



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2026 – 045

Administrative Committee

**RESOLUTION DISBANDING THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
WITH THE COUNTY OF SALEM TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the development and implementation of a comprehensive approach to the delivery of human services will provide advantages to consumers of these services, to the effective and efficient administration of Salem County government and to the taxpayers supporting these programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:20-1 et. seq. and New Jersey case law, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners has the legal authority to alter, disband, organize or reorganize its agencies, subject to the general mandate of performing services; and

WHEREAS, a consolidated administrative structure encompassing the programs and activities of the existing Board of Social Services will be reorganized under county government; and

WHEREAS, previous results of coordination and merger in the County of Salem have proven to be successful; and

WHEREAS, twelve counties in New Jersey have merged their Boards of Social Services into County Government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the reorganizational efforts described herein shall become effective July 1, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., midnight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with P.L. 1987, Chapter 236, N.J.S.A 40:20-1 et. seq. the Salem County Board of Social Services shall be disbanded as an autonomous agency of Salem County and the duties and employees of the Board shall be consolidated and merged into the County of Salem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previously approved resolutions of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners delegating powers, duties and authority to the Salem County Board of Social Services and appointing members thereto shall be rescinded in their entirety on the effective date of the transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Social Services shall continue to perform duties commensurate with his job description until such time as a transition occurs, with the full support of the Board of County Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Clerk of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners shall forward a certified true copy of this adopted resolution to each member of the Salem County Board of Social Services and the County Director of Personnel; and

BE IT FRUTHER RESOLVED that that this resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by P.L. 1987, Chapter 236, N.J.S.A 40-20--1 et. seq., and any prior resolution inconsistent with or contrary to this resolution is herewith amended to conform with the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs and services previously rendered to the residents of Salem County shall in no way be diminished.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on January 21, 2026.


 STACY L. PENNINGTON
 Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Director Taylor	✓		✓			
Commissioner Timmerman						✓
Commissioner Collier			✓			
Commissioner Ramsay		✓	✓			
Director Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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