



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 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
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 4, 2024 Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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 passed 4-1

Special Recognition

Deputy Director Ostrum presented a Proclamation highlighting September 2024 to be Action Hunger Month. Meggan Kucinkas, Salem County resident and Manager of Grants & Mission Advancement accepted the certificate on behalf of The Food Bank of South Jersey.

Commissioner Timmerman presented a Proclamation declaring September 2024 to be National Recovery Month. Victoria Maurizio and Chance VanDover accepted the certificate on behalf of The Salem County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

Waiver of the Rules-

A6 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the Utilization of the Draeger Alcotest 9510 Between the Salem County Sheriff's Office and the Pennsville Township Police Department

A7 Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant From The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of The Attorney General for The 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

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A9 Resolution Authorizing A Renewal of A Contract For A Consultant To Manage and Operate The Information Technology Platform For The County of Salem

A10 Resolution for a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Bergen and the County of Salem For the Provision of Juvenile Detention Facility Services

A11 Resolution for a Contract Modification and Release Agreement between Unlimited Office Solutions LLC and the County of Salem

B1 Resolution Approving a Rental Location and Partnership Agreement Between Ranch Hope Inc. and Salem County Rescue Recovery Resource Center

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 - 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking

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 High Intensity Drug Trafficking

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 passed 5-0

Public Hearings & Adoptions

Final Reading and Adoption 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		X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Commissioner Taylor		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll call passed 5-0.

- 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	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Director Laury			X			

Roll call passed 5-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Letter from Alloway Township Meeting Request
2. Letter from Salem County Veterans' Advisory Board requesting a designation change for eligibility requirements for the County Veterans Cemetery
3. Letter from Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee
4. Pollution Control Financing Authority of Salem County February 6, 2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
5. Letter from NJ DOT denying requested funds for Harmersville-Pecks Corner Road
6. Letter from NJDOT accepting applications for a Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Pilot Program

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 passed 5-0.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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 passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

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 passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS**Tabled at the 9/3 meeting**

2024-356 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the County of Cumberland for the Housing of Adult Male and Female Inmates

- Motion and Second to Remove from the Table

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 passed 5-0.

2024-356 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the County of Cumberland for the Housing of Adult Male and Female Inmates

- Motion and Second to Approve

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 passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Appointing A Member To The South Jersey Economic Development District for The County of Salem – Sean Sepsey

A2 Resolution Authorizing A Rental Agreement for Shop Supplies To Be Utilized by The Salem County Community Bus Service

A3 Resolution Authorizing Salem County To Enter Into A Cooperative Purchasing System with Buy Board National Public Sector

A4 Resolution Authorizing A Memorandum of Understanding Between The County of Salem and The Elsinboro Fire Company for The Provision of Emergency Medical Services

A5 Resolution Providing for The Payment of A Portion of Lease Payments Securing Outstanding County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (County Radio System Upgrade Project) Series 2023, Dated March 1, 2023, of The Salem County Improvement Authority, In Connection with The County's Receipt and Appropriation of A \$2,500,000 Grant Received From The State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, 9-1-1 Upgrades Program

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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.

Commissioner Director Laury commented regarding Resolution A5, a \$2.5million dollar grant was received from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Treasury. The LG3 District previously representing Salem County assisted in receive this funding. Salem County is highly appreciative of their efforts and support in helping obtain this funding.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Approving a Rental Location and Partnership Agreement Between Ranch Hope Inc. and Salem County Rescue Recovery Resource Center

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D1 Resolution To Amend The Salem County Code of Professional Responsibility for The New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission

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

Hand vote approved 5-0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for The Grant Administration of The Alliance To Prevent Substance Use Disorder for The FY 2024-2025

E2 Resolution Adopting Title VI Policy for The County of Salem Office on Aging and Disabilities Specialized Transportation Program

E3 Resolution Authorizing An Application To The New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services To Apply for The Age-Friendly Grant Program

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

Hand vote approved 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along A Portion of West Main Street, County Road #675 in The Borough of Penns Grove for The Penns Grove Elks Lodge#1358 Motorcycle Charity Run To Benefit The Quinton Weigle Vo-Tech Scholarship Fund

F2 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along The Northern Portion of Pointers-Auburn Road, County Road #646 in Pilesgrove and Carneys Point Townships for The Reconstruction of Pointers-Auburn Road and The U.S. Route #40 Traffic Signal

F3 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along The Southern Portion of Pointers-Auburn Road, County Road #646 in Pilesgrove and Carneys Point Townships for The Reconstruction of Pointers-Auburn Road and The U.S. Route #40 Traffic Signal

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

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Deputy Director Ostrum briefly commented regarding Resolution’s F2 & F3, these resolutions deal with a traffic situation that will have an impact on residents. This traffic situation is expected to last about 8 weeks however information will be provided as its received.

Commissioner Ramsay added that all traffic information will be provided on the County website.

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET

G1 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 - 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking

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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.

Commissioner Old Business – None

Commissioner New Business – None

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Deputy Director Ostrum noted some upcoming events in the county:

Thursday, Sept. 19	<p>5:30 pm Community Connection Day Grab a blanket or lawn chair! McKinney-Vento for Homeless Children & Youth is excited to host Devin Wyman from the Youth Alliance Network! Join us to hear from our hero and mentor speaker, former NFL New England Patriots player #72, as he delivers a motivating message to our families! Location: Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District, 123 Marlton Rd., Woodstown</p>
Fri. thru Sun. Sept. 20 th , 21 st & 22 nd	<p>8:00 pm Little Shop of Horrors Tickets: \$25 Location: Blue Moon Theatre, 13 West Avenue, Woodstown</p>
Friday, September 20	<p>5:30 pm Dancing with the SCC Stars Dancing with the SCC Stars will feature local stars, in partnership with Blue Ballroom Dance Studio and LaPierre Ballroom Dance Studio SCC landing page – https://salemcc.edu/gala</p> <p>Give Smart registration form redirect URL – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars Link that can go directly to voting: https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote Link that can go directly to auction items: https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/auction</p> <p><u>INDIVIDUAL DANCER URLs:</u></p> <p>Stacy – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/stacy Maria – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/maria Charles – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/charles BJ – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/bj Linda – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/linda Wayne – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/wayne Chris – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/chris Dan – https://salemcc.edu/sccstars/vote/dan</p> <p>Location: Salem Community College, Davidow Hall, Carneys Point</p>
Friday, September 20	<p>7:00 pm A Country Western Dance Party Cost: \$15 (if purchased in advance), \$20 (at the door) Location: Woodstown Moose Lodge, 13 Bypass Road, Woodstown</p>
Friday, September 20	<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm 20th Annual State of the District Update Luncheon \$40 per person – RSVP required by Sept. 15th Location: PSEG’s EERC, 244 Chestnut Street, Salem</p>

Saturday, September 21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Lower Alloways Creek Fire and Rescue Company 100th Anniversary Parade and Celebration Registration will be from 9am to 10am Judging will take place from 10am to 12pm Parade to begin promptly at 12:30pm For questions or to RSVP please contact Wayne Serfass @ 856-457-0088 or email via Wayne_serfass@icloud.com Location: Lower Alloways Creek School, 967 Main Street-Canton, Lower Alloways Creek
Saturday, September 21	4:30 pm Oyster Dinner All you can eat Fried Oysters, Chicken Salad, Broccoli Salad and Desserts! \$35 per person. Must be paid in advance. Call (856) 935-2357 or stop by the club after 4pm. Location: Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1966, 232 E. Broadway, Salem
Saturday, September 28	10:00 am 20th Annual Woodstown Fall Festival – Crafts, Food & Fun! Location: Main Street, Woodstown

Commissioner Director Laury opened the meeting for public comments:

Margaret Massarini (Carneys Point) commented as follows:

- Inquired regarding the Salem County Book Mobile Library Service.
- Stated that various residents from Salem County have been supportive of the Book Mobile Services and have inquired as to when the services will be returning.
- A donations book drive was conducted previously that had a good turnout. Residents donated many books, (has about two garages filled with books.)
- Wants to know if the commissioners could provide a status as to what's being done about the Mobile Book Services?

Commissioner Director Laury responded progress has been made. There have been several conversations between us and the Salem Library. Their meetings are being conducted on opposing days and unfortunately the government role in the process is delayed.

Margaret Massarini further commented:

- Questioned if the building previously used for the Mobile Book Services is being occupied? (Mannington location)

County Administrator Jeff Ridgway replied that the building in question is currently being occupied by the Salem County Prosecutor's Office.

William Wright Jr. (Penns Grove) commented as follows:

- Commented that they are solely looking for a place to conduct business.
- They wish to organize and conduct the business themselves.
- Stated that they are willing to do the research in obtaining grants and look forward to continued book drives in the future.

- Desires that the children of the community have a location to go an obtain books to read. As of right now, reading resources are limited due to locations within the county. It would be nice to have a set location for the Mobile Book Services or even a County Library where families and residents can benefit from the services.

Margaret Massarini further commented:

- I have been contacted from the department of history (not the correct title) they are willing to consider funding for history programs.
- We provide more than just books. We also provide programs such as:
 - Programs on history
 - Programs on voting procedures
 - Programs regarding foreign exchange students and helping them with immigration processes to obtain citizenship
 - Programs on music
 These programs are being conducted monthly. We also conduct cultural events at no cost to the county. We have had successful turnouts with our monthly programs.

Commissioner Director Laury further commented that the Book Mobile Service provided a great service to residents, Children, Families as well as our Senior Citizen Centers. Thanked Margaret for her inquiries and concerns.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date October 2, 2024, 6:00PM

Executive Closed Session – 6:30 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			
Commissioner Taylor	X		X			
Commissioner Timmerman		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 6:47 pm

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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 6:48 pm.

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

Hand vote approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board