



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 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 |
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| 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 September 18, 2024 Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

| Commissioner | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| 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

Commissioner Director Laury presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sue Ann Leighty for being nominated as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Salem County Chamber of Commerce.

Sue Ann Leighty (Carneys Point) – Thanked the Commissioners for the recognition award. Sue Ann also won 1st place in the senior citizen competition for art in the county. The artwork will be on display Oct 17th in North Jersey. The artwork consists of a pastel portrait of an older gentlemen. She also won 1st place during the Salem County Fairground Event for the same artwork. Thanked the commissioners as well as the Habitat for Humanity members and local businesses which have donated an overabundance of support. This year Habitat for Humanity has been able to serve five (5) military families with providing over \$10k worth of home repairs at no cost to the families. Habitat for Humanity was able to obtain another \$20k for the Veterans Assistance Program of which will be applied for in October. The organization was also awarded with a 3-year outreach program. The program will allow for repairs to go beyond the ramp installation program. The organization will start with the much-needed ramp recipients they have currently listed. The organization has installed 61 ramps within the county. They look forward to introducing the added Outreach Program to serve as an additional branch of Habitat within the community. Habitat for Humanity recently signed a contract for 3 modular homes. This type of contract is something new for the organization. A personal goal is to be able to have 10 modular homes put up within the next 5 years.

Commissioner Director Laury Thanked Sue Ann Leighty for all her dedication and contributions to Salem County.

Waiver of the Rules- N/A

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Resolutions from the Township of Upper Pittsgrove requesting a Cross Traffic Does Not Stop sign at CR627 and CR648 and a Speed Limit Sign and extend No Passing on CR619
2. Resolution for the Township of Robbinsville 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 of Digital Publication
3. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2024
4. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2024
5. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2024
6. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2024
7. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2024
8. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2024
9. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2024
10. Letter from NJ American Water discussing water meter estimates
11. Letter from NJ Transit regarding a public hearing concerning programs pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program

| Commissioner | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| 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 | 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 A Member To The Salem County Economic Development Advisory Council – Carey Italiano

A2 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 To The Contract For County Planner For The County of Salem

A3 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Providing On-Site Food Services and Food Management Services For The Salem County Correctional Facility

A4 Resolution to Appoint A Member to the Salem Community College Board of Trustees – Gregory Wright

| 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 Director Laury commented regarding Resolution A1 and A4. Thanked the appointed Salem County Residents that serve on these Boards/Committees.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Authorizing The Filing of An Application To The Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation

E2 Resolution Authorizing The Grant Application For The 2025 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

E3 Resolution Amending The 2024 Contract For Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (Detoxification / Short-Term Residential) For The Salem County Division of Mental Health & Addiction 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.

Commissioner Director Laury mentioned that today was the Disabilities Awareness Day Event at the Salem County Fairgrounds. The event had an amazing turnout with over 48 vendors present and more than 550 people attending. Our County Health Department did an outstanding job organizing this event.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 36 To The Contract For Courthouse Addition and Alterations To The Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F2 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 37 To The Contract For Courthouse Addition and Alterations To The Existing Courthouse and Administration Buildings

F3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along South Railroad Avenue, County Road #602, In Oldmans Township, Salem County For Their Annual Pedricktown Day Celebration

F4 Resolution Authorizing The Filing of An Application For State Aid To Counties Under The New Jersey Department of Transportation Rail Freight Assistance Program For Fiscal Year 2025

F5 Resolution Approving The Execution of Change Order #2 To The 2020 County Aid Road Program For The County of Salem

| Commissioner | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| 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 –

Commissioner Ramsay commented regarding the 2021 Road Improvement Program. He listed several roads slated for repaving/repair:

- Jericho Road, County Road #626 (Quinton Township and Lower Alloways Creek)
- Harmersville-Pecks Corner Road, County Road #667 (Quinton Township)
- East Line Street, County Road #641 (Carneys Point Township and Borough of Penns Grove)
- Elm Street, County Road #602 (Borough of Woodstown)
- Dutch Row Road, County Road #611 (Pittsgrove Township)
- Centerton Road, County Road #610 & County Road #611 (Borough of Elmer and Pittsgrove Township)

The “Notice to Proceed” has been issued to the Contractor as follows:
 October 28, 2024 – Begin site work. Contract duration – 90 calendar days.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

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| <p>Sundays, Sept 15th thru Oct. 20th</p> | <p>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, Elmer</p> |
| <p>Sunday, Sept 15th thru Oct. 13th</p> | <p>4:00 pm Healthy Kids Running Series – Woodstown Cost: \$50 for the whole series / \$20 drop in race Ages 2 – high school Location: Woodstown Rec Field, Woodstown</p> |
| <p>Every Fri. & Sat. Sept. 27th thru Oct. 26th</p> | <p>6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Flashlight Corn Maze Cost: \$10 per person (Last entrance to the maze is 8:30 pm) Location: Coombs Barnyard, 20 Route 77, Elmer</p> |
| <p>Saturday, October 5</p> | <p>9:00 am Dual Events at the Museum! The Road Knights Car Show & a 5K Walk/Run Rotary’s Scholarship 5K Walk/Run will start and end here, and the Road Knights of Salem County Car Show will be going on too. The museum will be open for tours (that’s eight buildings full of amazing local history), crafters will be there, great vintage vehicles, and food and sweet treats will be available to buy, too. It will be a perfect day to relax and come to the museum for TWO community events. Location: 86 Church Landing Road, Pennsville</p> |

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| <p>Saturday, October 5</p> | <p>10:00 am – 4:00 pm 26th Annual Elmer Harvest Day Festival 2024 Basket Raffle Fundraiser! Free Admission Tickets for Raffle: \$10 For more info contact Cyndi Nolan @ 856-305-0345 or Emily Hand @ 856-237-4649 Location: Centennial Park, South Main Street & State Street, Elmer</p> |
| <p>Saturday, October 5</p> | <p>9:00 am Historical Society Car Show Rain Day Make-Up! (Salem County Road Knights of South Jersey) Making up for the rain! Come on down to our new and improved, hopefully rain free show! Please ignore any post or comments asking you to register for this show. We are taking donations, but no registrations. Just show up and join us! Location: 88 Church Landing Road, Pennsville</p> |
| <p>Saturday, October 5</p> | <p>10:00 am Autumn Leaf Pumpkin Train Price: Starting at \$30 for Adults, \$22 for Children, and \$5 for Toddlers Duration: 90 mins Location: 650 Alloway-Woodstown Road, Woodstown</p> |
| <p>Saturday, October 5</p> | <p>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Pennsville Township Historical Society Car Show We are taking donations, but no registrations. Just show up and join us! Any Questions? Email Pennsvillehistory@gmail.com Location: 88 Church Landing Road, Pennsville</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 9</p> | <p>8:00 am – 11:00 am Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation Location: VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, October 9</p> | <p>5:00 pm Ribbon Cutting & Project Completion Ceremony Submerged ARC Welding, HVAC and Mechatronics Rooms RSVP Bonnie Baker (856) 769-0101 Ext. 5391 Location: Salem County Vocational Technical School, 880 Route 45, Woodstown</p> |
| <p>Saturday, October 12</p> | <p>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pedricktown Day Chicken BBQ Price: \$15.00 per ticket Dinner Consists of: ½ BBQ Chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, dinner roll, Dixie cup ice cream and pickle. Please contact P. Moore @ (856) 371-2411 or any LVFC Firemen Location: Pedricktown Fire Company, Station 3, 39 S. Railroad Avenue, Pedricktown</p> |

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| Thursday, October 17 | 5:30 pm 60th Anniversary Cowboy Hat Gala – “Remembering Rev” Social Hour Dinner Silent Auction Special return appearance: Country Music Star & Best-Selling Author Jimmy Wayne Wear your favorite cowboy hat! Location: The Grove at Centerton, 1022 Almond Road, Pittsgrove |
| Saturday, October 19 | 5:00 pm Pittsgrove’s Trunk or Treat Location: Green Branch Park |

Commissioner Director Laury commented regarding an event that occurs on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Catholic Church in Carneys Point. The Knights of Columbus hosts a pancake breakfast to raise funds for charity. The club recently purchased Ultrasound Machines that were donated for mothers in need of prenatal care. The breakfast is only \$6.00, and all proceeds go to a good cause.

Commissioner Timmerman briefly commented regarding Jason Helder, Principal of Salem County Vocational Technical School. He feels that Mr. Helder has done a phenomenal job over at the Vo-Tech. He stressed that Mr. Helder should be recognized for his accomplishments as he started the Sports Program, Associates Program and Mega-Tronic’s Program.

Commissioner Ramsay also added that Mr. Helder has done a wonderful job with the Bridge Program. This program has been successful among the Salem County Youth Community.

Commissioner Director Laury announced that Salem County is Welcoming Jeff Ridgway Jr. as our Purchasing Agent. This role has been vacant and was much needed. We look forward to working alongside Mr. Ridgway.

Commissioner Director Laury opened for Public Commentary:

Patty Bomba (Carneys Point) commented on several upcoming events within the county:

- Saturday Oct. 5th will be the 22nd Annual VFW Post Crab Fest in Penns Grove from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
(Partial of the Proceeds received from the Raffle will benefit the Salem County Habitat for Humanity Organization)
- Wednesday Oct. 9th Ribbon Cutting & Project Completion Ceremony at the Salem County Vocational Technical School, Woodstown starting at 5:00 pm.
- Wednesday Oct. 9th Darryl’s Wheels taking place at the Engine House in Pennsville from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Saturday Oct. 12th Sundays Best Fashion Show taking place at Mt. Salem Church, Pilesgrove at 2:00 pm.

- Sunday Oct. 13th Brunch Special available at the VFW in Penns Grove from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Saturday Oct. 19th AAVW – Witches Brew at Woodstown Friends Meeting from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- Monday Oct. 21st Know Your Candidates Event taking place at Salem Community College promptly at 5:30 pm.
- Wednesday Oct. 23rd Dog Halloween Costume Contest taking place at Sarah's Heart Dog Park in Carneys Point at 6:00 pm.
- Thursday Oct. 24th Veterans Dinner taking place at Maria by DiPalo's in Penns Grove at 5:30 pm.
- Friday Oct. 25th Salem County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast taking place at the Salem County Vocational Technical School in Pilesgrove at 8:00 am.
- Tuesday Oct. 29th Trunk or Treat taking place at Resources Independent Living in Pennsville from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday Oct. 30th Trunk or Treat taking place at Dunns Park in Carneys Point at 6:00 pm.

Patty Bomba further commented that she had the opportunity to attend the 911 Remembrance Ceremony. She suggested recognition for the actual committee members as there is believed to be a miscommunication as it appeared that the Salem County Sheriff's Office was mentioned during the ceremony yet there was an actual committee in place that established the remembrance site.

Commissioner Taylor further clarified that the county is working on putting together a PDF brochure/pamphlet to highlight the 911 Remembrance Park and he will ensure to mention all committee members and volunteers that have taken part in the establishment.

Charles Hassler (Pennsville) commented as follows:

Thanked the Board of Commissioners for acknowledging the Salem County Habitat for Humanity Organization. He stressed that the Board does play a major role in helping the organization obtain grants to help the Veteran Community. The ramp program has proven to be a great success, and the organization keeps getting requests for ramps as the program continues to expand. Currently, Salem County is the only county in New Jersey that has a ramp program in place.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date October 16, 2024, 6:00PM**Executive Closed Session – 6:35 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 |
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| Commissioner Ramsay | | | X | | | |
| Commissioner Taylor | | X | X | | | |
| Commissioner Timmerman | | | X | | | |
| Deputy Director Ostrum | X | | X | | | |
| Director Laury | | | X | | | |

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 6:50 pm

| Commissioner | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| 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 6:51 pm

| Commissioner | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| 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