



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 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 in 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 October 16, 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 5-0.

Special Recognition – N/A**Waiver of the Rules- N/A****Public Hearings & Adoptions** Introduction of Ordinance 2024-003

An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Guaranty by the County of the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on the County Guaranteed Solid Waste Revenue Bonds or Project Notes (Landfill Expansion Project – Phase III) to be Issued by the Salem County Improvement Authority in One or More Series in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$11,000,000 for the Purpose of Providing Additional Security for the Payment of Said Bonds or Project Notes; Consenting to Such Financing and Determining Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Ordinance 2024-003
2. Roll Call
3. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled December 18, 2024

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 5-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Letter from NJ American Water regarding routine flushing
2. Construction Board of Appeals Minutes from the October 8, 2024 Meeting
3. Resolution from the County of Monmouth Urging the State of NJ to Reject the Adoption of the proposed “Protecting Against Climate Threat (PACT) / Resilient Environments and Landscape (REAL)” Rules
4. Letter from SJ Gas regarding a petition to revise the levels of its Societal Benefits Clause charges and its Transportation Initiation Clause Charge and a Petition to revise the cost recovery charge associated with Energy Efficiency Programs
5. Letter from the Salem County Historical Society regarding committee nominations
6. South Jersey Economic Development District Audit Report for the Years Ended March 31, 2024 and 2023
7. Letter from the Township of Mannington regarding an application for Use Variance and Site Plan Waiver regarding property adjacent to County property
8. Letter from Fralinger Engineering regarding an application for NJDEP Freshwater Wetland General Permit #24 in Alloway Township

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.

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 Authorizing A Memorandum of Understanding Between The County of Salem and SMS Rail Service, Inc., Regarding Provisions of The Rail Line Services Agreement

A2 Resolution Delegating Authority To Award "Window Contracts" To The County Purchasing Agent Pursuant To P.L. 2023, C. 30

A3 Resolution Appointing a Member to the Salem County Planning Board - Lew Schneider

A4 Resolution Awarding A Renewal Contract for Supplying and Delivering Sheriff and Correctional Officer Uniforms and Communication Center Uniforms for the County of Salem

A5 Resolution Awarding A Revised Contract Under A National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between ADP and The County of Salem To Provide Payroll, Human Resources and Benefit Services

A6 Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 To The Contract For Labor Counsel For The County of Salem

A7 Resolution Revising A Non-Fair and Open Contract Between Effectv and The County of Salem For Commercial Advertising on Cable Television

A8 Resolution Authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Contract Between Cummins Sales & Service and the County of Salem for NJ Transit Bus Repairs

A9 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

A10 Resolution Certifying the Review of The 2023 Annual Single Audit

A11 Resolution Certifying the Review of The 2023 Annual Audit

A12 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The County of Salem and The Borough of Penns Grove For The Provision of Emergency Medical Services

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 Accepting and Executing A Grant For The Prosecutor's Office From The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program [BVP24]

B2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-290 To Authorize A Time Extension of The FY21 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund "CSFRF" Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Initiative Program Grant No: ALPR-30-21

B3 Resolution Accepting Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Subgrant Award From New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Performance Grant No. FY24-EMPG-EMAA-1700 CFDA#:97.042 in the Amount of \$55,000.00

B4 Resolution Authorizing An Application To The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness For Funding The FFY24 Homeland Security Grant Program

B5 Resolution To Accept and Execute A Grant From The Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness For Funding The FFY24 Homeland Security Grant 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 approved 5-0.

TOURISM / CULTURAL & HERITAGE / EDUCATION COMMITTEE

C1 Resolution Accepting The 2025 Cooperative Marketing Grant From The New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism

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 Taylor mentioned that the County received a total of \$240,000 from the Grant this year. \$200,000 was received for Arts and \$40,000 for History however we are receiving more grants than anticipated.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution To Apply For Funding For The Private Well Outreach 2025 Grant

E2 Resolution Amending 2024 Contracts For Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (Sober Living Funding) For The Salem County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

E3 Resolution Approving The Submission of An Application To New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services For Medicare Insurance Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA Grant)

E4 Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant For The 2025 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Authorizing A Grant Application For The Fiscal Year 2025 County Aid Improvement Program Along With The Acceptance and Execution of A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department of Transportation For LA-2025 CA Salem County Main Project 17 Project No. 2025-CA-17-ATP

F2 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Along Pennsville Pedricktown Road, County Road #601 in Oldmans Township For The Installation of A Water Main and Service Taps

F3 Resolution Awarding A Professional Services Contract For FY 2024 Preliminary Engineering For Quaker Neck Road, County Road #657, Phase 2 Resurfacing and Safety Improvements Project For The County of Salem, Federal Project No. 0657301, NJDOT Job #7106001

F4 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Professional Engineering, Land Survey & LSRP Services As Related To The UST Closure and Engineering Site Design For A New AST Facility at The Salem County Road and Bridge Facility

F5 Resolution To Approve A State Equipment Use Agreement

F6 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Salem and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for Salem County Roofing Projects

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.

Commissioner Director Laury questioned Administrator Jeff Ridgway, Sr. if Resolution F5 was regarding heavy machinery.

Administrator Ridgway, Sr. responded that the Resolution did cover heavy machinery that was previously returned. Jeff further mentioned that numerous pieces of equipment have been utilized by the Mosquito Department.

Commissioner Director Laury further commented that the Roads Department has been doing a phenomenal job on repairing county roads. He also thanked Commissioner Ramsay for addressing issues and ensuring repairs are being completed.

MOTIONED FROM THE FLOOR

Resolution Authorizing the Application to Apply to NJ Department of Transportation for the Transportation Accessibility and Mobility Pilot Program Grant (TAMP) for FY25

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.

Commissioner Ramsay commented that this grant will extend the current Scoot Transportation program. A formal Resolution will be forthcoming however this motion is being presented now as the application deadline falls before the next Open Public Meeting.

Commissioner Taylor further commented that this grant requires no match stipulation, which in turn doesn't put the County under obligation.

Deputy Director Ostrum commented that positive feedback was received by Salem Community College regarding this grant.

Commissioner Director Laury further commented that the Director June Sieber from the Health Department has done a great job overseeing the Scoot Program. Unfortunately, this county has transportation issues, however the Scoot Program has brought some relief.

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 - **FY24 EMAA 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 - **FFY24 Homeland Security 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 Bulletproof Vest Partnership-Prosecutor**

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 – N/A**Commissioner New Business –**

Commissioner Director Laury further thanked the public for participating on election day. The County reported that more than 60% of votes were received.

Deputy Director Ostrum also Thanked the public for participating on election day.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Commissioner Timmerman noted some upcoming events in the county:

Every Tues. & Thurs. Beginning Nov. 5 th	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Adult Carpentry Course Basic to Intermediate Instruction 6 Week Course for \$75 Receive a \$25 Gift Card from Harbor Freight upon completion. Register online at standupforsalem.com/SBAC Location: Salem Building Arts Center, 225 E. Broadway, Salem
Thursday, November 7	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm County Military Service Medal Ceremony Location: Salem Community College, Davidow Arts Theater, 460 Hollywood Ave, Carneys Point
Friday, November 8	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Pennsville Rotary Club 1951 Spaghetti Dinner Eat In or Take Out Donation: \$15.00 Location: Pennsville VFW, 171 South Broadway, Pennsville
Saturday, November 9	10:30 am – 12:00 pm Art Sparks – Presented by the Salem County Art League Watercolor Lessons for children aged 7-14 years old There is a sign-up sheet located at the library. Location: Pennsville Library, Pennsville
Saturday, November 9	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Chicken Dinner Take Out Tickets: \$15.00 Proceeds benefit – F.O.P. Lodge #6 Location: Salem County FOP Old Oak Lodge 6, 693 South Broadway, Pennsville
Sat. & Mon. Nov. 9 th & 11 th	Sat. 11/9/2024 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon. 11/11/2024 from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm 2024 Veterans Special Free bag of apples, container of apple cider, and other gifts to all veterans present. Please choose one of the two days and go to the sign-in table upon arrival. Thank you for your service! Please Note: The Veteran himself/herself must be present. Due to the large number of Veterans we hope to serve, we are unable to extend this offer to family members, although we deeply appreciate their sacrifices as well. Thank you for your understanding and support. Location: Schober Orchards & Farm Market, 1125 Monroeville Road, Monroeville

Wednesday, November 13	8:00 am – 11:00 am Together with Veterans – Coffee, Donuts and Good Conversation Location: VFW Post 253 – 20 Phillips Dr, Salem
Fri. & Sat. November 15 th & 16 th	8:00 pm The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams Cost: \$20.00 per ticket Location: The Blue Moon Theatre, 13 West Avenue, Woodstown
Saturday, November 16	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Salem County Improvement Authority – Free Document Shredding Day Household Hazardous Waste Days Location: 286 Welchville Road, Alloway
Saturday, November 16	10:30 am Pittsgrove’s Veterans Day Ceremony Pittsgrove Township Recreation Advisory Committee wants to invite all local residents to join the ceremony on Saturday, November 16th. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will recognize area veterans of all branches of the military. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial next to the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building. Everyone is welcome, make sure to share and invite your neighbors Location: 979 Centerton Road, Elmer
Saturday, November 16	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Auburn Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary – Chicken BBQ Fundraiser Cost: \$15 Donation Take Out Only Meal includes ½ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll and Butter Cash or Venmo payments accepted Venmo @ Christine-Peltz Call or Text 856-669-8528 to Purchase your tickets! Location: Auburn Fire Dept., 76 Main Street, Auburn
Saturday, November 16	11:00 am – 2:00 pm Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Brunch – Hosted by Diamonds in the Rough Tickets: \$20.00 All Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society For more info call Yuenge 609-420-5600 or Chris Colon 856-297-4823 Location: 91 Salem County Club Road, Salem
Thursday, November 21	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hurricane Helene Donation Drive Salem County 4-H is collecting agriculture items for the farming communities affected by Hurricane Helene that are still in need of supplies such as hay, fencing, feeders, food, etc. There will be a trailer on site to load items. For any questions, please call Molly at the extension office 856-769-0090. Location: Ware Building, 51 Cheney Road, Woodstown

Friday, November 22	8:15 am – 9:45 am Artificial Intelligence Workshop We invite you to join us for a 90minute introductory workshop! Location: Salem Community College, 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point
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Commissioner Taylor further commented regarding the Hurricane Helene Donation Drive. He encouraged the public to donate any agricultural / Farming items if possible. The 4-H committee is looking to provide hay, animal feed and fencing material. He mentioned that he will be donating some horse blankets.

Commissioner Ramsay Thanked all the local volunteer firefighter crews as well as first responders. He mentioned that there was a fire that took place at Pereira Electric located in Upper Pittsgrove. The Salem County crews partnered with Gloucester crews and did a phenomenal job containing the fire. The fire did expand to the wooded area behind the business which posed a severe threat to the current drought conditions.

Commissioner Director Laury recognized Julie Acton. Julie is the First Female Freeholder Director. Thanked Julie for all her services. Also mentioned, that the Salem County Improvement Authority will be receiving \$11million dollars to put towards improvements. Further recognized JT as the current Qualified Purchasing Agent and awaiting to be future Administrator.

Commissioner Director Laury opened for Public Commentary:

Julie Acton – Thanked the Commissioners for the acknowledgement. Also, congratulations to the Commissioners on winning the election.

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date November 20, 2024, 6:00PM

Executive Closed Session – 6:22 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 – 6:39 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 5-0.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 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 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board