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 Laury highlighted the resolutions pertaining to upcoming events that Woodstown will have to offer. Encouraged the public to attend the Woodstown parades, as these events are guaranteed to have a great time amongst family and friends.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business - None

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

Every Tuesday, April 2 nd thru Oct 1 st	5:30 pm Street Rollers Cruise Night Location: Wood Lanes, 1173 Rt. 40, Pilesgrove
Every Wednesday	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Live Music Wednesdays Location: Running Dear Golf Club and Seven Tap-Tavern, 1111 Parvin Mill Road, Pittsgrove Township
Fri. Sat. & Sun. June 14, 15 & 16	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm 2:00 pm (Sunday 16 th Matinee) Charlotte's Web Location: The Blue Moon Theatre. Woodstown
Thursday, June 13 (Rain Date June 14)	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Resource & Health Fair – Paint The Town Purple! Join us for Free *Health Screenings *Vendors *Give aways *Games, Food & Music Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Market Street, Salem
Sunday, June 16	4:00 pm Father's Day Cigar & Whiskey \$100 per person To secure your Ticket Email: theenginehouse@icloud.com Location: The Engine House, Pennsville

Sunday, June 16	5:00pm – 8:00pm Father's Day at the Park Jam Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, Salem
Monday, June 17	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Summer Reading Program 8 Weeklong Reading program for kids ending with a Summer Reading Party on August 19 th Register by email at birdseyefsc@gmail.com Location: Bird's Eye Family Success Center, 364 S. Broadway, Pennsville
Tuesday, June 18	11:30 am Annual Congressional Update Luncheon \$40 per person RSVP by June 10 th to The Chamber Office (856) 351-2245 Location: Salem River Inn, Salem
Wednesday, June 19	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Summer Concert Series – Buckner and Layton Location: Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville
Thursday, June 20	7:00 pm Free Summer Concert Series – Don't Call Me Francis Location: MLK Park, Salem
Friday, June 21	6:00 pm Juneteenth Community Celebration – Freedom Walk Friday Location: Community Gathering at MLK Park, Salem
Friday, June 21	5:00 pm Juneteenth Celebration & 2.5 Mile Walk – Woodstown Borough's Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee joins Mary S. Shoemaker & William Roper Schools to celebrate Location: Friends Village Community Center, 1 Friends Drive, Woodstown
Saturday, June 22	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Juneteenth Community Celebration Location: Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 437 Grieves Pkwy., Salem

Commissioner Laury recognized Nelson Carney for his devotion to making Juneteenth a Holiday now recognized by Salem County. The Salem County Offices will be closed Friday, June 21, 2024, in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. Commissioner Laury thanked Nelson for all his work.

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 Bomb from Carneys Point commented below:

- Phillis ticket raffle (\$10) to benefit the Veteran critical home repairs situation that the Salem Habitat for Humanity Organization wants to alleviate.

- Run for Homes takes place July 27th at Riverview Park in Pennsville.
- Introduced Linda Munoz, a small business owner (Sunnyside Boutique). She has a contribution jug set up in her store to assist in collecting proceeds for the Habitat for Humanity Organization.
- Darryl's Wheels is having a fundraiser. Tickets are on sale for a choice of guacamole with chips or old bay fries with a beverage of your choice. Tickets are \$20 each and will run from June through August at the Shipyard in Pennsville.
- All the honor ceremonies/completion ceremonies for the School District in Salem County have taken place. The Salem County Vo Tech students are set to graduate tomorrow evening.
- The Challenger Baseball League is having their awards ceremony. The ceremony is set to take place at Sharptown Church on Friday night from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Invited the Commissioners to attend if possible.

Patrick Bomba from Carneys Point commented below:

- Opined on Commissioner Ostrum's comment regarding the Summer Reading Program for Children. Stated that not only is this a great learning opportunity for our children, with the anticipated high heat temperatures for this summer, it's a great idea to help the community children stay cool as well.
- Also commented on the June 5th meeting regarding the county wide tax increases. Carneys Point tax breakdown was called out for increases due to the Pilot program regarding warehouses. The revenue from these Pilot Programs will be a benefit to our future road repair/safety improvements (Route 40 & 48).
- The County also uses the Pilot Program for property sales. Oldman's Township is an example, as there is current property for sale by the County and there is an opportunity to establish a Pilot Program.

Nelson Carney Jr. Woodstown (President of the Salem County NAACP) commented below:

- Proclamation received from Woodstown borough for Juneteenth.
- Wanted to discuss the Grady Butts case regarding discrimination, retaliation and harassment case.
- Provided the Commissioners with a packet regarding experience's that Mr. Butts has encountered while employed for Salem County. (25 years' worth)
- Mentioned that the case is being monitored by the NAACP. The packet was put together by Mr. Carney. It contains statements from employees that worked alongside Mr. Butts and witnessed his experiences with the County regarding discrimination acts.

Commissioner Laury intervened and mentioned that the Salem Board of Commissioners would not be able to comment on the case.

Nelson Carney Jr. continued:

- Mr. Butts is aware that his case was going to be discussed today. Wanted to bring public knowledge/awareness to the case.
- Mr. Butts has had 3 lawsuits with the County. One of the lawsuits pertains to the Attorney General and the two other lawsuits were handled by a private attorney.
- Discrimination and Retaliation amongst Salem County employees needs to stop.
- Mr. Carney further mentioned that Salem County lacks diversity amongst employees in the Salem County Office.

Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board intervened:

- Mariel is Hispanic and she is my assistant.

Nelson Carney Jr. further commented:

- Acknowledged that there is one minority working in the offices.

Commissioner Ostrum further opined:

- Our previous Economic Development Director of Salem County is Samoan (Fred Young).

Nelson Carney Jr. further mentioned:

- I appreciate all that you have done. I believe we can come to an agreement. Please let me know if I am wrong or if Mr. Butts is wrong.

Commissioner Laury commented as follows:

- Thank you for all your hard work. Thank you for the incredible work you have done alongside the NAACP. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Lisa Perry, 4H Coordinator for Salem County and Chelsea Van Sciver 4H Coordinator Assistant, Salem:

- Thanked and expressed their appreciation on the approval from the Salem County Commissioners on remodeling their current office.
- Exciting upcoming events. (Salem County Fair)
- Guaranteed that the young 4H members will be on their best behavior however couldn't speak for the farm animals.
- The group wanted to come and Thank the Board of County Commissioners in person.

Commissioner Laury further commented:

- We need to be thanking you for all your work and devotion to the group.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date July 17, 2024, 4:00PM

Executive Closed Session – 4:40 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		X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 5:00 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 5:01 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