



**Board of County Commissioners**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 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** – Commissioner Director Laury 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 June 5, 2024, and June 12, 2024, Meetings. 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			

## Special Recognition:

### NJAC Scholarship Award Winners

Commissioner Timmerman presented a Scholarship Award and Certificate to Jack Fowler of Elmer. Mr. Fowler is the 2024 Awardee of the NJAC Foundation - Amazon Scholarship. Mr. Fowler plans on attending Rowan University with a concentration in Bio/Chem studies.

Commissioner Director Laury presented a Scholarship Award and Certificate to Gavin Krupski of Pennsville. Mr. Krupski is the 2024 Awardee of the NJAC Foundation – PSEG Scholarship. Mr. Krupski plans on attending Salem Community College with a concentration in Nuclear Energy Technology.

Commissioner Ramsay presented a Scholarship Award and Certificate to Thomas Reale of Carneys Point. Mr. Reale is the 2024 Awardee of the NJAC Foundation – AT&T Scholarship. Mr. Reale plans on attending Salem Community College with a concentration in Accounting.

Commissioner Director further acknowledge Layla Milligan of Salem. Ms. Milligan is the 2024 Awardee of the NJAC Foundation – SHI International Scholarship. Unfortunately, Ms. Milligan was unable to attend this meeting, but her award and certificate will be sent via mail.

### Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Resolution from **Atlantic County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
2. Resolution from **Camden County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
3. Resolution from **Hudson County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
4. Resolution from **Ocean County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
5. Resolution from **Monmouth County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
6. Resolution from **Cape May County** urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication
7. Resolution from the Borough of Woodstown designating additional bus stops within the borough of Woodstown
8. A letter from NJDEP regarding a land offering from owner James Cobb, Block 101, Lot 15(partial), located in Alloway Township

9. Resolution from the County of Ocean opposing the construction of offshore wind farms

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 Urging State Leaders to Pass Legislation that will Authorize Counties, Municipalities, School Districts, and all Local Governments to Electronically Publish Legal Notices in a Newspaper's Website or Digital Publication

**A2** Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2024-096 Awarding a Contract for Providing Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program Expert Consulting and Advisory Services for Counties of Cumberland and Salem, RFP #23-40 and Terminating Contract

**A3** Resolution Approving Change Order NO., 1 to Contract for Providing Middle Mile (Broadband) Grant Program Engineering Services for the Counties of Cumberland and Salem, RFP #23-45 (Vendor) (Increase \$165,670.00 + 4.7%)

Deputy Director Ostrum mentioned that Resolution's A2 and A3 pertain to the Middle Mile Project contract. He highlighted that both counties, Salem and Cumberland, are exercising their fiscal responsibility. The county has maximized the use of the consulting engineer where it was determined that the county is saving funds of which is being added to the planning services for the Environmental Survey. This will be considered as a growth savings towards the overall 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 Salem County Sheriff's Office to Hire Entry Level Sheriff's Officer Applicants Through the Exemption Process Permitted by N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 ET SEQ.

Commissioner Director Laury commented that this Resolution will provide an opportunity to hire Sheriff's Officers.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 Accepting and Executing the Southern Coastal Fund Wellness Grant Program

**E2** Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-222 to Extend the Budget Period and Add Additional Funding to The Covid-19 Vaccination Program 2022 Activity C Grant

**E3** Resolution to Apply for Funding for The Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant

**E4** Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-271 to Authorize a Time Extension of the 2021 Healthy Salem-Healthy Body Grant

**E5** Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with The Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder for The Municipal Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

**E6** Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application to New Jersey Transit Corporation on Behalf of Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities for a Grant under The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTAP) Grant 2025

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along a Portion of East Main Street, County Road #675 in The Borough of Penns Grove for The Penns Grove High School Congress Homecoming Day Parade

**F2** Resolution Approving the Execution of Change Order #1 2028-2019 Local Freight Impact Fund Program Straughns Mill Road, County Road #643 Resurfacing and County Bridge #1700-141 Rehabilitation in Oldmans Township 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.

**CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET**

**H1** Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in The Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 - **24-25 Veterans' Transportation**

**H2** Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in The Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948-**FY24 County Health Infrastructure Program Grant**

**H3** Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in The Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948-**2024 Senior Farmers Market**

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 Old Business** – None

**Commissioner New Business** - None

**Commissioner Public Announcements:**

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

Wednesday, July 3 (Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month rain or shine)	5:00 pm <b>Salem County Road Knights Car Cruise!</b> Location: Pat’s Pizza, 102 S. Broadway, Pennsville
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Thursday, July 4	10:00 am <b>Woodstown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade</b> Location: The Parade starts at Allen Street and South Main Street to Marlton Park. Rain or shine!
Thursday, July 4	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm <b>Salem County Fairgrounds Fourth of July Festival</b> Location: Pilesgrove
Wednesday, July 10	8:00 am – 11:00 am <b>Together with Veterans</b> – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation Location: VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem
Mon. thru Fri., July 15 <sup>th</sup> thru 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm <b>Aldine UMC Basketball Camp</b> Opened to all Incoming 5 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> graders for the 2024-2025 school year \$100 per child Register at aldineumc.org Location: Ranch Hope Gymnasium, 45 Sawmill Road, Alloway
Wednesday, July 17	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm <b>Summer Concert Series – Illuminate Worship Band</b> Location: Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville
Thursday, July 18	10:00 am to 1:00 pm <b>Third Legislative District Senior Resource Fair</b> Location: Salem Community College

**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:

- Provided a friendly reminder for the upcoming 5K Run Fundraising event for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Receiving multiple calls from residents in the community that are facing housing issues. Wanted to know if there are any additional resources that could be provided to aid people facing housing issues.

Commissioner Director Laury opined that the Social Services Department should be the first place to direct these individuals in need. If no solution/satisfaction is received, then the Salem County Health Department can be contacted to see if any additional resources/information is available.

Patrick Bomba from Carneys Point commented below:

- Congratulations to the Public Works Department on the rapid repair of Georgetown Road. The road is smooth and looks great.
- Inquired regarding a resolution listed on Today's Agenda within the correspondence, County of Ocean opposing the construction of offshore wind farms. Will this intervein with the current windmill assembly project?

Commissioner Director Laury answered this will not affect our current Wind turbine project. Commissioner Laury further stated that the concern was raised and addressed the moment the resolution was received. Thanked Mr. Bomba for his comments and concerns.

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

**Executive Closed Session – 4:21 pm**

Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem - Matters Relating to the employment relationship

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

**Executive Closed Session Ended – 4:34 pm**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 4:35 pm.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Taylor	X		X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington  
Clerk of the Board