



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 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 August 7, 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	X			
Commissioner Timmerman						X
Deputy Director Ostrum						X
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 3-0.

Special Recognition

1. Commissioner Direct Laury presented Jennifer Clark with a Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Jennifer Clark is a Special Child Health & Disability Services Program Coordinator for Salem County and accepted the certificate on behalf of the Health and Human Services Committee.
2. Commissioner Ramsay presented Jeff Pompper with a Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Month. Jeff Pomper is the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Salem County and accepted the certificate on behalf of the Emergency Services Department.

Waiver of the Rules-

A13 Resolution Amending the 2024 Capital Budget

H8 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 – FY25 Operation Helping Hand Grant

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 passed 3-0.

TABLED Resolution

A11 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the County of Cumberland for the Housing of Cumberland County Adult Male and Adult Female Inmates

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 passed 3-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. A letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding a notice of public hearing for the Provision of Basic Generation Service
2. A letter from Charles M. Sickler regarding a road hazard
3. A letter from NJ American Water regarding an update on the 2022 PFNAs violation in Salem City drinking water
4. Letter regarding a notice of public hearing from the Pilegrove Planning Board Hearing for Amended Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan for Pointers Auburn 1 LLC
5. Letter from Atlantic City Electric regarding a public hearing for the 2024/2025 annual Compliance Filings for a Change in the Statewide Electric and Gas Permanent Universal Service Fund

6. A resolution from the Borough of Penns Grove authorizing the Borough of Penns Groves participation in the New Jersey Coast Coalition
7. A letter from South Jersey Gas regarding a public hearing for the establishment of a universal service fund and rate adjustment approval
8. A resolution from the Township of Blairstown urging the support of online legal notices
9. Resolution from the County of Mercer supporting a Code Red Alert pilot program
10. Resolution from the County of Sussex urging legislation permitting publication of legal notices electronically

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 passed 3-0.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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 passed 3-0.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Renewing A Contract for Providing Inmate Pharmaceutical Services for The Salem County Correctional Facility

A2 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant Agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority for FY 2025 Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Program

A3 Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant From The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) for Program Year 2024-2025

A4 Resolution Amending the Salem County Policy and Procedure Manual

A5 Resolution Authorizing The County of Salem To Enter Into A Lease Agreement with Salem County Radio Control Model Airplane Club

A6 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal of A Cooperative Pricing Agreement for The County of Salem

A7 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal of A Commodity Resale System for The County of Salem

A8 Resolution Authorizing The Renewal of A Cooperative Contract Purchasing System for The County of Salem

A9 Resolution Awarding A Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Rock Salt for The County of Salem and The Members of The Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Identifier Number 75-SCCPS

A10 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Township of Pennsville for the Provision of Emergency Medical Services

A12 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Spyglass Group, LLC to Provide an Internal Cost Reduction analysis for the County of Salem's Primary Telecommunications Service Accounts

A13 Resolution Amending the 2024 Capital Budget

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 3-0.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution To Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with South Jersey Drug Treatment Center (SJDTC) for Execution Through The Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant

B2 Resolution To Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Addiction Recovery Systems of Turnersville, D/B/A ARS Treatment Center (ARSTC) for Execution Through The Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant

B3 Resolution To Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mediversity Health, LLC (DR. ASHAN ABDULGHANI, MD) for Execution Through The Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant

B4 Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-408 To Authorize A Time Extension of The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant Program for The Prosecutor's Office [JAG 1-17TF-21]

B5 Resolution 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

B6 Resolution Renewing A Contract for Providing Inmate Dental Care for The Salem County Correctional Facility

B7 Resolution Authorizing A Grant Submission and Acceptance of The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Operation Helping Hand, The Attorney General and The Office of The New Jersey Coordinator for Additional Responses and Enforcement Strategies ("NJ Cares"), for Funding Under The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 Operation Helping Hand (OHH) Grant Program, Subaward No. SFYOHH-17-2025

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 3-0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Accepting and Executing The 2024-2025 Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Lincs Grant Program

E2 Resolution To Rescind Resolution No. 2024-327 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

E3 Resolution Applying for The DMHAS Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County Grant 2024-2025

E4 Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant for The DMHAS Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County Grant 2024-2025

E5 Resolution Authorizing The Execution of An Addendum To The Agency Partner Agreement for Sub-Distribution with Salem County Office on Aging and Disabilities, St. John's Pentecostal Church and The Food Bank of South Jersey

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 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Approving The Request from The Borough of Woodstown Authorizing NJ Transit To Install Bus Stops Along Bailey Street, County Road #616, South Main Street, County Road #672 and Alloway-Woodstown Road, County Road #603

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 2017 Local Bridge Fund Program

F3 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 2018 Local Bridge Fund Program

F4 Resolution Requesting An Additional Extension of Time for The New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021 Local Bridge Fund Program

F5 Resolution Establishing A Multi-Way Stop Control at The Intersection of Woodstown-Pedricktown Road, County Road #602 Pointers-Auburn Road, County Road #646 in Oldmans Township

F6 Resolution Establishing A Multi-Way Stop Control at The Intersection of Woodstown-Pedricktown Road, County Road #602 and Pennsville-Auburn Road, County Road #551 in Oldmans Township

F7 Resolution Approving South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter Application for Motorist Solicitation in Pittsgrove Township Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115

F8 Resolution Accepting A Grant for The New Jersey Department of Transportation for The Fiscal Year 2024 Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP) Grant #7112312

F9 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 34 To The Contract for Courthouse Addition and Alterations To The Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F10 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 35 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 3-0.

Commissioner Ramsay briefly commented regarding Resolutions, F2, F3 & F4. He provided clarification stating that although the resolutions may sound aged per the listed timeframes 2017, 2018 & 2021, the county is requesting extensions to utilize funds that may have not been used in a sole specific project. The county is extending the time to take advantage of the funds left in the accounts.

Commissioner Direct Laury further commented that the county receives about a million dollars to conduct bridge work yearly however the estimated cost to build a small bridge is two million dollars. The county is then taking a timeframe of two years to build a small bridge. By utilizing excess funds derived from the extensions we can then progress along with the needed bridge repairs. One of the bridges the county is anticipating on receiving repairs is the Centerton Bridge. Advised the public of considering an opposing route.

Commissioner Director Laury further commented regarding resolutions F5 & F6. We recognize that the public may become annoyed with the added stops. To further clarify studies are required to be conducted if 5 or more traffic accidents have occurred along a particular roadway. The county recognized the hazard and need for these stops to ensure the safety of our residents.

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 Bipartisan Safer Communities Grant**

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 - **2024 PH Prep 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 - 2024-2025 Work First New Jersey (WFNJ)

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 - 2024-2025 Municipal Alliance Grant

H5 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 - FY25 Child Advocacy Development Grant

H6 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 - FY2025 Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Program

H7 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 Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant

H8 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 – FY25 Operation Helping Hand Grant

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 3-0.

Commissioner Director Laury commented that the county has put in for a lot of grants. The Salem County staff have been doing a wonderful job in keeping track and applying for grant funds.

Commissioner Ramsay further added the committees have been doing a great job in managing these grants. A lot of individuals are unaware that a lot of these grants require certain actions or stipulations to take place, and our staff has done an amazing job managing and tracking those requirements.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business – Commissioner Director Laury announced that the Commissioners had the opportunity to take part in a tour of the NJ Windport Project. Phase 1 is completed. The team put in a lot of work hours to complete this one area. The channel is dug one mile out towards the river and the state is now ready to move onto the next phase.

Further mentioned that the county received notification from the State of NJ Department of Transportation that the county will receive aid in the amount 4.5 million dollars for road repairs. Most of these funds have been derived from the increased gasoline tax that took place a couple years ago.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Commissioner Director Laury noted some upcoming events in the county:

Friday, September 6	5:30 pm – 10:00 pm Open High School Reunion Tickets \$45 per person – advanced sales only (tickets on sale in June 2024) Location: Pennsville VFW, 171 S. Broadway, Pennsville
Saturday, September 7	11:00 am – 10:00 pm Pennsville Septemberfest & Parade Location: 90 North Broadway, Pennsville
Saturday, September 7	7:00 am Alloway Twp. Community Prayer Breakfast Location: Camp Edge, 26 Camp Edge Road, Alloway
Saturday, September 7	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Printmaking in the wild Instructor: Leann Carlson Cost: \$30 Together we will learn how to ink and stamp objects to create your very own tote bag inspired by the beauty life has to offer. While all materials are provided for this class, students are welcome and encouraged to bring extra things to print on, such as t-shirts, bandanas, or paper to elevate their experience! Space is limited and Reservations are Required. Payments can be made in store or by Venmo @ Jennifer-Carll-Simon. Location: Squirrel's Nest Art Studio, 9 North Main Street, Woodstown
Saturday, September 7	5:00 pm Penns Grove Elks Lodge# 1358 – Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Benefits the Lodge's Convention Fund \$20 per person eat in or take out – Tickets will be available at the end of July! Location: Penns Gove Elks Lodge# 1358, Penns Grove
Sunday, September 8	3:00 pm September 11th: A Memorial Concert Location: First Presbyterian Church, Salem
Tuesday, September 10	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Community Meeting For more info contact Wadiya Davenport 856-381-5450 Location: 291 E. Broadway, Salem
Wednesday, September 11	8:00 am – 11:00 am Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation Location: VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem

Wednesday, September 11	6:30 pm 911 Remembrance Ceremony Location: 911 Remembrance Park, 135 Cemetery Road, Woodstown
Thursday, September 12	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Chamber Business After Hours – Networking at its Best Join us for great food and networking – RSVP to 856-351-2245 or Email: Jennifer@SalemCountyChamber.com Location: 365 Harding Highway, Elmer
Friday, September 13	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Pizza & Paint ages 6-9 Join Miss Jennifer in the studio for two of her favorite things – eating and painting! Cost \$25.00 per child includes pizza, beverages, chips and all painting supplies needed. Space is limited and reservations are required. Payments can be made in the store or by Venmo @ Jennifer-Carll-Simon. Location: Squirrel’s Nest Art Studio, 9 North Main Street, Woodstown
Saturday, September 14	11:00 am – 4:00 pm Tapas, Taps & Tractors Event This is a Free Event, no tickets required! Location: 1 Friends Drive, Woodstown
Saturday, September 14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm Gourd Birdhouse Instructor: Loraine LaPalomente Cost: \$35 Location: Squirrel’s Nest Art Studio, 9 North Main Street, Woodstown
Saturday, September 14 (Rain Date September 21)	Noon – 3 pm (Food served between 1:00 – 2:00pm) Salem County Veterans’ Appreciation Picnic Location: Penns Grove VFW Post 8840, 100 Margaret Street, Penns Grove
Sundays, Sept 15 th thru Oct. 20 th	5:00 pm Coombs Barnyard – Healthy Kids Running Series Cost: Early Bird Discount \$45 Full Series / \$50 Full Series / \$20 Single Race Walk-Up Location: Coombs Barnyard, 20 Route 77, Upper Pittsgrove
Wednesday, September 18	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Summer Concert Series – Helixx Band Location: Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville
Thursday, September 19	5:30 pm 2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Celebration Banquet Honoring Sue Ann Leighty Tickets: \$65 per person Location: Maria by DiPaolo’s, Penns Grove

Public Hearings & Adoptions

Introduction of Ordinance 2024-002

An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, New Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of \$5,000,000 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
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll call passed 4-0.

Commissioner Director Laury asked Jeff Ridgway the County Administrator to read off a list of appropriations pertaining to the 2024-002 Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2024-002

- (i) 1,000,000.00 IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY FACILITIES, including but not limited to:
 - ROOF PROJECTS-OEM, AG, BOSS BUILDINGS
 - PARKING LOTS
 - FACILITY ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS
- (ii) 1,125,000.00 IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS AND BRIDGES, including but not limited to:
 - CONSTRUCTION
 - ENGINEERING DESIGN
 - TESTING AND INSPECTION
- (iii) 2,775,000.00 ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, including but not limited to:
 - FUEL DEPOT ADDITIONAL RECONSTRUCTION COSTS
 - FUEL DEPOT REMEDIATION
 - LOW PRESSURE EXCAVATOR
 - COMPACT SPRAYER TRUCK
 - PICK UP TRUCKS
 - DUMP TRUCKS
 - BUMPER TRUCK
 - TRIAxLE HEAVY DUMP TRUCK
 - ARM TRACTOR
 - ZERO TURN MOWERS

- (iv) 100,000.00 ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS, including but not limited to:
- COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
 - SHERIFFS VEHICLE COMPUTERS

Commissioner Director Laury commented that the appropriations listing will also be provided on our county website for public knowledge/reference.

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 Bomba (Carneys Point) commented as follows:

- Welcomed Miranda from Elmer Times and her mother Ginger. Miranda has had several back-to-back surgeries. Happy to see her back where she belongs.
- Habitat Groundbreaking event that was to take place in Mannington has been postponed. Will provide the rescheduled date once its available.
- SCC Dancing with the Stars is scheduled for September 20th.
- Sept 28th Carneys Point Jeeps and Hoses
- Sept 28th 20th Annual Woodstown Fall Festival
- Oct 9th the Darryl's Wheels fundraiser will be taking place at The Engine House in Pennsville
- Acknowledged Leroy Pierce who was in the audience. Leroy has done an amazing job organizing several remembrance ceremonies in the past. It's nice that these ceremonies are being brought back.

Ed McKelvy (Alloway Township) commented as follows:

- On August 14th Alloway Township had another accident at the intersection of Friesburg Road. Both these roads are county roads. A Resolution was submitted from the Township back in 2023. Mr. McKelvy further added that the response from the county as summarized was that the township is basically responsible for conducting engineering studies. Mr. McKelvy further addressed that the Township will not be conducting these studies as these are county roads and the responsibility of the resident's safety at that intersection shouldn't fall onto the Township.
- This intersection has been an ongoing issue and hazard for the Township. It should be a no brainer that a 4 way stop control is needed at this intersection. It shouldn't fall onto the Township expense to have engineering studies done when the current taxpayers have paid more than enough in taxes.
- Believes that the county should start declining requests from the DEP. The Township hasn't agreed to do anything. I've been on multiple zoom conference calls with DEP. I believe results will be prosperous if the county as whole starts saying No.
- I'm the representative for my Township and my constituencies. I'm here Today to basically state that this is too much. Alloway Township will not be taking part in the storm water testing.
- It's frustrating when my constituencies come to a meeting and complain regarding the recent rise in taxes. The hardest conversations to have is with residents that have been here all their lives and now can't afford their property taxes.

- We as Salem County need to do better and consider all options prior to making decisions. I appreciate all the Commissioners have done.

Leroy Pierce (Pennsville) commented as follows:

- Kudos to Jeff and the capital improvement appropriations listing. It's been years and I'm happy to see the listing
- The Salem County Sheriff's Office hasn't provided the annual 911 ceremony in the last 23 years and I'm happy to now be a part of this event.
- Active Volunteers committee organized several years ago to raise funds to establish the 911 remembrance park, so I feel that its offensive to refer to this as the Salem County Sheriff's Office remembrance event as that is not the case.
- Wanted to speak regarding the resolution that was tabled earlier. Hopes that this resolution was tabled for all the right reasons. If this resolution would've been passed today, exactly when would it be made effective?

Commissioner Director Laury responded that the resolution would've been retroactive as its already taking effect. The resolution would change/update the current pay rate.

Leroy Pierce (Pennsville) further commented:

- Are we aware of how many inmates are being house from each county, Cumberland vs Gloucester?

Karin County Council responded that Salem is currently housing 10 inmates from Cumberland County.

Leroy Pierce (Pennsville) commented as follows:

- Cumberland is way more understaffed versus Salem County. The concern here is that we must look at the safety of not only the inmates but of our working staff as well.

Andrea Davis (Elsinboro) commented as follows:

- Inquired regarding the contract of the extraction of the fuel tank. Wanted to know if a bid had occurred to consider this contract? If a bid was accepted wouldn't the remediation cost, go back on the bidder?

Jeffrey Ridgway County Administrator responded:

- No, ma'am. There were rough estimates we took into consideration however we did not go about the bidding process as the funding timeframe is delayed.

Andrea Davis (Elsinboro) inquired as follow:

- Thanked Jeff for providing clarification. Stated she will be away on vacation September 18th. Inquired as to what streaming or possible zoom meeting can she obtain access to for the next Open Public Meeting?

Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board responded as follows:

- We live stream via Facebook live. You can participate by viewing via the Salem County Profile. Any questions or comments received during the live stream will be addressed during the meeting. If inquiries are received after the meeting, we review and respond on the next business day.

Betty Coombs (Pittsgrove) commented as follows:

- Questioned if the county is receiving state funding, does the state specify which roads need repair?

Jeffrey Ridgway Administrator responded that the county projects which roads need repair after funding has been applied and accepted. The NJ Department of Transportation also provides a list of criteria that the county needs to review and abide too.

Betty Coombs (Pittsgrove) further commented:

- There are certain roads that have been redone that didn't appear to be in terrible conditions unlike other roads observed in the county. Referred to Broadway in Elmer and Shirley-Aldine Road.

Jeffrey Ridgway Administrator responded that there are different aspects from the DOT funding that has qualifications of which will lead certain roads to take precedent over others. Once the projections are made, then the county will put those out for bidding.

Betty Coombs (Pittsgrove) further commented:

- Inquired about a state ran campaign "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." Supposedly the state was driving this campaign by having multiple sobriety check points over the Labor Day weekend. Would the county receive funding from this campaign?

Jeffrey Ridgway Administrator responded that currently the county only receives a small percentage of traffic fines issued.

Betty Coombs (Pittsgrove) commented:

- Salem County to get 1.2 million in funding towards the Opioid Settlements. Wanted to know if part of the program was going to permit a representative from the organization to come into schools across the county to discuss drug awareness?

Commissioner Director Laury responded this is something that should be within our school system and will be considered once funding is obtained.

Betty Coombs (Pittsgrove) further commented:

- Opioid Addiction was referred to as Opioid Disorder. This condition shouldn't be considered as a Disorder. The county shouldn't be considering a socially accepted vocabulary for this condition and should call it as it is an addiction.

Commissioner Director Laury Thanked Betty Coombs for her time, comments and concerns.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date September 18, 2024, 6:00PM**Executive Closed Session – 5:03 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 4-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 5:28 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 4-0.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 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 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board