

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2015
6:00 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 Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice Timberman Painter, Ware and Acton.

Presentation:

John Cuzzupe:

- Initiated police dispatching for Carneys Point Police Department and Pennsville Police Department on August 1, 2015.
- Initiated "Go Live" with new multi-jurisdictional police Enforsys CAD system.
- The addition of two police agencies increased CAD calls 38% in August and September (CPPD=2358, PVPD =3183).
- The addition of two police agencies increased phone calls Year to Date by 50% (from 2230 in 2014 to 4564 in 2015).
- Currently working with Enforsys vendor to solidify the Fire/EMS response database in preparation to "go live" with Enforsys CAD for Fire/EMS dispatching.
- Hired 8 part time trainees effective 10/19/15.

Committee Reports

Administrative – Director Acton

- Tourism/Economic Development
 - Freeholder Painter and Director Acton attended the Heartland of New Jersey. Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem and Atlantic counties, are what we call New Jersey's Heartland. It is connected with Pascale Skyes Foundation and New Jersey Community Capital. They are working on a tourism/ economic development campaign.
- Veterans Office
 - Joe Hannagan will be attending the certification training in October to keep his Veterans Services status current.
- Treasury
 - The budget is starting to be worked on and request from departments are coming in.
- HR/Payroll
 - Health Insurance may not increase.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the First Responders dinner
- Elected Officials Rodeo- sold 300 tickets, kudos to Brenda Banks for both of these events. 70 guests were from Cape May County.
- Shared Service Agreement: We are going to be sharing our purchasing agent with SCIA to help reduce costs.
- Miss Salem County – Brenda Zeck was the winner – Miss Salem County Outstanding Teen was Sarah Muhs
- Continuing Gov 101 classes- huge success with the students and department heads.
- The Fall 2015 Newsletter will be coming out in the next couple weeks

- Freeholder Director Acton and Freeholder Vanderslice attended the DuPont Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting. DuPont is looking to get rid of their surplus vehicles.

Public Works – Freeholder Laury

- County survived the storm
- Willow Grove Lake open date is January 4th
- Hook Road is scheduled for 2017, trying to change to 2016
- Centerline rumble strips are coming, they will be grant funded, 20 miles of road strips
- 2+ million for 2017 for roads from SJTPO
- Cheryl Reardon would like to put rain gardens in Woodstown and requests to be on the Workshop Agenda.
- Shared Services having a meeting in a week and half, looking to discuss and research looking at shared health insurance with municipalities, schools, and SCIA
- Code Enforcement – shared services agreement with municipalities. This would require including the officials from the municipalities for their input to ensure a successful shared service.
- Veterans Court being dedicated Saturday at 10am at Gateway Business Park
- Mid-Atlantic is now having a bus service to Gateway Business Park

Community Services – Freeholder Timberman

- Women Services
 - New board member, Stephanie Hassler
 - Women services has received several grants for sexual violence services projects and counseling services projects
 - Just had their annual dinner which was a success.
- Library Commission – waiting on approval for new members
 - Looking to replace the driver who just quit
- NJAC
 - December 18th Annual Conference – Topic is Bail Reform
 - Commended Salem County for the Cowtown Event
 - Share county tax administrators – pilot program
 - Long term Tax abatements- will email to all Freeholders
 - Prohibiting commercial entities from using OPRAs for business purposes

Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice

- Work on Grieves Parkway for the mud diggers ditch has been completed. This was grant funded by the PCFA to clear the ditch. The project cost was \$132,250.00.
- Economic Development :Chemours will be attending the next economic development meeting next week to present an update. A marketing company will also be in attendance in regards to marketing approximately 1000 acres of real estate. Committee hoping for development of this area as it has great potential including rail. Kudos to Kathleen Mills. We recently had a business reach out to us regarding a warehouse in Salem and we advised them to the Business Action Center. They are interested in the former Wire Pro building.
- There has been interest in the old Superfresh (Walmart Shopping Center) in Pennsville, possibly a fitness center.
- One of DuPont's product lines is a material that is used in new Apple watch band. Pointed out that products are a compilation of many parts and having the several parts manufactured in one location would bring several jobs along with it.
- Atlantic and Salem Counties are the two worst categories in terms of unsold homes. There are over 700 homes on the market in Salem County. The creation of jobs will facilitate the sale of homes.
- A huge thanks to the Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation grant to help with the flu clinic. No taxpayer dollars will be used for flu cliThere will be 10 clinics.
- Flu Clinics – LAC (51 shots), Oldmans (147 shots) and Pennsville(124 shots) had great turn outs and more to come. Upcoming clinics include Schalick (October 8), Community College (October 13), and drive thru clinic at the county fairgrounds (October 19). One will be added at the Cedar Lane Auction.

- FamCare (Pennsville) will do all the clinical visits and testing and care for HIV and STDs, children and adults who need immunization referring to the Southern Jersey Family Medical Center (Salem), cancer screening will be done through Inspira through the state grant.
- Going to reduce the budget for the 2016 year provided we do not lose any services. Goal for cuts is 20%

Transportation, Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware

- Cultural and Heritage – Meeting Thursday 11/5
- Tourism Advisory Council – Meeting on 10/20
- Kathleen Mills is speaking at the Penns Grove Rotary meeting on Thursday 10/8
- Pascal Sykes Grant – Woodstown Fall Festival was very successful ...gave out 750 car clings
 - Attended Pascal Sykes “Heartland” campaign press conference on Saturday 10/3
- Working on date for press conference for DISCOVER SALEM COUNTY WEEKENDS Campaign – November
 - Beginning to gather needed parts to let businesses know what we are up to with Weekend campaign
- Seven Steps of Freedom signs –will order and erect signs in near future –still in the works!
- Arts In Bloom – Sponsorship campaign has begun, some money coming in -
 - Big mailing in next few weeks. Next meeting is 10/21
- Music Around the County Tunes from the Crypt 10/23 – Don’t miss it! Next Meeting 10/21
- Grant Applications for Arts & History are out – Grant review meetings – tonight 10/7 and Friday 10/9
 - Had 3 history grant applications – up one from last year
 - 8 Art Applications – up one from last year

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Laury, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board