

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MAY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Chaplain Joe Farro led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer.

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, Painter, Timberman, Vanderslice, Ware and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 6, 2015 Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no further discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote of 7/0.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to approve the waiver of the rules and add the two Resolutions to the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Recognizing EMS Week

Recognizing B. Harold Smick Jr., 90th Birthday

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross. Motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman and carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

AMENDMENT TO THE 2015 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

R. 2015-221

ADMINISTRATIVE

County of Salem Resolution To Amend Budget

Deputy Director Ben Laury moved for the adoption of this (1) resolution with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution, Roll Call Vote, 6/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Freeholder Cross- for, Deputy Director Laury- for, Freeholder Vanderslice- for, Freeholder Painter – recused himself from the vote, Freeholder Ware – for.

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

Deputy Director Ben Laury moved for the adoption of the 2015 Salem County Budget with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Ware stated that CFO Katie Coleman has been doing an excellent job with what she has to work with, but with the tax revenue going up 1.2 million and the tax rate going up 3.3 cents, he does not support this budget.

Freeholder Timberman also stated that she does not support this Budget because of the use of 4.4 million from surplus which is 1.6 million more than utilized last year. She reminded the board of a time when a budget was criticized for the use of surplus to reduce the tax rate by 2.2 cents. Additional concerns in regards to the Gloucester County inmates and the resulting rise in costs and lack of capital improvements.

Director Acton thanked them both for their comments and stated that \$3M of capital improvements are planned with the use of previous bond issuances. As far as the surplus, Director Acton stated that the budget only anticipates revenue from the minimum number of Gloucester County inmates. Additional inmates over the

minimum contracted amount will replenish surplus. She also stated her disappointment in both Freeholder Ware and Freeholder Timberman because of their lack of input during the budget process.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the 2015 Salem County Budget, Roll Call Vote, 4/2: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Timberman- against, Freeholder Cross- for, Deputy Director Laury- for, Freeholder Vanderslice- for, Freeholder Painter – recused himself from the vote, Freeholder Ware – against.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2015-222

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (Archer & Greiner - \$800.00)

R. 2015-223

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Authorizing The Country Of Salem To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Salem County Radio Control Model Airplane Club

R. 2015-224

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Declaring An Emergency Situation As To The Continued Data And Voice Communications To Various Departments Within The County Of Salem (Infinity Contracting, Inc. -\$30,157.20)

R. 2015-225

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Veterans Advisory Board (William Schiffbauer)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (4) four resolutions with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, Vanderslice, Timberman

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Timberman, Acton

R. 2015-226

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept A Grant For The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

R. 2015-227

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Supporting The Salem County Office On Aging To Accept A Grant For The Farm Market Grant

R. 2015-228

HEALTH & HUMAN

Resolution Authorizing Match Funding From Salem County Board Of Chosen Freeholders To Maintain 5310 Transportation (\$40,700.00)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Painter, Laury

R. 2015-229

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing Purchase For Maintenance Of Existing Proprietary Clerk Imaging And Transaction Management System For The County Of Salem (Eisenberg Associates - \$21,270.00)

R. 2015-230

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (Shirlee Manahan)

R. 2015-231

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Supporting The Recommendation Of The Inter Agency Council In The Distribution Of \$123,638 In Funds During The Period July 1, 2015 To June 30, 2016 Under The Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System, Social Services For The Homeless, TANF Homeless Initiative, And Fees For The HMIS Reporting System (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these (3) three resolutions with Freeholder Painter seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Ware

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ware, Cross, Timberman

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2015-232

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #1 Resurfacing Of Commissioner’s Pike, County Road #581, Phase 4 In Pilesgrove And Upper Pittsgrove Townships For The County Of Salem; NJDOT Job #7117304

R. 2015-233

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Lotus Avenue, County Road #678, South Main Street, County Road #672 And Marlton Road, County Road 636 In The Borough Of Woodstown, Salem County

R. 2015-234

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement Between The County Of Salem And The Board Of Education For Special Services District And Vocational Technical Services District Of The County Of Salem

R. 2015-235

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving Agreement Modification No. 1 To New Jersey Department Of Transportation Local Aid And Economic Development Agreement No. 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-406 Resurfacing Of Commissioner’s Pike, County Road #581, Phase IV In Pilesgrove And Upper Pittsgrove Townships For The County Of Salem, NJDOT Job #7117304

R. 2015-236

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving Agreement Modification No. 2 To New Jersey Department Of Transportation Local Aid And Economic Development Agreement No. 2014-DT-BLA-FEP-405 Resurfacing Of Elmer-Shirley Road, County Road #611, In Upper Pittsgrove and Pittsgrove Townships For The County Of Salem, NJDOT Job #7100320

R. 2015-237

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Deed Of Vacation Of A Drainage Easement Off Of Straughens Mills Road, County Road #643 In Oldmans Township For The County Of Salem

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (7) seven resolutions, with Freeholder Painter seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that on the news, he saw that there were 5 bridges in Cumberland County that needed emergency repair and based on conversations with Deputy Director Laury, all bridges in Salem County are up to date.

Deputy Director Laury stated that currently they have 2 bridges that are structurally deficient, which includes the one that was on the Agenda tonight to get an RFP to get that project started, the other bridge is already in process with the money in place which is on Friendship Road by Elmer which will be taken care of in the upcoming months. As the bridges get older, we are constantly inspecting them to make sure all are up to date. The next rounds of inspections are to take place here in the next 15 months.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that at the last Freeholder meeting, someone stated in the public comment section made mention of a facility in Salem County having mold and bedbugs. The Salem County Health and Human Services Department does not do inspections for those facilities, but all the information has been forwarded to a state and that organization will be notified and an inspection by the State will be completed shortly.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Acton stated that Monday is Memorial Day. Veterans Director Joe Hannagan has numerous events planned for the day with the Elmer Parade at 10am, Woodstown's ceremony at 10am, Elsinboro is having a ceremony on the river, Salem City is having an event at 10:45, and at noon will be the services at the Veterans Cemetery.

Freeholder Cross announced that the Firefighter One class will be graduating on Tuesday June 9, 2015 at 6pm at the Salem County Vocational School. The blue mass will be held May 28, 2015 at the Saint Gabriel Archangel Parish in Carneys Point, which will celebrate the law enforcement and emergency services of Salem County at 10:00am. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus.

Deputy Director Laury stated that they have been working on reenergizing the shared services committee for the shared EMS services and a variety of other services. With the help of Katie Coleman and Jessica Foote, the committee will be meeting on June 1, 2015 to look at shared services for payroll and health insurance for the entire county. Committee looks forward to providing future updates and potential cost savings.

Freeholder Doug Painter stated The Vocational School student Awards will be held June 3rd at 6pm, The Vocational School graduation will be June 19th at 7pm. On June 16th at 6pm will be the academy graduation. On June 11th at 7pm will be the Special Services School District Graduation.

Clerk of the Board Kevin Crouch announced that on June 3, 2015 at 6pm in the Old Courthouse, there will be an event celebration those residents of Salem County who have enlisted in the United States Military. Everyone is more than welcome to attend and show your support to those being honored.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record.

When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Charles Hassler, Salem – stated that Joe Hannagan has done an outstanding job at the Veterans' Cemetery.

Director Acton wished Harold Smick a Happy Birthday again.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on June 3, 2015, at 4:00 PM at the Olde Salem Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey 08079. There will be no workshop meeting prior.

R. 2015-238

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 pending litigation and contract negotiations, second by Deputy Director Laury, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board