



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2026 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 6:00 pm.

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 the 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 Taylor	X	
Commissioner Ramsay	X	
Commissioner Timmerman		X
Commissioner Collier	X	

A quorum was present

Minutes

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 30, 2025, Regular Meeting and the January 7, 2026, Reorganization Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Special Recognition – Oath of Office

Presiding over the ceremony, the Honorable Surrogate, Dr. Gordon J. Ostrum, Jr, presented certificates of appointment and administered the Oath of Office to the following staff of Salem County Surrogate’s Office:

- Lisa Giovanetti, Special Probate Clerk
- Denise McCarthy, Special Probate Clerk
- Donna Rosenstock, Special Deputy Surrogate
- Christina Sparks, Deputy Surrogate

Waiver of the Rules

A17 Resolution Authorizing Salem County to Enter into a Cooperative Purchasing System with TIPS-USA Interlocal Purchasing System

A19 Resolution Rejecting All Proposals and Authorizing The Re-Advertisement for Request for Proposals for Railroad Engineer

A20 Resolution Making Emergency Temporary Appropriations According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Director Laury asked for Resolution A18 to be read and voted on separately.

A18 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Engineering Services for The County of Salem

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

Roll Call vote denied 4-0.

Public Hearings & Adoptions

A1 Resolution of the First Reading to Fix the Annual Salary of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners

1. Motion and Second for Introduction of Resolution A1

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

Roll Call vote passed 4-0.

2. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for February 4, 2026

Correspondence – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Salem County Department of Planning & Agriculture 10.21.2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Notice Regarding NJDEP Multi-Permit Application/South Jersey Gas Company Oldmans Creek Crossing Project/Right of Way of Main Street/Auburn Road (CR 551)
3. Notice from SJ Gas in the Matter of Petition of SJ Gas Company to Revise the Cost Recovery Charge associated with Energy Efficiency Programs
4. Oldmans Twp. Resolution 2026-44 Concerns at The Three-Way Intersection of Main St., Pointers-Auburn Rd. and Pennsville-Auburn Rd.
5. Notice from Haley & Aldrich Pertaining to On-Going Remedial Activities for 83 Griffith Street, Salem
6. Salem County Improvement Authority 01.08.2026 Meeting Minutes
7. Salem County Pollution Control Financing Authority 11.25.2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Reading Resolutions A3 and A10 separately, the remainder read in bulk

A2 Resolution Declaring County-Owned Ambulances as Surplus and Unneeded Property and Authorizing the Transfer of Title To The Borough of Woodstown for the Department of Emergency Services for \$1 Each

A4 Resolution Authorizing The Grant Application for The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs FY 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

A5 Resolution Authorizing A Memorandum of Understanding / Salary Agreement Between The County of Salem and Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

A6 Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

A7 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Properties Located at 24 Church Street and 8 Chapel Street, Pilesgrove, NJ

A8 Resolution Disbanding the Salem County Board of Social Services with the County of Salem to Provide those Services Effective Date After July 1, 2026

A9 Resolution Authorizing Assignment and Transfer of A Contract From Gloucester County for Expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment for Inmates Who Have an Opioid Use Disorder

A11 Resolution Amending Resolution 2026-010 Designating County Commissioner Member and Alternate for Various Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Agencies Outside of Salem County Government for 2026

A12 Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner to the Statewide Insurance Fund

A13 Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant

A14 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Temporary Animal Sheltering Services for The Members of The Salem County Joint Purchasing System, System Identifier #299SCJPS

A15 Resolution Accepting a Successor Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Salem, The Salem County Prosecutor, and Salem County Prosecutor Detective and Investigator's Association, FOP Lodge No 6

A16 Resolution Awarding a Contract Under New Jersey State Approved Contract #89851-M003 for Software Licenses and Related Services

A17 Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

A19 Resolution Rejecting All Proposals and Authorizing The Re-Advertisement for Request for Proposals for Railroad Engineer

A20 Resolution Making Emergency Temporary Appropriations According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

Resolutions A2, A4-A9, A11-A20

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

A3 Resolution Amending Resolution 2025-264 Authorizing Shared Service Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding for The Provision of Emergency Medical Services

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

Roll Call vote passed 3-1.

A10 Resolution Appointing a Member to the Salem County Board of Social Services-John Manganaro

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

Roll Call vote passed 3-1.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution Approving A Shared Services Agreement Between The Salem County Prosecutor's Office and The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office for Implementation of A Mental Healthier Diversion Program

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

C1 Resolution Amending Resolution 2025-309 To Reduce The Award Amount for The Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Partner Organization Grant

C2 Resolution Applying for The Rural Health Transformation Program 2026: Advancing, Prevention, and Workforce Capacity Grant

C3 Resolution Approving A Memorandum of Understanding Between The Salem County Department of Health & Human Services & The Salem County Improvement Authority to Assist with Annual Maintenance Fee for DHD System

C4 Resolution Accepting The Salem Health and Wellness' Mini Grant Program

C5 Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant for The 2026 Comprehensive Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Contract

C6 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Providing Substance Use Disorder Treatment/Services for The Salem County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

C7 Resolution To Apply for The Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services Senior Wellness Pilot Program Grant

C8 Resolution Accepting The 2026 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program Grant Funding

C9 Resolution Accepting and Executing The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA): 2025 Medicare Special Benefits Outreach and Enrollment Assistance Grant

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing A Grant From The New Jersey Department of Transportation for The Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside Program Funding for The 2025 Salem County Railroad Multi-Use Path Phase 1

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Commissioner Old Business – N/A

Commissioner New Business – N/A

Commissioner Public Announcements:

Commissioner Collier mentioned upcoming Free Rabies Clinics for cats and dogs to take place on the following Saturdays:

January 24th – Pittsgrove Township Municipal Garage from 10:00am – 1:00pm

January 31st – Elsinboro Fire House from 1:00pm – 2:30pm

January 31st – Pilesgrove Township Public Works from 8:00am – 10:00am

Deputy Director Taylor mentioned the upcoming South Jersey Farmers Summit Meeting to take place on Thursday, February 5th. Advised that this would be a great event for all local farmers to attend.

Director Laury advised the public to be cautious this weekend with the expected inclement weather advisory. The county is expecting snow and is prepared to treat the roads accordingly.

Public Comment (Agenda items or other County Business) Anyone wishing to speak, please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will have FOUR MINUTES to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem, no names will be used at any time.

Commissioner Director Laury opened Public Comment –

Jennifer Thomas (Lower Alloways Creek):

South Jersey Preservation publishes a monthly newsletter. Thanked Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, for all her guidance and support in providing meaningful information for the group. Mentioned that the county currently conducts live streams for the Open Public Meetings via YouTube and other municipalities have expressed interest in doing the same. Stated that communication was received from Gloucester County commissioners expressing an interest in cross county coalition. Select commissioners from Salem, Gloucester and Cumberland can meet to discuss opportunities as well as challenges in their respective counties and support each other in designated areas. This ongoing partnership can reap many benefits including increase presence in Trenton, stronger lobbying power, increase legislative influence, we can better address regional disparities pertaining to the north jersey and south

jersey divide and we can enhance political leverage. Thanks to commissioners Taylor, Timmerman and Surrogate Ostrum for attending and speaking at the monthly meetings. Thanked commissioner Timmerman and Surrogate Ostrum for attending the South Jersey Preservation Mingle & Jingle event hosted by Farmers and Bankers in Woodstown. This event brought small businesses together to discuss communication options such as a small business directory and an online small business forum where ideas and information can be shared. Congratulations to Mr. Collier on his recent appointment as Salem County Commissioner.

Next Meeting Date February 4, 2026 6:00 PM

Executive Closed Session – 6:30pm

Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Commissioner Timmerman arrived at the Executive Session-6:47pm

Executive Closed Session Ended – 6:49pm

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

Hand vote passed 4-0.

Director Laury asked for a motion and second to terminate the current agreement with American Legion and Authorize the County Administrator to release funding from the current account.

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

Roll Call vote passed 4-1.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

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

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board