

Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders Workshop Meeting Minutes August 15, 2012

The meeting was opened by Director Acton at 4:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Acton read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Freeholders Present: Dept. Director Laury, Cross (arrived 4:30), Vanderslice, Bobbitt, and Timberman (arrived 4:45), Ware, Director Acton.

Presentations:

Chris Merkel, Salem County Health Dept. Chris reported on the recent changes to the health codes involving food disbursed by mobile food vendors, such as hot dog carts, etc. Salem has worked with surrounding Counties to develop and implement a policy and inspections of mobile food vendors to insure the safety of residents when they attend fairs, carnivals, etc. across Salem County.

Tom Narolewski, Cetti and O'Connell Insurance: along with our service carrier, InServco gave a brief presentation on claims handling now that the transition has now begun from Connor/Strong to their company. They specifically discussed Title 59, and the responsibility that an insurer had for the general public.

Atlantic City Electric Company: Susan Cohn regional manager outlined the effects of the Derecho Storm that hit our area June 29-30 2012. During the peak of the storm 206,000 families were without power in this region. They further noted that they utilized the services of 1000 field representatives, 597 line crews, 388 tree-trimming and 39 assessment crews. All power was restored within seven days.

New Jersey Kids Count gave a state of our children by Counties and their rankings. Salem County was ranked 20 the out of 21 Counties in 2011, in 2012, which shows 2011 figures the rank had moved to 18th. A respectful jump in the standings. However in children living below the poverty line a move from 12th place in 2006 to 18th place in 2010 is significant. On a positive note juvenile arrests dropped 30% in the same time frame. The County will continue to work with the State through the Board of Health to help improve these statistics.

At 5:06 pm Deputy Director Laury moved that the Freeholders recess this workshop meeting to begin the general meeting of the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, this was seconded by Freeholder Cross, and motion carried 7/0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board