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 and Acton. Freeholder Timberman arrived late. Freeholder Ware was not in attendance.

Kathleen Mills; Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and Tourist Information Services

I just want to update the Freeholders on what the Office of Cultural and Heritage has been up to lately. I work with four ladies and we have been actively engaging in new ideas on events. I am asking for strong support not only from the public but from the Freeholders for me to keep these volunteers engaged, anything from sharing a post on Facebook or encouraging sponsors to help us accomplish our goals.

Kathleen touched based on the following event lineup for 2014:

**Music Around the County**
8 Volunteers
Divas and Dueling Organs programs were very successful concerts
Attendance for all concerts averages 200 guests
Sponsorship $1400.00
$100 over budgeted revenues in Free will offerings
Next Free Concert -Woodstown Presbyterian Church –MUSIC IN BLOOM May 18, 3PM
WHS Choirs along with WHS student art exhibit
FUTURE: expand musical repertoire to include more types of music and new audiences

**Arts In Bloom**
Committee of 20-25
60 artists/27 Stops
Added 2 stops in Pedricktown this year
Added 3 new artists
Included lodging
Sponsorship – $4500.00  Mannington Mills - new
FUTURE: Weekend arts festival with Welcome Center
Expanding definition of ART to include music/performance
2015 – Theme: *Art With Roots: Works Created From and Inspired by the Salem Oak*

**Tourism Advisory Council**
10 volunteers
Brochure distribution
Salem County Fair Booth
FUTURE: Hands on marketing assistance, tourism brochure updates
Involvement with Vintage Wine tour
Cultural & Heritage Commission
10 volunteers
Local Historian Project
Strategic Plan update
Salem County Historical Society’s House tour – tour volunteers
Salem County Fair Booth
NJ350
FUTURE: Revival of Teen Arts Festival in streamlined format

2014 Grantees
HISTORY – Salem County Genealogical Society, Salem County Library, Greater Elmer Area Historical Society
ART – Lenni-Lenape Powwow, Oakwood Summer theatre, Salem Community College, Salem County Art League Stand Up for Salem, and Woodstown-Pilesgrove Rotary

Challenges: Teen Arts Festival – Committee needed

Photo Contest
PARTNER: Salem County Art League
Underwhelming response – C&H Commission extended deadline to June 30

Arbor Day
PARTNER: Woodstown Shade Tree Committee
April 25, 2014  6:30 PM Memorial Lake, Woodstown
5 volunteers on Planning Group – many more preparing the 350 saplings (white oak) to be given away!

A Day at the Farm
PARTNER: Pennsville Township Historical Society
June 7
Joint marketing planned for event
County support has allowed them to expand offerings at the event

July 4 Parade
PARTNER: 4th of July Parade Committee
The theme of the parade is LIBERTY
Branded as a NJ350 event
Support will partially augment prize money

Salem County Fair
Joint committee of C&H and TAC
Promote County and NJ350
Include Photo Contest winners in display

Bay Atlantic Symphony Ensemble Concert (Free Concert)
PARTNER: Music Around the County
October 5 – tentative
Pennsville High School – tentative
Sponsor: Pennsville Bank

Alloway Halloween Parade
PARTNER: Alloway Parade Committee
Meeting Monday, April 21 to discuss ways to support this parade

**Marketing through:** Facebook Page started late last year, tourism website, local print media, local online media, e-vites and announcements to group email lists. (Poster and rack card distribution by committees)

“Thank you to Freeholder Laury and Freeholder Ware for being my liaisons”

**Committee Reports**

**Administrative – Director Acton**

- Joe Hannagan
  - Has a project to continue to do the cemetery burial plots, new granite benches on here, the new main flagpole has been installed, and the 6 flagpoles to fly the military branches flags are ordered and should arrive in May. All engineering is complete.
  - Green Technologies is donating $2500.00 for grave markers.
  - George Marshall resigned off the Veterans Board, and Lester Harris passed away.
  - Resolutions are in place to appoint 2 new members to Veterans Board
  - Memorial Day plans have been reviewed, and Joe Hannagan will be Parade Marshall
  - Flag Day held on Tuesday June 10th.
  - Veterans Picnic will be held on September 20th at the Salem County Fairgrounds.
  - Veterans outreach event will be held November 6th at Salem Community College.
  - Veterans Salem County Memorial Service Medal Ceremony will be held on November 13th at the Salem Community College

- Treasury
  - CFO Katie Coleman has been working on the County Budget, which will be hopefully adopted tonight.
  - Clerk of the Board has been welcoming his new assistant Carey Bergholz.

**Public Works – Freeholder Laury**

- The Old Courthouse has just replaced all the piping underground, there were some leakage.
- The roof has just been replaced on the Old Courthouse.
- The elevator is currently being replaced in the Courthouse.
- The white building will be resurfaced with the outside being completely redone.
- The water tower needs to be redone at the Vo-Tec, its deteriorating.
- Fort Elfsborg Rd. in Elsinboro has received a million dollar grant to install a pump station so the road does not flood during storms and gives access way to the residents so they are no longer landlocked.
- We are looking to help raise Hook Road in Pennsville to help alleviate the flooding problem as well in 2017.
- Elmer-Shirley Road will be redone at the end of 2014 or 2015.
- Salem Hancocks Bridge road is next to be redone early May.
- Commissioners Pike will be replaced on April 21st.
- Lower Mill Road, the Palatine Culvert bridge has been awarded to R.E. Pierson

**Public Safety – Freeholder Cross**

- Had monthly meeting with Prosecutor Lenahan, who was recognized for the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year for Salem County. The entire department does a fantastic job and continues to work hard.
Sheriff Miller and John Cuzzupe are continuing on with renovations taking place at the 9/11 facility. They are continuing to upgrade equipment to have a better work flow in the facility. Dispatchers will be able to see the entire room.

- This upcoming week is Dispatchers week.
- SCIA meeting went well, new chair is in place. Seeing an increase in revenues.
- OEM – Could not attend meeting

Social Services – Freeholder Timberman
- Commission on Woman had annual luncheon. Very successful in honoring 5 women
- May 10th will be a Mother’s Day breakfast at the PSEG Training Center.
- Salem County Women Services are having a wine tasting fundraiser on May 1st at Auburn Winery, $25.00 a ticket, other beverages will available. 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and a speaker will be present.
- The book mobile has a meeting at 5:00pm on April 21st at the Mannington campus.
- The book mobile is having a Weird New Jersey Folklore presentation by Dr. Michael Rockland, Professor of NJ History at Rutgers University. Friday May 16th at 7:00pm at the County Book mobile library.
- BOE are looking for any board workers who would like to take classes to work elections.

Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice
- Attended monthly meeting with the Health Department with Freeholder Timberman on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Going to put more emphasis on prevention after seeing statistics.
- Outdoor Walks of the “Move Yourself Salem County” has started
- Work has started on the walking path in Oldmans Township
- Environmental Services has a new Inspector, Lisa Grant.
- Loud noise in Carneys Point due to Cogeneration Plant should now be limited to day time hours only
- There are two (2) postings for nursing positions that need to be filled.
- New 30 second commercial on Comcast, promoting free cancer screenings for prostate, cervical, colon and breast for Salem County residents who are not insured or under insured.

Public Services – Freeholder Bobbit
- No reports at this time

Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware
- Absent

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ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, second by Deputy Director Cross, carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board