

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 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 and Acton. Freeholder Ware was not in attendance.

Cindy Randazzo; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Cindy is the Director of the Office of Local Government Assistance at NJDEP, her roles is to assist all 565 municipalities of the 21 counties to help maintain the 2800 employees that represent 75+ programs. Duties range from underground surge tanks, state parks, water quality and water supply, hazardous waste, radiation, nuclear.

There's a variety of different programs can could affect anything and the NJDEP is there to make these programs more user friendly and customer service friendly. The NJDEP use to get a lot of negative feedback, and now with new people in charge, they are making it known by visiting different places in New Jersey, that they are available, and want all the municipalities and counties to know that.

The winners and participants of the "Are You Talkin' to Me" video contest which was sponsored by the Salem County Department of Health & Human Services were recognized.

- 1st Place – Brittney Rodriguez
- 2nd Place- Taylor Hitt, Paige Dowell, Raelyn Hoyle
- 3rd Place – Jamie Crescenzi, Darcey Falen, Brianna Weaver, Abigail Warner

Videos were played

Director Acton thanked everyone for participating and congratulated all the winners.

Raymond Bolden - Inter-Agency Council

Raymond informed the Freeholder Board that the Vo-Tech School will not be renewing their school based youth services contract for July. This was \$278,000.00 contract to assist 300 students. Raymond pushed the issue of asking the Freeholders for their support in helping this contract and funds stay within Salem County.

2014 – Inter Agency Council of Human Services – Programs

“The mission of the Inter Agency Council as a private non-profit organization is to plan, advocate, collaborate, develop and implement programs for Salem County residents”

County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC)

The HSAC is a county-based planning, advisory and coordinating program dedicated to helping the community meet its human service needs.

Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC)

CIACC coordinates services to emotionally disturbed children and their families who require specialized services of one or more providers. The Bridging-the-Gap initiative is a significant part of this coordination as providers work with schools to identify the most appropriate referral sites for services based on the presenting problems of children and families.

Leased Apartments/Homes Program (SLAP)

SLAP is a transitional supportive housing program targeting families and individuals who are homeless residents of Salem County. The homeless populations served include the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS as well as others with socioeconomic issues. There are between 12-15 leased apartments/homes throughout the county through a collaboration of five agencies.

Families and Schools Together (FAST)

FAST is a multifamily group intervention designed to build protective factors in children and empower parents to be the primary prevention agents for their children. Facilitators are trained and certified by the FAST National Evaluation and Training Center to provide services in four Salem County School Districts.

Parents Anonymous (PA)

PA is a free volunteer-based support group for parents who are concerned about their relationships with their children. They meet once a week as a group facilitated by IAC staff to share feelings about themselves, their parenting and other related issues.

Pregnancy Prevention Program (PPP)

PPP is an outreach and education program that targets youth in Salem County that may be at risk of becoming pregnant before they are ready to have children. These services are sub-contracted with Cornerstone Women's Services.

Prevention Services (PS)

PS provides case management and support services to families struggling to maintain self-sufficiency by providing them with the tools to enhance their growth and development as a family and to empower them to take action to improve their well-being. The IAC has oversight responsibility for the sub-contract with Robins' Nest, Inc. in collaboration with the YMCA of Salem County.

The IAC is also transitioning to take on the Administration of the Salem County Youth Services Commission and the Continuum of Care Committee.

Committee Reports

Administrative – Director Acton

- Completed the Newsletter, also available online
 - Julie received letters commending the County's K-9 Unit available.
 - Salem County Arts in Bloom – May 17 and 18.
 - Music in Bloom – May 18.
 - Memorial Day Parade and Services – May 26, Services held at 12:00pm at Cemetery.
 - IT will be starting resolutions to upgrade county systems.
 - The County Government Facebook page has been taking off really well.
 - May 17th at 10:100am, the Pennsville VFW, Memorial Day Parade.
- Treasury
 - CFO Katie Coleman has been sending in County Budget and finalizing everything involved, and working with the industrial pollution control financing authority.

Public Works – Freeholder Laury

- Salem Hancocks Bridge Road is being resurfaced from Hagersville Rd. to Rt. 49, Federally Funded.
- Commissioners Pike is being resurfaced from Woodstown Alloway Road to Watsons Mill Rd., Federally Funded.
- ADA curb ramps at various locations throughout the County., State Funded.
- Resurfacing (State Funded)
 - Pointers-Auburn Rd. from Marshalltown Rd. to By-Pass Road.
 - Woodstown-Alloway Rd. from East Lake Road Brick Yard Rd.
 - Woodstown-Pedricktown Rd. from Pennsville-Auburn Rd. to Freed Road.
 - Woodstown-Alloway Rd. from Bailey St. to Liberty Ave.
 - Hollywood Ave. from Rt. 130 to Pennsville-Auburn Rd.
- Palatine Culvert Replacement on Lower Mill Road near Sheep Pen Road in Pittsgrove Township.
- Working on 2 dam rehabilitation projects; Willow Grove Dam on Willow Grove Rd. and Camp Karney Dam on Avis Mill Rd.
- Fort Elfsborg Rd. in Elsinboro project is moving right along.
- Looking for someone part-time in the summer, see COB for application.
- Pothole in Elsinboro will be fixed on 5/8/2014.

Public Safety – Freeholder Cross

- New systems will be purchased to replace the 8year old systems. Instead of dispatchers using 3 different computers to run their programs and software's, they will only need 1. 3 computers are needed ASAP and 6 will follow after the 911 center is renovated.
- Tower upgrde is complete.
- Sheriff along with CFO have been working on a resolution to be presented at the Freeholder Meeting finalizing an agreement with Gloucester County which will average 6.1million dollars coming into the County each year.
- County Correctional Facility went under a recent inspection by the department of corrections and received a 100% score.
- Firefighter I classes, 19 students remaining in the program, includes Vo-Tec students.
- Global Mechanical from Kennett Square will be conducting test done on the piping and valve manifolds, Installation on site to begin next week.

- All labor and costs are being paid for by 3 companies in the Pedricktown Industrial Park; Mexichem, Oxyvinyls and Lubrizol; funding up to \$13,000.00.
- The County received an equipment donation from Fame Fire in West Chester. New and lightly used items were donated saving the County \$10,000.00.
- A portion of HEMP, \$21,500.00 of an originally requested amount of \$35,000.00 grant is being used to for training and educating in hazmat areas for technicians, volunteer first responders, and functional bus transport exercises.
- Fixed site Chemical Plant tabletop exercise to be conducted in conjunction with the emergency response community in Pennsville.
- Emergency services exercise, FEMA radiological exercise to be held May 12, at the EOC 9am-noon.
- Tuesday May 20th is the actual FEMA graded exercises.
- SCIA – Finalized an agreement on the repayment of the sale of the nursing home, and will be discussing further in closed session.

Social Services – Freeholder Timberman

- Commission on Women Breakfast was very successful.
- Had a successful Salem County Women Services fundraiser at the Winery.
- BOE are looking for any board workers who would like to take classes to work elections.

Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice

- Teen Pregnancy Prevention, the videos will be presented to the parenthood on ways to help talk to your children, this is being funded by the Health and Wellness Foundation.
- County Recreational Park in Oldmans Twp in underway.
- Penns Grove Men’s softball league has volunteered to clean up the sites.
- YMCA of Carneys Point has partnered with the Office on Aging and they are offering classes at the YMCA through a grant for seniors and older adults.

Public Services – Freeholder Bobbit

- No reports on schools.
- Had a meeting with Dale Cross, Dara Ruiz, and Glen Donaldson and the committee has decided to bring the One-Stop into the County, and is looking for support. Resolutions to come before the Freeholder Board.

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board

