

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 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.

Department Reports:

• **Administrative – Director Acton**

- Admin Move
 - WB Mason has delivered draft drawings of the move. Stacy, Jeff and Jessica will be reviewing them next week and making appropriate changes. Once the final drawings are complete the Admin Board will review and approve. WB Mason will then be able to provide a quote for disassembling and moving any large furniture that Facilities cannot handle.
- Cameras for White Building
 - It was determined that a camera system inside the White Building is not ideal because of its convoluted layout. The Sheriff's Department is looking into extending their camera coverage to include the front and rear exists. Panic buttons are also being considered.
- IT Upgrade
 - Green Technology performed an upgrade to our servers over the Holiday weekend. This included migrating all County exchange email accounts from the old server to the new server. Departments are experiencing issues that are being addressed by Green Technology as they arise. Gary Green hopes to have all the issues worked out over the next couple of days and thanks everyone for their patience.
- ADP/Payroll
 - Payroll pushed out the new ADP Self Service Portal last week. Many employees have been using the new features and require minimal assistance.
- HR
 - HR continues to work on the ACA reporting. HR will be meeting with an ACA representative on 12/4/15 and 12/16/15 to make sure reports are complete and that the County is in compliance with all 2015-2016 ACA regulations.
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• **Employment/Education – Freeholder Painter**

- Salem Community College:
 - President Gorman will present a report on his first 100 days at the next Freeholder workshop meeting (December 16, 2015).
 - Freeholder Painter enjoyed serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the students along with other board members and staff last week.
 - The Salem Community College Board's re-organization was held on November 19, 2015. John Ashcraft returned as Chair and Dot Hall as Vice-Chair.
 - A motion is on the agenda to appoint Jason Supernavage to another four year term.
 - Key Communicator Cards have been given to each Freeholder
- SCVTS/SCSSSD:
 - SCVTS: The expansion project is 99% complete and is down to punch list items. There will be a dedication in mid January that will include a tour of the cosmetology space that has been re-done do be more like a salon. Invitations will be forthcoming.
 - Mr. Helder and Mr. Swain visited with Johnson and Towers to explore corporate partnership opportunities for the development of a Diesel Mechanics program.
- SCSSD:
 - Freeholder Painter visited Daretown School last Tuesday for Thanksgiving lunch.
 - The transportation is in place with the leasing of 3 vans for the TCP (Transitional Career Program)
 - New playground has been installed at the Cumberland Campus.
 - Holiday Bazaar this Saturday (November 28, 2015) from 8-1 benefitting SCSSD and the FFA program
- Superintendent of Schools:

- Nothing to Report
 - Workforce Development Board:
 - The WDB is always looking for business representation, if any companies come to mind let Freeholder Painter know.
 - One Stop Center:
 - The Dept. of Labor Business Outreach has office space in with the One Stop.
 - Ms. Grasso has reenergized the CWEP program (Community Work Experience Program). 5 or 6 clients are currently enrolled. Ms. Grasso and Dave Zeck will be visiting with employers tomorrow.
 - HMS Host is having a job fair tomorrow (November 26, 2015) at the state office in the college building
 - Board of Social Services:
 - Next meeting is Dec. 7th 6PM in the Olde Courthouse.
 - Chamber of Commerce:
 - The Leadership breakfast is scheduled for this Friday (November 27, 2015) 8:30am SCVTS
 - State of the County will be held on January 28, 2016 at SCVTS
 - Outreach initiative continues as we will be visiting businesses at Gateway on December 11, 2015.
 - The January 14, 2016 Chamber Mixer will be from 8-10 am at Hitchner Furniture 583 Salem Quinton Rd.
- **Public Safety – Freeholder Cross**
 - SHERIFF & PROSECUTOR
 - The major point of focus for both groups right now is the proposed Bail Reform. The proposed changes will be a major overhaul of the current system and it has created a number of unanswered questions for ALL counties in the State of New Jersey.
 - NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties) will be holding a Summit on Friday, December 18, 2015 in Trenton with several keynote speakers that will address the proposed changes and what it will mean to the counties and our judicial system.
 - Executive Director John Donnadio of NJAC has put together two outstanding panel discussions for an educational and informative event as Camden, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties must implement the new law in 2016 with the remaining counties on board in 2017. The Administrative Office of the Courts will provide a comprehensive overview of the State's new bail and speedy trial law. The second panel will discuss critical components of successful prisoner re-entry initiatives and other community-based programs that serve as effective alternatives to incarceration.
 - SCIA
 - SCIA is following up on the current move to implement the Flow Control initiative. Necessary paperwork is being forwarded to the State for review and they will await comment before the Public Hearings can be scheduled to discuss the topic before final adoption can take place. In addition, SCIA is pushing forward to satisfy the necessary steps in gaining approval for the next cell at the Solid Waste facility.
 - OEM
 - Next Wednesday, December 9, 2015 @ 6:30 pm a live fire demo will take place for private industry, fire companies and county OEM coordinators of the LP gas prop training area. It is very much an eye opening experience and one that hopefully bides well during budget talks insofar as being able to attract a different customer base to bring in revenue.
- **Transportation / Cultural and Heritage – Freeholder Ware**
 - Press Conference will be held December 11, 2015 at 10:00am in the Olde Courthouse for Discover the Road less traveled campaign. RSVP to Brenda Banks at ext. 8203.
 - Cultural and Heritage will meet tomorrow, November 26, 2015.
 - Tourism will meeting on December 15, 2015.
 - Arts in Bloom will be meeting December 9 2015.
 - Woodstown by Candlelight will be held December 4th
 - The Annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 5, 2015 at 11:00am followed by the Yuletide House Tour with a Christmas Lighting at 6:30pm.
- **Health and Human – Freeholder Vanderslice**
 - Friday December 4, 2015 is the Annual Office on Aging Holiday Shopping Event. Lunches will be provided to those senior citizens who signed up in advance. Several vendors will be present. Health Department will be providing free screenings and flu shots.
 - Walk and Talk Program has moved indoors. It will take place at the 5th Street complex on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. Those who participate will receive a free lunch if registered in advance.

- Becky Foracker is the new Mental Health Administrator through a shared services contract with Gloucester County.
- Dr. Robert Smick from Woodstown is the new Medical Director.
- The rescheduled flu clinic will be December 8, 2015 at the Vocational School from 4-7pm. There will be one more after this one.
- Economic Development – Last meeting was exceptional. Phase one of the report of Oldmans Airport was presented. The possibilities were phenomenal and we look forward to phase two. It is hopeful to use the airport as an economical development tool due to its close proximity to Gateway Park. Phase two will consist of more warehouses. Chemours is the next great possibility regarding economic development. They are an international company and have been conducting surveys.
- **Public Works – Freeholder Laury**
 - The Oldmans Trestle Project was delayed due to the steel order and permits required.
 - Snow fences are being placed and put up around the County
 - There are talks about putting in a roundabout in Pittsgrove at six points which funding can come from another source. Looking for another possible roundabout to be placed in Salem County. Potential locations include Pedricktown near the Baptist Church and Centerton. There is funding available to do the studies and evaluations.
 - Director Acton suggested the intersection near Greenbranch Park in Pittsgrove.
 - Cordy Taylor has brought to the committee's attention that Exit 10 on 295 in the morning takes 10 minutes to get off the exit. Therefore, vehicles are traveling to Exit 7 causing some traffic issues. The goal is to slow up the traffic and not stop it.
 - There are numerous roads under the SJTPO which will be scheduled for resurfacing in the upcoming months. \$2.4 million offered for the 2015 year in funding.
 - Bridges – The county has received \$1 million in the past few years for bridges. There is one structurally deficient bridge in Salem County which is Jesse Bridge in Pittsgrove on Gershal Road. Grant funded studies are being done in regards to this bridge.
 - Willow Grove Bridge should be opened in January if coordination with Cumberland County goes as planned. The bridge, however, will be closed in the spring for repaving purposes.
 - LAC – Abbotts Farm Road, the State may have available funding for this project per Jeff Ridgway. There are several breaches in the dykes which floods this road continuously. It is state property but affects Salem County residents.
- **Community Service – Freeholder Timberman**
 - IAC/YSC/CIACC
 - Co-sponsored a forum on November 19, 2015 at SCC with Southern Regional Child Care Resource Center/EIRC for teachers, counselors, child care providers, etc. with a free screening of a documentary film, "The Raising of America." After the film was shown, an expert panel answered questions raised from the audience and facilitator. The film talked about child care indicators in our country and the widening gap between our country and other developed countries on child care and child preparation for learning. Also, fresh food availability and food deserts, lack of healthy choices, were a focus.
 - The US has slipped from 1st place in 1970 for children completing high school, and children going on to college to now being one of the last in the developed countries.
 - A handout with Childcare indicators in Salem County 2014 was distributed.
 - Parent web links were shared. NJParentLink.org
 - NJ Healthy Communities Network
 - RW Johnson Foundation has shifted to a culture of equity, not of health.
 - Too Fat to Fight, a national security study, can be found at www.njaccrra.org.
 - SC Library Commission-
 - Amelia Salinas has been hired as a clerk/driver.
 - The commission sponsored "Curiosity Creates" on November 21, 2015 and had about 17 kids participate in the 4 hour program. They were mentored by tradesmen and created projects that were built out of supplies found in the library. These projects were then judged. The kids enjoyed pizza and some yummy desserts too. This was paid grant funded.
 - The commission thanks the county for receiving the 4th quarter allocation
 - SCWS
 - Had a good profit on their annual dinner. Looking for volunteers to be trained in Support of Sexual Assault Victims for next year.
 - Bedbug infestation at the shelter has resulted in the need to dispose all of their furniture and buy new furniture.

- NJAC
 - Update is being distributed via copy of Exec. Director John Donnadio's email on Bail Reform Update.
 - Per John Donnadio "As you may know, NJAC and county officials from the four bail reform pilot counties (Camden, Morris, Passaic, and Sussex) met with the Senate Democratic Office yesterday to discuss the projected costs and possible remedies to implement bail reform and the new speedy trial law. I thought the meeting, attended by freeholders, prosecutors, jail wardens, and administrators, went very well and NJAC plans to move forward by taking the following immediate actions as time is of the essence if we're to secure critical funding in the next State budget cycle."
 - The following steps are necessary:
 1. Quantify the costs associated with implementing bail reform and speedy trial by collecting data from all 21 counties and summarizing that data accordingly.
 2. Using the data collected, advocate for a substantial and justified State appropriation by meeting with the Administration and legislative leaders from both sides of the aisle and in both houses.
 3. Also using the data collected, advocate for having Camden County serve as the sole pilot county in 2016 as the County has already implemented many of the reforms called for under the new law, by meeting with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).
 4. Review the new law to determine if delaying its implementation to 2018 is possible.
 5. If all else fails and the new law in its entirety is not an exclusion to the State's prohibition against unfunded mandates, file an action with the State Council on Local Mandates. However, NJAC should proceed cautiously with this option as Camden County has significantly reduced its jail population as should the new law in the long run."
- COW
 - Nomination forms are available on line for Women of Achievement. Luncheon is scheduled for April 2, 2016.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Laury, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Crouch
Clerk of the Board