

Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders Workshop Meeting Minutes November 7, 2012

The meeting was opened by Director Acton at 6:15 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Acton read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Freeholders Present: Dept. Director Laury, Cross, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware, and Director Acton.

Freeholder Committee Reports:

Administration- Director Acton deferred her report to the end of the presentations as it pertains to the budget and working through an electronic version as compared to a paper worksheet. She did however praise the emergency services staff and volunteers for their fine work during Hurricane Sandy.

Public Service-Mr. Vanderslice reported that the Public question for State funding of a 750 million bond issue for public schools passed at the election yesterday. This translated means that the Community College is eligible for 3 million, which will have to include a \$750,000 cash match for various capital projects.

Health- Mr. Bobbitt stated that he had no report at this time.

Social Services- Ms. Timberman thanked the members of her department for their activities during the storm, noting that they provided shelter and food for the disabled population that were forced to evacuate. She further noted that the Salem-Bridgeton shuttle is showing increased ridership

Public Safety- Mr. Cross echoed previous comments about the roles of staff and volunteers during the recent storm. He praised all of the workers who took time away from their own families to help others. He noted that PSEG has donated over 13,000 prepared meals to the Counties in nor'easter New Jersey that are suffering ongoing hardships

Transportation, Tourism, Agriculture- Mr. Ware stated that he had no report at this time. He was asked to comment on a resolution on this evenings agenda which he stated was a transfer of dedicated deeds from the State to the local Farmland Preservation Board.

Public Works- Mr. Laury also offered his thanks to the staff and volunteers and he also noted the members of the local volunteer fire departments that staffed their stations during the storm. He thanked the BR Williams Transportation Company for donating five busses to take needed supplies to the northern regions of the State. He also noted the nor'easter striking the County this evening and that there were salt trucks in the eastern part of the County. He discussed Elsinboro Point and the flooding problem there, an elevation study has been ordered. Sinnickson Landing Road is currently closed and repairs will commence shortly.

Presentation

Doug Wright presented the budget workshops electronically. Each Freeholder was presented for their use tonight a lap top that already had the budget prep worksheets downloaded onto them. He then walked the Freeholders through the process of how to access the budget, how to index specific departments or line items, and how to enter preliminary and final budgetary numbers into the system. The Freeholders had various questions and discussion ensued. All felt that this was a step in the right direction.

At 7:10 pm Deputy Director Laury made a motion to recess the workshop meeting and to enter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 executive session to discuss two workman's compensation cases, Chester Randal, and Debra Culpa, and contract negotiations between the County and the South Jersey Economic Development District, second by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried 7/0.

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The meeting was called to order by Director Acton at 7:10 PM

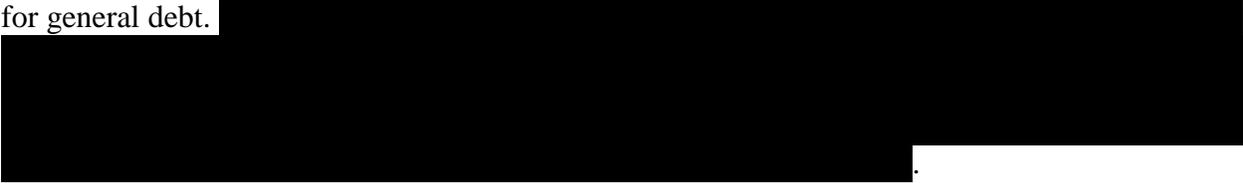
The stated purpose of the meeting is to discuss two workman's compensation cases, Chester Randall and Debra Culpa, and contract negotiations between the County and the South Jersey Economic Development District.

Freeholders Present: Dept. Director Laury, Cross, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware, and Director Acton. Solicitor Ross Levitsky, CFO Wright, Administrator Ford, Clerk Gage.

Solicitor Levitsky reviewed the circumstances involving the case for Chester Randal. The Freeholders authorized [REDACTED].

Solicitor Levitsky presented the Debra Culpa case, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. After discussion Solicitor Levitsky will check on additional information and get back to the Board; [REDACTED].

Freeholder Vanderslice presented the facts concerning the status of the SJEDD financials. The audit, although not completed show three areas of debt. First is for the NextGen Park, the second is for outstanding loans associated with professional architectural design work and the third area for general debt.



Deputy Director Laury made a motion to come out of Executive session and to recess the meeting at 7:24 PM, second by Freeholder Vanderslice, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board