

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2014  
6:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware, and Acton.

**Presentation:**

**Kathleen Mills – Economic Development**

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**Salem County – Gateway to New Jersey**



Academics

**Salem Community College**  
*Sustainable Energy Center*  
*Glass Education Center*

***International Frameworking***  
***Conference***

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## Education



**Atlantic City Electric**

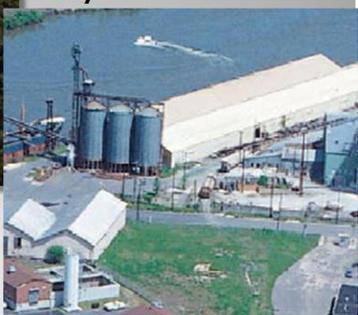


## Energy

**Salem Generating Station - PSEG**



**Salem Port Links to  
Delaware River and  
Bay**



**Trucking – Easy Access to  
Routes 295, I95 for East  
Coast Markets**

**Transportation**



**Pedricktown Business Park**



## Salem Business Center



### Energy Sales Tax Exemption

- New Jersey EDA business assistance program, which provides important benefit to County manufacturers
- For details on the Energy Sales Tax Exemption Program visit [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com)

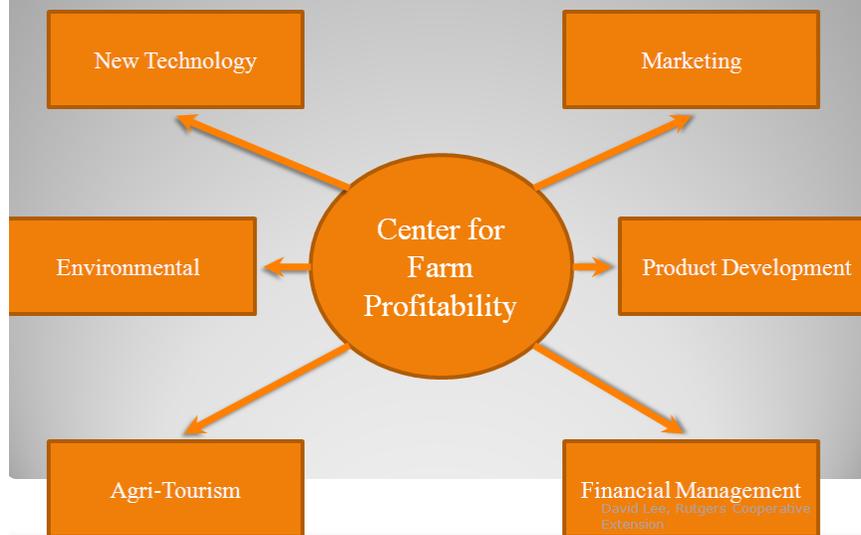
### Salem County Improvement Authority

Financing Assistance



## Salem County – Incentives/Assistance

## Agri-Business Incubator



## Salem County Economic Development Council

### AGRI-BUSINESS



**30,596 Acres  
Preserved Farmland  
\$112 Million  
value of farm produce**

(2012)



## TOURISM - A SMART INVESTMENT

- generates revenue
- increased tax receipts
- low impact to quality of life



Historical Sites



Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Powwow

Arts In Bloom

History re-enactments

Many *small town* festivals

Cowtown Rodeo



## Unique events Preserving History, Art and Culture



## Latest Developments

- Siegfried -USA  
Pharmaceutical Plant Expansion - Pennsville
- Mid-Atlantic Career & Education Center  
New Options Farm - Mannington
- Daytop  
Facility Expansion - Pittsgrove
- Gateway Business Center
  - Five Below - new distribution warehouse
  - Berkowitz Architectural Glass - expansion



## Economic Development Council

### Developing Marketing Tools

- Brochure for prospective businesses
- Brochure welcoming new businesses
- Designing new ED website
- PowerPoint for solicitation of new business

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[www.salemcountynj.gov](http://www.salemcountynj.gov)  
[www.visitsalemcountynj.com](http://www.visitsalemcountynj.com)  
[www.scianj.com](http://www.scianj.com)

**Glen Donelson, Tom Brown, David Zeck – Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center**

**MID-ATLANTIC STATES CAREER AND EDUCATION CENTER**

**THE COMPANY**

- Incorporated in 2009 as a New Jersey non-profit 501c3
- Currently staffed with thirty employees
- Serving Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties
- Burlington, Cape May, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties recently added

**PROGRAMS**

**Workplus**

- Job skills and job placement programs since 2001 for clients on public assistance
- Salem, Gloucester and Burlington Counties
- Total of over 2800 job placements to date (**Salem Programs - 1167 job placements**)
- Salem County program placed over 200 clients in jobs in the past twelve months.
- *Workplus* Fast Track™ initiative in Salem County, March 2014
- Specialized Certification Programs

**Parolee Employment Placement Program**

- Job skills and placement program since 2011 for parolees currently under supervision
- Program expanded in 2014 to Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, Mercer, Hunterdon, and Monmouth Counties

**Youth Programs (WIA Funded)**

- Salem and Burlington Counties – career exploration and mentoring

**Programs in Correctional Facilities**

- Gloucester County from 2011 to May 2013
- Salem County from 2011 to present
- Fairton Federal Correctional Institution since April 2013
- Burlington County Probation since 2012
- Camden County to begin in fall of 2014

**New Options Farm™**

- Salem County
- Sustainable operation staffed by the disabled
- Groundbreaking in August 2014

**Transportation**

- Three shift coverage to Pureland, Commodore, Gateway Industrial Parks

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Expungements, SAFARI™, GED preparation

**PARTNERSHIPS**

Employers, Judiciary, School Districts, Freeholders, WIBs, Faith Based Organizations, non-profits

**FUTURE FOCUS**

Veterans and the disabled, specialized training, transportation expansion

## **Committee Reports**

### **Administrative – Director Acton**

- Veterans Office has been moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> street complex, and the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 24<sup>th</sup> went well. Freeholder Bobbitt, Freeholder Laury and Freeholder Vanderslice attended. Joe Hannagan is settling nicely.
- Jersey Fresh Program is offered at the Vocational School, where only New Jersey produce is used to give to the students. Secretary of Agriculture, Doug Fisher attended the Vocational School to see the new program, Freeholder Bobbitt was in attendance.
  - The Vo-Tech has a van in which the electric shop, cad shop, welding shop and auto shop all helped to outfit this van which is used for produce.
- PSE&G has their public meeting today about the 4<sup>th</sup> reactor at Salem Community College. At the least meeting there were only 2 people in attendance, this meeting had over 200 people, Con, about zero people from Salem County, most of the attendees were environmentalist.
  - Also PSE&G had a team building meeting with emergency and public safety personnel which went really well. It is important to know who everyone is and their contacts.
- The One-Stop would like to have a job fair with the high school students of Penns Grove and Salem. Will be held at the Vocational school for half a day. Kudos to the One-Stop
- Dedication of New Sweden Heritage Plaques & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on October 18, 2014 from 2:00PM to 2:15PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse. Alesia Hogate would really appreciate is all the Freeholders attended.
- There will be a moment of silence downstairs.
- Wanted to note that there are so many talented and creative minds in Salem County. The streets in Woodstown look great with the scarecrows, and Freeholder Vanderslice and Freeholder Bobbitt can agree that at the Pumpkin Carve event, it really showed off so much talent, it was incredible.

### **Public Works – Freeholder Laury**

- Thanked the Public Works Department. They have been cutting weeks off this Willow Grove Road Project. At the next meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, they will be reviewing bids and possibly choosing a contractor for that night Freeholder Meeting. If anyone happens to see or speak with Tammy or Diana, please thank them for all their hard work
- The road will be closing soon and also for the next 10 months.
- Must be out of the water come March 2015 due to fish spawn.
- Cumberland County starts work October 1<sup>st</sup>, we are hoping to start by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We have 2/3 of the project to cover

### **Public Safety – Freeholder Cross**

- Met with the OEM staff at the 911 center
  - Replaced the combiners at Penns Grove, which has reduced the static in the transmission
  - Still waiting on another 1,000 filters
- New Part-time dispatchers were hired, 11 new employees, it provides a pool in case we are to pull some full time dispatchers out if we are to expand
- With the OEM has 100% participation with the drill
- October 22, they will be meeting with the municipalities to discuss their respective exercises to help fill their requirements because a lot of them don't get together to help formulate plans.
- Now have a stainless steel firehouse which will hold 8,000 gallons of drinking water in the event of an accident to any of our municipalities
- Fire Academy , 15 people in the hazmat class right now. Getting new 8 hazmat members from the class to join the Salem County team. Also providing instructor level training, has 16 members.
- Tabletop and active shooter drills are continuing with the October date which will be occurring at the Courthouse. Many of you should have received a test text or email, there was no delay in any of the systems or software. Worked as design.

- Prosecutors Office – Thank you to Katie Coleman for finding some additional funding, a grant or bond that was laying around. Prosecutor Lenahan has improved and added to the key fobs which adds additional security for all the officers on all the doors.
- SCIA meeting is next Thursday.
- Sheriff Miller is still looking to reschedule a meeting date with Gloucester County.

### **Social Services – Freeholder Timberman**

- The bookmobile will be receiving new laptops since their original ones were stolen. This will help because there is an automated system in the van.
  - Relieved to know that the garage labor is covered, that is moving forward
  - Still having an issue with the slowness of getting their allocations, had to borrow from their friends of the bookmobile which is a non-profit to cover payroll. Not sure if anything can be done about that.
  - Director Acton stated that they came to the last Admin meeting and the situation is handled and resolved.
- Board of Social Services met last week, their big issues were concerns with security. The person that was hired never showed up. Exhausted their civil service list, no one they can really employ, now looking into doing consultative type coverage because the Sheriff does not have enough staff to help them. Right now they have one part-time person, just trying to fix their security issue.
  - Director Acton stated that Freeholder Laury had brought this to their attention and security cameras are being looked into. The County is doing it everywhere and the Sheriff's department will be watching the cameras.
  - Freeholder Timberman stated that they are happy that the parking lot has been repaved and opened up some more spaces for parking.
  - Employees are a little bit nervous with their negotiations coming up.
  - Director Acton stated that drop down clothes will be put in from the ceiling and they will be down after hours.
  - Freeholder Timberman stated that a lot of inappropriate statements were brought up at the Board meeting which should have been brought up at the staff meeting.

### **Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice**

- The first flu-clinic was held September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Salem County Fairgrounds as a drive-thru. 332 flu shots were administered, and with the help of the nursing students from Salem Community College, the Health Department, Freeholder Bobbitt, and Director Acton, and myself made this event a success.
  - The next nighttime clinic will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Elmer Grange from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.
  - The next daytime clinic will be October 14 at Salem Community College from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.
  - The Health Department will be partnering with Meals on Wheels, so for the people that cannot get out to receive a flu shot; a nurse will go to their residence and administer the shot. In the process of completing all the paperwork.
- The Senior Box Lunches program is a long time coming is deemed a remote senior nutrition lunch and will be part of the Health Departments Walk N' Talk program. The first Box Lunch outing will be held at Marlton Park, Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>. If seniors want additional information, they can call the county number 856-935-7510 x 8622 for more information. Totally free for residents 60 years of age and older.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, there was a formal dedication ribbon cutting of the new Oldmans Township walking path from 5 – 6:30pm. Director Acton and Freeholder Laury attended. I could not attend, but I received great reports from the ceremony. All sorts of great booths were set up such as free produce, cookbooks, and organic kettle corn.

### **Public Services – Freeholder Bobbitt**

- Nothing to new to report on

**Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware**

- Nothing new to report on.
- Had a question pertaining to the PSE&G hearing, where are we on this?
- Deputy Director Cross stated that they are one of the few in the country that has all their early permitting paperwork completed, but because of the low natural gas prices, the net worth of the company is the same as the cost of a new constructed reactor. There is a new company in Camden that received a \$280 million dollar grant called Hol-tech, will be making a smaller reactor, which not be requiring all the systems we have now.
- Freeholder Ware asked if the same access road will be used if something is built?
- Deputy Director Cross stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> access road has always been a concern.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion adjourn, second by Deputy Director Cross carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch  
Clerk of the Board