



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 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.

Minutes

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 1, 2024 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 4-0.

Special Recognition:

Commissioner Daniel Timmerman presented several certificates of recognition to Jimmyra B. Trinidad who will be enlisting into the U.S. Army National Guard. She received the certificates on behalf of Salem Community College, The Salem County Sheriff's Office, Salem County Government, and The NJ 3rd Legislative District. The Salem County Commissioners congratulated Ms. Trinidad and thanked her for her dedication and service.

Waiver of the Rules-

A11 Resolution for Emergency Appropriations to Satisfy Settlement Obligation of The Litigation Matter Captioned Terry Walker v County of Salem, ET AL

B11 Resolution Authorizing an Application to The New Jersey State Police Emergency Management Agency Assistance ("EMAA") Performance Grant Program No. FY24-EMPG-EMAA-1700

B12 Resolution Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Fund Program (BARF) Grant Application for The Salem County Sheriff's Office from The New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice

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 4-0.

Public Hearings & Adoptions**Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2024-001**

An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, New Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of \$ 1,925,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment

- Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing
- 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 passed 4-0.

- Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing
- 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 passed 4-0.

- Motion and Second to Adopt Ordinance 2024-001
- 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 passed 4-0.

**Public Hearing and Adoption of the Revised Land Development Standards
in accordance with NJSA 40:27-6.2e and 6.6;**

- Motion and Second to Open the Public Hearing
- 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 passed 4-0.

- Motion and Second to Close the Public Hearing
- 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 passed 4-0.

A1 Resolution Adopting Revised Land Development Standards for Salem County

- Motion and Second to Adopt
- 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 passed 4-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Resolution from Mercer 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 Sussex County Establishing the Sussex NJ 250 Committee and Designating the Logo and Catchphrase for the Sussex NJ 250 Committee
3. Resolution from Union 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 Morris 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 The State to Allocate Tax Revenue from Recreational Marijuana to Addiction Services
6. Resolution from Pittsgrove Township Requesting Noise Mitigation Measures for Rumble Strips
7. Letter from NJ American Water Regarding a Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing for Proposed Surcharges
8. Letter from NJ American Water Regarding the Acquisition of The City of Salem's Water and Wastewater Systems

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 4-0.

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 4-0.

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 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

A2 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Constellation Newenergy for Electricity Generation Supply Services and Delivery for The County of Salem

A3 Resolution Awarding a Renewal Contract for Routine and Emergency Electrical Repair Services for The County of Salem

A4 Resolution Renewing a Contract for Providing Original Equipment Manufactured NJ Transit Bus Parts for The County of Salem

A5 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 to The Contract for Labor Counsel for The County of Salem

A6 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Special Counsel for The Salem County Clerk

A7 Resolution Authorizing The Closing of Grant Funds Received and Appropriated

A8 Resolution Authorizing The Award of A Non-Fair and Open Contract for The Provision of Ambulance Services to American Legion Ambulance Association d/b/a Municipal Ambulance Corps.

A9 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund

A10 Resolution Changing Custodians of Petty Cash Funds

A11 Resolution for Emergency Appropriations to Satisfy Settlement Obligation of the Litigation Matter Captioned Terry Walker v County of Salem, ET AL

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 4-0.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between The Salem County Inter Agency Council of Human Services and The County of Salem (2023)

B2 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between The Salem County Inter Agency Council of Human Services and The County of Salem (2024)

B3 Resolution Authorizing The Commissioner Director and Clerk of The Board to Sign The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Environmental Review Required for The Execution of the FY23 Leased Apartments Program Grant Contract for Period of March 1, 2024 Through February 28, 2025, Funded Through The Salem County Continuum of Care

B4 Resolution Authorizing Application for a Grant from The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program

B5 Resolution Approving an Agreement Between The Salem County Prosecutor's Office and The Salem County Vocational Technical School to Provide Operation Helping Hand Funding for Expansion of Bridge Programming

B6 Resolution Authorizing The Retention of a Limited Part-Time Assistant Prosecutor (OHH) for The Salem County Prosecutor's Office to Combat Opioid Addiction and Advance The Intervention, Addiction and Recovery Mission of Operation Helping Hand

B7 Resolution Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Program Grant Application from The New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for The Prosecutor's Office

B8 Resolution Approving a Grant Application with The New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for The Salem County Prosecutor's Office {SART/FNE Subaward No. VS-17-23}

B9 Resolution Authorizing The County of Salem to Apply to The State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Grant Funding of \$120,000 for The Period of January 1, 2025 To December 31, 2025

B10 Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-037 Appointing Members to The Salem County Youth Services Commission

B11 Resolution Authorizing an Application to The New Jersey State Police Emergency Management Agency Assistance ("EMAA") Performance Grant Program No. FY24-EMPG-EMAA-1700

B12 Resolution Supporting and Approving a Body Armor Replacement Fund Program (BARF) Grant Application for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice

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 4-0.

Commissioner Ramsay commented regarding Resolution B5 "Bridge Programming," is a program that takes place through the Youth Service Commission. He further stated that the program helps turn kids around and that the Salem County Vocational Technical School has done a wonderful job.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Authorizing an Extension of a Contract with Strategic Billing Enterprise, LLC

E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing The Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant

E3 Resolution Accepting and Executing The 2024-2025 Right to Know Grant

E4 Resolution Accepting and Executing The Local Public Health Overdose Fatality Review Teams 2025 Grant - Pathway A and Pathway B

E5 Resolution Accepting The Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Grant from The New Jersey Division of Disability Services for The County of Salem

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 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Authorizing Consent to The Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment Titled "638 Gershal Avenue Warehouse" in Pittsgrove Township Site Specific Area Amendment

F2 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2021 County Aid Road Program for The County of Salem

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 4-0.

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 **Covid-19 Vaccination Activity C**

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 ARRIVE 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 **Southern Coastal Fund Wellness Grant**

H4 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 **9-1-1 Upgrades Program**

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 4-0.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business - None

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

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
Every Friday, July 5 th thru Aug 2 nd	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Salem Water Days Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult Location: Walnut St. Football Field, Salem

Various dates thru summer	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Farm Camp 2024 – Activities, Crafts and Snacks Included Children Ages 5 – 12 - \$175 per Week Location: Coombs Barnyard – 376 Daretown Bridgeton Rd, Elmer Camp Registration: https://coombsbarnyard.regfox.com/farmcamp
Wednesday, July 17	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Foxy Fine Art – “Flip Flops” Event Tickets \$35 per person Reserve your seats before the event using VENMO http://venmo.com/lhawk33 or call 856-466-6256 Location: Ten22 Tavern, Centerton Country Club, 1016 Almond Rd., Elmer
Thursday, July 18	10:00 am to 1:00 pm Third Legislative District Senior Resource Fair Location: Salem Community College
Friday, July 19	Meet 11:30 am – Bus Leaves 12:00 pm Bus Trip Sight & Sound Theater \$150 per person, Balance due 06/16/2024 Showtime is 7:00 pm For Tickets & Information Call 856-935-4131
Thursday, July 25	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Concerts at the Park – Salem American Legion Band (Ensemble) Location: Marlton Park, Woodstown
Saturday, July 27	Run for Homes – Habitat for Humanity of Salem County Official 5K and 1 Mile Color Run/Walk \$35/18+yrs \$30/10-17yrs Free/0-9yrs Location: Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville
Tuesday, July 30	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive Make an appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org Location: Salem County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 6 Hall, 693 S. Broadway, Pennsville
Saturday, August 3 rd (Rain or Shine)	Woodstown Summer Community Yard Sale Day Location: Town Wide, No permits required only on this day
August 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Professional Artistry Four Classes to make a masterpiece: \$140 per artist Location: Virtuoso Music Studios, Pennsville
August 5 th thru 9 th	Salem County Fair – Stop by and visit the Salem Count Dept of Veterans Affairs booth

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.

Debbie Ashcraft (Penns Grove) - inquired regarding Resolution A8, what exactly does this resolution mean?

County Council Karin Wood responded - This is the first step in the shared services agreement with the municipalities. The funding will eventually trickle down to the volunteer squads. The agreement had to be done this way so funding could be provided to the volunteer squads.

Debbie Ashcraft (Penns Grove) further questioned - Will the funding be made available to the volunteer squads or the town? If a vendor packet was provided, does that mean that the funding will go to the volunteer squad that completed the requested vendor packet?

Karin County Council responded - Not exactly sure what you mean by vendor packet?

Debbie Ashcraft (Penns Grove) continued - The DCA requested a vendor packet in order to obtain funds. There was also a questionnaire that was provided by the DCA.

Karin County Council responded - I would have to investigate this as I was unaware of the DCA requests. Seems as though this isn't a county request.

Debbie Ashcraft (Penns Grove) responded - It was recommended by the DCA within the questionnaire we received.

Scott (Pennsville) further commented – Along with county funding the DCA requests documents from the squads in order to provide state funding. The squads applied to become vendors of the county.

Commissioner Director Laury questioned – Scott do you know if this request was from Rick Ordello from the DCA?

Scott (Pennsville) replied – I'm unsure.

Commissioner Director Laury responded – I believe it might be and if so, we did meet with them regarding possible county relief by utilizing state funding.

Scott (Pennsville) replied – We were informed this is a statewide program.

Debbie Ashcraft further commented – Thanked Scott for providing the clarification. Also mentioned that five volunteer squads have signed up to work in the Salem County Fair this year.

Commissioner Director Ben Laury – Thanked all the volunteer squads for doing such an amazing job. The state has recognized that the current EMS system is struggling. They keep putting mandates on without the necessary funding. We are addressing the need as a county.

Patty Bomba (Carneys Point) commented – Raised concerns regarding the Disability Advisory Board. Stated that she believes that the Disability Board had been disbanded per email correspondence received from Office on Aging (June S.). Further mentioned that she

has been doing research and can account for 40 instances where she has raised the same repeated concerns priorly (Disability Issues, Ramp Program/Grant Funding, Code Blue). Couldn't provide all the scenarios as the minutes were incomplete but that has been addressed with Mariel. It was never mentioned that she had to address the issues with a department head previously. Further discussed the ongoing scenario of a homeless person that is currently living in her car. She was told in a previous meeting that she had to raise the issue with the Board of Social Services. Stated that she personally attended a meeting in Salem for the homeless situation where the DCA and a partner Agency were present, however the county was uninvited. Questioned what exactly is going on and what would be the best practice to get the community concerns addressed?

Commissioner Director Ben Laury mentioned – this would be something that commissioner Timmerman could help address as he is currently the Liaison for that department.

Commissioner Timmerman commented – Patty please feel free to contact me. I will help you in addressing these issues. We will work through this together.

Charlie Hasler (Pennsville) commented – Thank you for the recognition last month regarding the ramp program. Stated that Brenda from Veterans Affairs has been extremely helpful and supportive. Highlighted that there are currently five groups that are getting together to discuss veteran issues (Resource and Independent Living which cuts into the Mental Health portion of Veterans support, Habitat for Humanity which supports housing efforts for Veterans). The organization is currently meeting at the VFW located in Elsinboro and they meet to discuss ways to better serve the veterans of Salem County.

Commissioner Timmerman opined – Please include me in the emails and meetings. I would like to attend.

Charlie Hassler (Pennsville) responded – Sure. Our meetings occur in the afternoons.

Commissioner Director Ben Laury commented – Thank you Mr. Hassler for all you do. Your hard work, collaboration and dedication to our county does not go unnoticed. This county has a lot of amazing volunteers overall.

Jim Coombs (Pittsgrove) commented – I have spent several hours researching grants and the roads they pertained to. I've observed roads that have not had line striking completed. Do you know when this will happen?

Commissioner Ramsay commented – Great question. Line striking is sub-contracted by the county. The company will return to complete the line striking all at once, hence the delay.

Jim Coombs (Pittsgrove) further commented – Suggested possible road repair (patch work to consist of stone) to Daretown Road. Notice Broad Street in Elmer has been completed.

Commissioner Ramsay opined – Broad Street in Elmer was a grant funded project. We would have to look into the other road mentioned, however now that the Ordinance has been passed, we can start to look into equipment needed to address the road issues.

Jim Coombs (Pittsgrove) further commented – Suggested to have road repairs conducted prior to November, before the winter season. Provided an estimate towards the cost of stone for the commissioners to review.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date August 7, 2024, 4:00PM**Executive Closed Session – 4:43 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 approved 4-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 5:19 pm

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 4-0.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board