



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 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 in 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 December 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	X			
Commissioner Taylor			X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Presentation – N/A**Waiver of the Rules**

E8 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form from the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for AAA NJSNAP Application Assistance (SFRF) Grant

E9 Resolution Accepting the Standard Board Resolution Form from the NJ Department of Human Services for the AAA NJSNAP Application Assistance (SFRF) Grant

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.

Public Hearings & Adoptions – Final Reading and Adoption 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 to Open the public hearing for Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-003
2. 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 5-0.

1. Motion and Second to Close the public hearing for Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-003
2. 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 5-0.

1. Motion and Second to Adopt the Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-003
2. 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 5-0.

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports:

1. Letter from NJ American Water regarding accessing water meters
2. Resolution from Ocean County urging state leaders to pass legislation regarding the use of newspaper's digital publication of legal notices
3. Letter from NJ DOT regarding the transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Request for Applications

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.

Treasurer 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 5-0.

Director Laury Welcomed Brian Porch. Congratulated him for being a committee man for Oldmans Township. Further Thanked Mr. Porch for his service on the Cultural & Heritage Committee. Served on the committee for a total of 18 years.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

A1 Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation of An Emergency Appropriation To Remediate and Repair Collapse of Roadway Crosspipe, Perkintown Road, CR 644, Carneys Point, New Jersey

A2 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

A3 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Renewal For Qualified Purchasing Agent Services With Pennsville Township

A4 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Renewal For Qualified Purchasing Agent Services With Pennsville Township Sewerage Authority

A5 Resolution Awarding Contracts For The Purchase of New Road Department Vehicles Under New Jersey State and Cooperative Contracts

A6 Resolution Awarding A Renewal Contract For Furnishing, Installing, Supplying and Servicing Vending Machines For The County of Salem

A7 Resolution Authorizing Purchases From State Contract Vendors

A8 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Providing Bus Repair Services For The County of Salem Transportation Department

A9 Resolution Authorizing A Non-Fair and Open Contract Between Effectv and The County of Salem For Commercial Advertising on Cable Television

A10 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The County of Salem and The Township of Lower Alloways Creek For The Provision of Emergency Medical Services

A11 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement Between The County of Salem and The Township of Carneys Point For The Provision of Emergency Medical Services

A12 Resolution Authorizing and Approving The Execution and Delivery of A Support Agreement with The Salem County Improvement Authority Relating To The Issuance By The Salem County Improvement Authority of Its County Guaranteed Solid Waste Revenue Bonds or Project Notes (Landfill Expansion Project-Phase III) In One or More Series, In A Total Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$11,000,000

A13 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a County Administrator and, Equal Opportunity Officer, and the Fair Housing Officer – Jeff Ridgway, Jr.

A14 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a County Public Works Superintendent – Jolyn Mitchell

A15 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a County Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the ADA Compliance Officer – Brittany Davis

A16 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund**A17** Resolution Ratifying Settlement of the Litigation Matter Captioned Robert DiGregorio v. County of Salem, et al. Docket No. SLM-L-192-21

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.

Deputy Director Ostrum welcomed the new leadership team. We anticipate the continued great efforts in carrying the county forward. Wanted to call attention to the support that the county is giving for the provision of medical services. This continues to be a challenge for our ambulance service teams as well as the county and we wanted to ensure that the public is aware that the issue is being addressed.

AGRICULTURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**B1** Resolution Accepting and Executing a Grant for the Salem County Sheriff's Office from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding**B2** Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant For The Prosecutor's Office From The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety For Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program Grant Funding

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**D1** Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs FY 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Accepting and Executing the 2024-2025 County Environment Health Act (CEHA) Grant

E2 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Private Well Outreach 2025 Grant

E3 Resolution Approving the Submission of a Proposal to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services with American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to Apply for the AAA NJSNAP Application Assistance Grant

E4 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the 2024-2025 County Innovation Grant

E5 Resolution Awarding a Renewal Contract to B.R. Williams, Inc. for Providing Scoot Transportation Services Through the Salem County Office On Aging and Disabilities

E6 Resolution Accepting Additional Funding From the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for the 2024 Area Plan Grant

E7 Resolution Accepting the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services 2025 Area Plan Grant

E8 Resolution Acknowledging the Business Associate Agreement Form from the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for AAA NJSNAP Application Assistance (SFRF) Grant

E9 Resolution Accepting the Standard Board Resolution Form from the NJ Department of Human Services for the AAA NJSNAP Application Assistance (SFRF) Grant

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.

Director Laury commented that all 9 Resolutions are all pertaining to grants. Thanked the Health Department along with June Sieber on their continued efforts on managing these grants.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

F1 Resolution Requesting The Installation of Turning Lanes On U.S. Route #40 In The Area Of The Salem County Fair Grounds In Pilesgrove Township, Salem County

F2 Resolution Authorizing A New Traffic Signal Agreement For Route 40 and Pointers Auburn Road, Township of Carneys Point, County of Salem

F3 Resolution Approving The Execution of Change Order #5-Final Resurfacing and Safety Improvements South Greenwich Street/Telegraph Road, County Road #540, Phase 1 For The County of Salem Federal Project No. STBGP-L5K-0540 (304) NJDOT Job No. 710317

F4 Resolution Approving The Execution of Change Order #4 To The 2017 County Aid Road Program For The County of Salem

F5 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

F6 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

F7 Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the Contract for the Design and Engineering for the Replacement of Centerton Bridge (Bryson & Yates Consulting Engineers, LLC - \$45,000 Additional)

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.

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 - **2025 CEHA 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 - **2025 Private Well Outreach**

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 - **FY24 Sheriff Body Armor 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 - **FY24 Prosecutor Body Armor 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 – **2024 Area Plan Grant**

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 – Director Laury Thanked Jeff Ridgway for his services to the county. He’s done a great job of addressing issues and overall taking care of the county.

Commissioner New Business – Commissioner Taylor mentioned the Turnpike Commission met in Oldmans Township. Stated that the commission is planning on constructing six 12ft bridge crossovers which would allow EMS and police access to the opposite direction lane without making U-Turns. The plan is set to start in 2025. The expansion of the turnpike roadways (widening) is set to begin in 2027. The state development/ redevelopment plan was recently passed. The cross-acceptance plan is a process. Comparing plans overall at the government, state and county levels. The negotiating entity is a vital part of the process which does default on to the county.

Commissioner Ramsay commented that this plan sounds like it will be beneficial to our current medical first responders.

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Commissioner Timmerman noted some upcoming events in the county:

Thursday, December 19	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Hidden Pond Farm Presents Open Mic We're starting up our Open Mic again. And your Master of Ceremonies every third Thursday of the month will be our Live Music Coordinator, Jason Ager. So why not put all that practice to good use and get in front of our Open Mic and let us hear what ya got. The doors open at 6:00 with signups and we turn the mic on at 6:30. Whether you're playing, listening or both its always a good time. Location: Pine Tavern Distillery, 151 Pine Tavern Road, Monroeville
Thursday, December 19	6:00 pm Winter Concert Featuring the Salem High Dance Ensembles, Choir, Ram Singers and Concert Band Free Event! Location: Salem High School Auditorium, Salem City
Thursday, December 19	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Jewelry and Sip Class Join us for our Jewelry & Sip class and learn how to make jewelry! Our expert teaching artist, Liv Smith, will help you explore beginner beading and wiring techniques. Whether you make it for yourself or as a gift for a loved one, this is the perfect opportunity for a night out with friends to make some art and enjoy a beverage of your choice! You provide the beverage, we'll provide the glasses! Register now for just \$30 per person! For ages 21+ Location: Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, 457 Shirley Road, Elmer
Friday, December 20	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Christmas Village at the Alloway Township Municipal Building Drive-thru Nativity Scenes with Live Animals 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Live Nativity at Ranch Hope's Alloway Campus Food, Vendors, Santa and more! Make it an extra special experience by taking the Woodstown Central Railroad to and from the event! Go to https://woodstowncentral.com for more information.

<p>Friday, December 20</p>	<p>6:00 pm Quinton Township Community Tree Lighting Event We are excited to invite you all to come and join your neighbors and friends as we bring back the annual tree lighting! Santa will be our guest of honor along with a few additional surprises! 🤗🌲 Location: Quinton Township Municipal Building</p>
<p>Friday, December 20</p>	<p>5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Alloway Christmas Village Designed for families and friends to gather and enjoy the warmth of the holiday, the Christmas Village will feature a variety of local vendors, delicious foods, and activities that capture the spirit of the season. The Alloway Christmas Village is free and open to everyone, welcoming our neighbors, friends, and families to join in the holiday cheer. It's a celebration of community, tradition, and the joy that makes this season special. Bring your loved ones and step into the enchantment of Alloway's First Annual Christmas Village – a heartwarming event you won't want to miss! Location: Alloway Municipal Complex, 49 S. Greenwich Street, Alloway</p>
<p>Friday, December 20</p>	<p>11:00 am – 12:00 pm Holiday Shopping Trip – Habitat for Humanity SCOOT riders will received 20% off and Free Delivery for large items. Space is limited, and registration is required! Call the Office on Aging and Disabilities at 856-339-8644 to secure your spot today. Don't miss out on this festive shopping adventure! Location: 416 Pennsville Auburn Road, Carneys Point</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>11:00 am Exley's Old Fashioned Christmas We are bringing traditional family fun to the Christmas Tree Farm! Some activities include: \$5 Sleigh Rides , Christmas Movies Playing, Hot Cocoa, Ornament Making, Photo Ops with Santa, Mistletoe Photo Ops, Ugly Sweater Contest, Roasted Nuts, Fresh Baked Goods, Food Trucks, Music....and More \$5 fun pass includes: scavenger hunt, play area, souvenir, Santa photo ops MORE INFO COMING SOON! Location: Big Papa Jai's BBQ, 1512 Monroeville Road, Monroeville</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>9:00 am – 1:00 pm Santa at PV Pets Santa's Coming. You will receive a 4x6 photo for \$7 per photo. You can get multiples as well. Location: PV Pets, 233 S. Broadway, Pennsville</p>

<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>8:00 am – 11:00 am 14th Annual FFA – Breakfast with Santa Cost: \$15 Adults and \$10 Kids Tons of Winter Activities to enjoy Home-Cooked Jersey Fresh Breakfast. Meet Santa! Printed Santa Photos Available for Sale, Crafts and more! For more info email Keely at KDITIZIO@SCVTS.org Location: The Elmer Grange Hall by Pole Tavern, 535 Daretown Road, Elmer</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>11:00 am – 2:00 pm Holiday Open House With Santa! Pets Welcomed! Photos with Santa, Holiday Bake Sale, Adoptable Cats & Dogs, Tours & More! Location: Salem County Humane Society, N. Game Creed Road, Carneys Point</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>5:00 pm Elsinboro Fire Company Santa Visit EFC will be bringing Santa around town on Saturday. We will leave the fire house at 5pm and make our way through town. We will post the route as the date gets closer. Location: Elsinboro Fire Company, Elsinboro</p>
<p>Saturday, December 21</p>	<p>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Holiday Community Outreach New Life Worship Center & Beautiful Vessels invites you to join us! Care Packages, Hot Beverages, Winter Clothing & Prayer for the Homeless & Families in need. Location: MLK Park, Salem</p>
<p>Sunday, December 22</p>	<p>3:00 pm Pea Patch Brass – Music at Friends Concert Series Admission is Free, Donations are Welcomed An artist reception and complimentary refreshments will be provided at the close of the concert. Location: Woodstown Friends Meeting, 1 Marlton Road, Woodstown</p>
<p>Sunday, December 22</p>	<p>5:00 pm Santa's Coming to LAC escorted by the fire department! (Santa Route Map attached) We will be escorting Santa throughout LAC! The route he will travel is attached here. He is one busy man this time of year, so he won't deviate from his route. Unfortunately, not every road in the township will be visited by Santa and his bowl full of jelly! We encourage you to make plans to see him along the announced route, so you can celebrate his return to Lower Crick! Check our Facebook page or My LAC App for our route of travel. Listen for the sirens!</p>

<p>Sunday, December 22</p>	<p>10:00 am – 12:00 pm Santa Claus is coming to The Salem Oak Dinner Cost: \$10.00 Donation goes towards “Bo Lends A Paw Pet Pantry” Location: Salem Oak Dinner, 113 West Broadway, Salem</p>
<p>Sunday, December 22</p>	<p>11:00 am Breakfast with Santa Look who’s coming to town! Join us for breakfast with Santa this Sunday December 22nd starting at 11am. It’s never too late to get on the nice list. See you soon. Free to attend Location: Woodstown Pub/Diner, 16 East Avenue, Woodstown</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 24</p>	<p>6:00 pm Christmas Eve service in the Praise Barn Join us in the Praise Barn at 6pm for Christmas Eve service. Worship, prayer, scripture and more. Light refreshments will be provided. Location: Praise Barn, 712 Alvine Road, Pittsgrove</p>

Commissioner Director Laury opened for Public Commentary: No Comments

Next Meeting Date- Next Meeting Date December 30, 2024, 11:00AM - Fifth Street Conference Room

Executive Closed Session – None

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

Executive Closed Session Ended

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

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board