



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 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 January 21, 2026, Regular 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 5-0.

Special Recognition –

Commissioner Ramsay presented a certificate Proclaiming February 2026 as the 100th Anniversary of Black History Month.

Stacy Pennington, Clerk of the Board, mentioned that the Proclamation will be delivered to members over at the Hetty Reckless Center.

Public Hearings & Adoptions

Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements to the Salem County Correctional Facility by and for the County of Salem, State of New Jersey; and Appropriating \$7,200,000 From the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey

1. Motion and second to introduce Ordinance 2026-001

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 5-0.

Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for February 18, 2026

A1 Resolution of the Second Reading and Adoption to Fix the Annual Salary of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners

1. Motion and Second to Open for Public Hearing 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 5-0.

1. Motion and Second to Close for Public Hearing 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 5-0.

1. Motion and Second to Adopt 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 5-0.

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 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Ramsay requested Resolutions A4 & A8 be read and voted on separately

A2 Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council

A3 Resolution Authorizing The Award of A Contract Under The ESCNJ State Approved Cooperative Contract #23/24-27 for Electrical/BMS System Upgrades at The County Correctional Facility

A5 Resolution Authorizing The Award of A Contract To Haworth, Inc. for The Purchase of Furniture, Cubicles, & Installation To Omnia Partners Cooperative #2020000606 for The Salem County Health Department

A6 Resolution Making Emergency Temporary Appropriations According To N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

A7 Resolution Constituting The 2026 Temporary Capital Budget

A9 Resolution Authorizing the Grant Application for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs FY2026 Capital Equipment Grant

Resolutions A2 through A9 (excluding A4 & A8)

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.

A4 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement Between Cumberland County Improvement Authority and Salem County for Snow Removal Services at Fenwick Plaza

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.

Commissioner Ramsay questioned why the county is going into an agreement for snow removal services at the Fenwick plaza. Further mentions that there is a rental agreement with the landlord/Cumberland County Improvement Authority currently on file. Feels that this responsibility is Cumberlands. Mentions that the county struggled with the recent snowstorm and feels like adding responsibility would put a burden on the Public Works crew. Also, raises area of concern regarding liability issues as this is considered an open location to the public.

Director Laury asked if Jeffrey Ridgway could provide some insight.

Jeffrey Ridgway mentioned that commissioner Ramsay's comments are accurate. States that with the recent back-to-back snowstorms, CCIA couldn't line up a contractor to assist. This was solely put into place to also assist the Vo-Tech with snow removal services and then being able to charge CCIA. This is a temporary solution.

Commissioner Collier questioned, "how will the county be billing CCIA?"

Jeffrey Ridgway responded that they will be billed hourly.

Commissioner Timmerman had a question for county counsel, "is there any real true liability to the county?"

Karin Wood, County Counsel, there is liability on the property owners however if someone were to slip and fall, we could get sued as well.

Director Laury commented that Ranch Hope along with the Vo-Tech are our Friends and neighbors. The county should be able to assist.

Commissioner Ramsay raised concerns stating that the agreement is holding the county liable in the event an incident was to occur.

Commissioner Timmerman questioned, “is there a stop date on the agreement?”

Karin Wood, County Counsel, responded that the agreement is good through the end of the year.

A8 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Engineering Services in The County of Salem

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

Commissioner Ramsay asked to have the Resolution Tabled for further discussion to take place during executive session.

Commissioner Collier mentioned that we don’t want to Table the Resolution instead we want to Postpone.

Director Laury stated we need a motion and second to Withdraw the original motion and second to vote on the Resolution A8.

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.

Director Laury asked for a motion and second to Postpone Resolution A8

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 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B1 Resolution To Amend Resolution 2025-218 To Accept and Execute CY25 Innovations Grant Funding Award #JDAI-25-1F for Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Programming for The Salem County Youth Services Commission (YSC) from The New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission By Extending the Grant Reimbursement Period

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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

C1 Resolution Amending Resolution 2025-418 To Reduce The Award Amount for The AAA NJ SNAP Grant

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

Hand vote passed 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

D1 Resolution Approving The Execution of Change Order #4-Final To The 2018-2019 Local Freight Impact Fund Program, Straughns Mill Road, County Road #643 Resurfacing and County Bridge #1700-141 Rehabilitation in Oldmans Township for The County of Salem

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 5-0.

AGRICULTURE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

E1 Resolution Authorizing The Proposed Acquisition of A Development Easement on Edward and Justine Hufnell Farm Block 5, Lots 1 and 5 Upper Pittsgrove Township

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 5-0.

Commissioner Old Business – N/A
Commissioner New Business – N/A
Commissioner Public Announcements:










Commissioner Ramsay Thanked the Salem County Road Department and Facilities Department for assisting in clearing the significant amount of snow & ice from the storm. They worked diligently to get the grounds and roads cleared facing what can be considered as challenging circumstances.

Commissioner Ramsay mentioned several upcoming local events:

Thursday, February 5	<p>8:00 am – 2:00 pm</p> <p>South Jersey Preservation invites you to attend – The 2026 South Jersey Farmers Summit</p> <p>For Farmers. By Farmers.</p> <p>Join fellow farmers, producers, and agricultural leaders for a day dedicated to connection, collaboration, and the shared goal of strengthening the future of South Jersey Agriculture.</p> <p>RSVP as space is limited</p> <p>Thanks to our generous sponsors, admission is FREE for all farmers - keeping this event focused on accessibility, community, and the success of South Jersey agriculture.</p> <p>Location: Coombs Barnyard, 20 NJ-77, Elmer</p>
Thursday, February 5	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>A Conversation on the State of the College</p> <p>Join the Salem Community College Alumni Association for “A Conversation on the State of the College with President Mike Gorman,” Thursday, February 5, 5 p.m. in Room DON 106, Donaghay Hall. Dr. Gorman will discuss the College’s progress and challenges for 2026. All are welcome.</p> <p>To RSVP, email Bill Clark at bclark@salemcc.edu.</p> <p>Location: SCC, 460 Hollywood Ave., Carneys Point</p>

Friday, February 6	<p>4:00 pm – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Pennsville Rotary Club 1951 – Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>You can either dine in or take out. Tickets are \$15 per person.</p> <p>Please reach out to your friendly Pennsville Rotary member or leave us a message, and we will be sure to get you tickets upon request.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you all 😊</p> <p>Proceeds Benefit Community Projects</p> <p>Location: Pennsville Rotary Club 1951, 171 South Broadway, Pennsville</p>
Friday, February 6	<p>5:30 pm</p> <p>Live Music – Pitch Perfect Pasta Night</p> <p>Join us for some Live Music</p> <p>Location: Woodstown High School Choirs, Woodstown High School</p>
Friday, February 6	<p>6:00 pm</p> <p>Live Music – Jimmy Dunn</p> <p>Join us for some Live Music</p> <p>Location: Salem Oak Vineyards, Pedricktown</p>
Friday, February 6	<p>6:00 pm</p> <p>Live Music – Camille Peruto</p> <p>Join us for some Live Music</p> <p>Location: Creekside Inn, Woodstown</p>
Saturday, February 7 th & 28 th	<p>10:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Salem Free Public Library – Storytime</p> <p>Story, Snack & Craft</p> <p>Location: Salem Free Public Library, Salem</p>
Saturday, February 7	<p>5:00 pm</p> <p>Cheesesteak Dinner</p> <p>Cheesesteaks, French Fries and Dessert. \$15.00 per platter</p> <p>Please call and pay in advance to reserve your platter. Eat in or Take out. 856.935.2357</p> <p>Location: Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1966, 232 E. Broadway, Salem</p>
Saturday, February 7	<p>7:00 pm (Seating) 7:30 pm (Showtime)</p> <p>Pine Tavern Distillery presents Cricket Comedy</p> <p>Starring Steff K, Andy Nolan and David Steinbrink</p> <p>Cost: \$20</p> <p>To purchase tickets visit Cricketcomedy.com</p> <p>Location: Pine Tavern Distillery, 149A Pine Tavern Distillery, Monroeville</p>

<p>Saturday, February 7</p>	<p>7:00 pm Loose Ends @ DJT We are a classic rock cover band from South Jersey and play everything from The Beatles & The Kinks to Sublime & Radiohead. We hope to see you out singing along with us! Location: Dirty Jersey Tavern, 433 Telegraph Road, Alloway</p>
<p>Sunday, February 8</p>	<p>10:00 am & 1:00 pm Pumpkin Princess Party! Princess Jasmine and Moana will be at the farm Tickets: \$25 Children \$10 Adults Tickets Required. Contact Amanda at 609-364-2520 or email Amanda@coombsbarnyard.com Location: Coombs Barnyard, 20 Route 77, Elmer</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 11</p>	<p>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Annual Valentine’s Party Join us for our annual Valentine's Party. Please let us know how many kiddoes by Friday, February 6th. Bring a box to decorate for Valentine's. We will have materials to decorate the boxes! Don't forget your Valentine's for friends (just signed) and a snack to share! No peanuts, please! Location: Pennsville Church of the Nazarene, 172 Churchtown Road, Pennsville</p>
<p>Thursday, February 12</p>	<p>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive Location: Salem County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 6, 693 South Broadway, Pennsville</p>
<p>Saturday, February 14</p>	<p>10:00 am – 2:00 pm Books, Chocolate and Love Celebrate Valentine’s Day with us at Willow’s Wisp Bakery for a sweet morning full of books, treats, and love! ❤️🌟 🍓 Indulge in chocolate-covered strawberries & bakery favorites 🌸 Shop a charming flower cart for the perfect Valentine’s bouquet 🎵 Enjoy live music while you browse 🚚 Grab a bite from the food truck outside 📖 Discover your next read and shop bookish merch & gifts from The Literary Love Affair Whether you’re celebrating with someone special or treating yourself, this cozy event has everything you need to feel the love. ❤️📖 Location: The Willow’s Wisp, 82 Market Street, Salem</p>

<p>Saturday, February 14</p>	<p>12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Valentines Day Plant Giveaway!  VALENTINE'S DAY GIVEAWAY at JynksGreenhouse!  We're sharing the plant love with a chance to win a STUNNING Thai Constellation Monstera  A perfect Valentine for yourself or your favorite plant lover. How to enter: Now - Valentines Day!!  Every in-shop purchase = 1 entry  Every Google review = 1 entry  Plant donation = 1 entry (no pests please) More ways to enter = more chances to win!  Winner will be announced on Valentine's Day — February 14th!   Giveaway Rules: One entry per in-shop purchase / One entry per Google review / One entry per plant donation (plants must be healthy & pest-free) / Must be 18 years or older to enter / No purchase necessary to enter (Google review or plant donation qualifies) / Entries must be received by February 13th at closing time / Winner will be selected at random and announced on Facebook / Winner must respond within 48 hours or a new winner will be chosen / Prize must be picked up in store (no shipping) / Google reviews must be honest and follow Google's guidelines Location: Jynks Greenhouse, 17b N. Main Street, Woodstown</p>
<p>Saturday, February 14</p>	<p>7:00 pm Whiskey Sunset @ DJT Keep Calm and lose yourself in the music of Whiskey Sunset featuring Carmen Daddario----Bass Guitar and vocals, Gary Barbeck---- Lead guitar, Al Brown--- guitar and Lead Vocals, Corey Piccioni keyboards and vocals, Tony Randazzo drums and vocals, Brenda Lore-Randazzo Lead Vocals. Covering classic rock, southern rock, country and R&B! Location: Dirty Jersey Tavern, 433 Telegraph Road, Alloway</p>
<p>February 2026</p>	<p>Salem County Department of Health & Human Services – February Free Rabies Clinic (Flyer Attached)</p>

FEBRUARY FREE RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, February 7	10 AM - 12 PM	Public Works Garage 8 Hammersville-Pecks Crn. Rd, LAC
Saturday, February 7	10 AM - 12 PM	Municipal Garage 550 Daretown Rd., Upper Pittsgrove
Saturday, February 7	1 PM - 3 PM	Quinton Fire House 42 Main St., Quinton
Saturday February 14	10 AM - 1 PM	Municipal Garage 1004 Centeron Rd Pittsgrove
Saturday February 21	8 AM - 10 AM	Municipal Garage 40 Freed Rd., Pedricktown
Saturday February 28	9 AM - 12 PM	Street Dept. 515 Grieves Pkwy., Salem City

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<p>Sunday, February 8</p>	<p>7:00 am – 11:00 am Country Breakfast Country Breakfast at the Hancocks Bridge Firehouse Sit down or take out Rich and savory sausage gravy and tender biscuits, scrambled eggs, locally made link sausage, home fries, toast, molasses cakes. All you care to eat! Adults: \$12 Children 3-10 yrs. \$6 Under 3 yrs. free Tickets at the door Pre-order molasses cakes no later than Feb. 2, 2026, by calling Linda Venable 856-339-0434. Location: Lower Alloways Creek Ruritan Club, 15 New Street, Hancocks Bridge</p>

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 –

Irene Carney (Lower Alloways Creek):

Mentioned concerns regarding Acton Station Road. Says she must drive on the opposite side of the road every time because of how terrible the potholes are on this road. Spoke to the county engineer, Mr. Sever, who mentioned that the roadwork was set to begin in January. Mr. Sever did inform her that the state had returned all the plans to the county as it wasn't approved. Wants to know if anyone would have the answer as to why? If criteria aren't met pertaining to the RFP, that information should have been straightened out by now.

Director Laury asked Commissioner Collier if he could provide any insight into the matter.

Commissioner Collier responded that there have been a lot of delays. He drives on this road everyday and understands her concerns for the British driving. This is a priority for us absolutely. Once I get the answers, I would be happy to share.

Director Laury mentioned that some of the answers go back to when COVID was relevant. Outside parties were reviewing plans so you're not getting the same party to review plans. Multiple back and forth scenarios have occurred. Most plans sent from the county do require changes.

Irene Carney (Lower Alloways Creek):

Doesn't the state send something to the county where the county must comply with certain parameters pertaining to RFPs?

Director Laury:

Yes, but those must be approved first by the state. An RFP can't be sent out without approval.

Irene Carney (Lower Alloways Creek):

This is where there's confusion. She was told previously that work was to begin in January. She thought it was odd to start in January due to possible winter conditions but was told that we haven't had bad winters in several years. Wants to know what happened with the funds when this project was originally budget. Complaint that every time she reaches out to the county, she gets a different answer.

Director Laury suggested that Ms. Carney attends the next Open Public Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026. Next week there will be a Public Works Meeting where the Commissioner Ramsay and Commissioner Collier can question the status of the roadwork pertaining to Acton Station Road. Appreciates Ms. Carneys attendance, participation and for sharing her concerns.

Next Meeting Date February 18, 2026, 6:00 PM**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
Deputy Director Taylor	X		X			
Commissioner Timmerman			X			
Commissioner Collier			X			
Commissioner Ramsay		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Executive Closed Session Ended – 6:50 pm

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

Hand vote passed 5-0.

A8 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Engineering Services in 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		
Director Laury		X	X			

Roll Call vote passed 4-1.

Commissioner Collier had a question for County Counsel, does this Resolution still provide latitude to go to either firm?

Karin Wood, County Counsel responded, yes.

Commissioner Timmerman commented that it was a great question, Paul. Considering the answer, I vote yes to this resolution as read.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

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

Hand vote passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Pennington
Clerk of the Board