

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
AUGUST 19, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: John “Jack” Elk, Marine Corps 1956-1958 led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Freeholder Vanderslice.

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, Painter, Ware, Timberman and Director Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. As there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote of 6/0. Freeholder Painter abstained from the vote.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Jawan Pitts – Recipient of the NJAC Foundation Scholarship

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 Timberman and carried by a hand vote of 6/0. Freeholder Painter abstained from the vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the treasurer’s report 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.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2015-002

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-004 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “COUNTY”) ON DECEMBER 7, 2011, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED HERETOFORE, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION THEREOF

1. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice.
2. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter.
3. Roll Call Vote, 7/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Freeholder Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Painter – for, Deputy Director Laury- for
4. Deputy Director Laury made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-002. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice.
5. Roll Call Vote, 7/0: Director Acton- for, Freeholder Timberman- for, Freeholder Ware- for, Freeholder Cross- for, Freeholder Vanderslice – for, Freeholder Painter – for, Deputy Director Laury- for

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Vanderslice, Cross

R. 2015-305

ADMINISTRATIVE

Amendment To Resolution 2015-1 To Amend Job Classification Titles And Salary Ranges

R. 2015-306

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Accepting Cultural & Heritage Commission Grant Dollars From The New Jersey State Council On The Arts And The New Jersey History Commission

R. 2015-307

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159, P.L. 1948

R. 2015-308

ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance Resolution Cancellation Of Check (\$42,625.00 – Cumberland County Juvenile Detention)

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – Timberman, Painter, Laury

R. 2015-309

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of 2016 Contracts For The Youth Services Commission

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these (1) one resolution with Freeholder Cross seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 5/0. Freeholder Vanderslice and Freeholder Painter abstained from the vote.

R. 2015-310

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Appointing Replacement Members To The Salem County Youth Services Commission For 2015

R. 2015-311

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution Adopting The Salem County Youth Services Commission Comprehensive Plan Update and Grant Application 2016

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these (2) two resolutions with Freeholder Cross 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

R. 2015-312

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Establishing Speed Limits On Monroeville Road, County Road #604 In The Township Of Upper Pittsgrove, County Of Salem

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of this (1) one resolution 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton

R. 2015-313

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic South Main Street, County Road #672 In The Borough Of Woodstown, Salem County (Annual Fall Festival, September 26, 2015)

R. 2015-314

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic South Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 In Oldmans Township, Salem County (Pedricktown Day Celebration, October 10 , 2015)

R. 2015-315

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Establishing Speed Limits On Quinton-Alloway Road, County Road #581 In The Township Of Quinton, County of Salem

R. 2015-316

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Establishing Speed Limits On Almond Road, County Road #540 In The Township Of Pittsgrove, County of Salem

R. 2015-317

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #2 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. 2015-318

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Provision Of Janitorial Supplies And Coarse Paper Products For The Salem County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System (Office Basics, Inc. - \$37,600.15)

R. 2015-319

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Approving The Execution Of Change Order #3 Resurfacing And Safety Improvements Commissioner's Pike, County Road #581, Phase 3 For The County Of Salem Federal Project #STP-0147(110), NJDOT #7101309

R. 2015-320

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For Bituminous Concrete And Concrete Testing And Inspection Services For The County Of Salem (Craig Testing Laboratories, Inc. - \$39,375.00)

R. 2015-321

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Removal Of Beam Guide Rail And Installation OF Beam Guide Rail At Various Locations Throughout The County Of Salem (Road Safety Systems, LLC - \$110,999.00)

R. 2015-322

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Authorizing Execution Of New Jersey Department Of Transportation, Local Aid And Economic Development Agreement No. 2015-DT-BLA-FEP-415 For The Design Of The Salem County Mill And Overlay Resurfacing Program, In Various Municipalities For The County Of Salem

R. 2015-323

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Kings Highway, County Road #620, Haines Neck Road, County Road #631 and By-Pass Road, County Road #540. In Pilesgrove Township And Mannington Township. In The County Of Salem (October 4, 2015 – Cow Run, Stand Up For Salem)

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these (11) eleven resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Timberman asked about the Health and Human Services PAR and questioned the graduate public nurse title.

CFO Katie Coleman stated that it is just the civil services required title and not a Salem County title.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Acton stated that the Southern NJ Freeholders Association Meeting will be held August 24, 2015 at the Winfield's Restaurant in Millville, the Best of Salem County voting has begun for the 2015 year, winners will be announced and

honored in October, Jack Swain would like to give the Freeholder's a tour of the facility, the feasibility study came back for the Pennsville Pier which I have on hand, the Government 101 class will begin September 9 – October 28th, and the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association is inviting all elected officials, county employees and families and friends to a night at the rodeo on September 19th. Tickets are first come first serve and can be reserved by contacting Brenda Banks.

Freeholder Cross stated he will unfortunately be unable to attend the Rodeo on September 19th.

Freeholder Painter stated that Dr. Michael Gorman has been settling well in his first few weeks as President of the Salem Community College. The first day of classes will begin on September 1st.

Freeholder Ware asked what time the 9/11 Ceremony will be taking place.

Deputy Director Laury stated it will begin at 7pm and will be held at the Salem County Fairgrounds

Freeholder Timberman stated that the Courthouse Strategic Planning Committee are set to tour 3 courthouses, August 28th Salem and Cumberland County and August 26th will be Gloucester County. I am planning on attending if any other Freeholder would like to attend. This tour will help give us an idea of how the different Counties lay out their courthouses and what we can do to utilize space or make adjustments for improvements.

Director Acton stated that the Old Courthouse could even be used to help save some money.

Freeholder Timberman stated she already offered the idea and it is more than just space that is needed, but the additional courts that need to be in one building, parking, bail reform, and security improvements. NJAC is having their December meeting regarding the bail reform to give us a better idea on what is to come. With the juvenile detention hearings, there is no room to keep the children and parents separate while court is in session to keep children safe.

Director Acton stated that it could be a rumor, but heard that Gloucester County does not utilize all the rooms in their courthouse.

Freeholder Timberman stated that the Strategic Planning Committee spoke about coming to a workshop meeting to give us a brief update.

Clerk of the Board Kevin Crouch stated that Tina DiNicola will be coming to the meeting on September 2nd in Elmer.

Freeholder Cross stated it may be possible to do a shared service with Gloucester County.

Freeholder Timberman stated that the issue that may arise is jury duty. She does not believe that you have to report to jury duty in another County, or if it's even legal

County Counsel Michael Mulligan stated that there has been trials from Salem County that are tried in Gloucester County and their pool of jurors are used. Based on his 30 years, he personally sees no difference between Salem County jurors and Gloucester County jurors. Also stated based on his own personal opinion with his private practice, he sees that the Gloucester County complex is very much underutilized.

Freeholder Vanderslice stated that he is blessed to be celebrating his 42nd Anniversary in a couple days.

Freeholder Painter stated that regarding the expansion tour at the Vo-Tech, that if the 25th at 6pm is not convenient for any Freeholder, they are more than happy to show any of the Freeholders at any different time.

Deputy Director Laury stated that he attended the Grand Opening of Dr. Warmuth's new Elmer Office. It was a great turnout. There are a couple projects coming to Woodstown, one being a sidewalk on the south side of Bailey Street to the Wawa and Acme shopping centers.

Audit Report Highlights – CFO Katie Coleman – Ended 2014 with surplus of \$6,928,995.21
-replenished \$2.5 of the \$2.8 million used to balance 2014 budget
-goal range is 6 to 7.5 million

One finding regarding over-expenditures resulting from three conditions:

1) Board of Social Services (\$103,031.57) this was the additional amount required when it was decided that the One Stop program would not be transferred to BOSS

2) Jail S&W and related payroll taxes (\$375,386.77) - took in additional inmates requiring expanded posts, had several CO's leave and drop out of academy which resulted in significant unanticipated increase in OT. Difficult to hire CO's under the Civil Service system and increased standards resulting from the Sheriff's Department CALEA certification. County is unable to simply hire qualified candidates, must abide by the state system which severely limits the pool of

candidates. When jail is not staffed at adequate number of CO's as determined by the Sheriff in conjunction with CFO, OT increases.

3) 73,214.17 - Prior year retro payments resulting from settling CWA collective bargaining agreement after year end.

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.

Warren Weiting, Alloway, asked what section of the road Resolution 2015-315 was pertaining to.

Deputy Director Laury stated that it is Quinton Twp. just outside of the town where the bend is and will be 35mph to follow with the state regulations.

Director Acton thanked Joe Hannagan of Quinton Township Committee, Charles Hassler of the City of Salem's Committee, Jack Elk from Elsinboro Committee and Cordy Taylor of Oldmans Township Committee

Jim Rowe, Mannington, asked what the status is on the letter about the Route 40/45 intersection in Pilesgrove. Made comment about the released inmates walking down Route 45, how the problem has been slowly fixed, asked if there was a liaison to the Superintendent of Schools, and asked if the treasury report was for public knowledge.

Deputy Director Laury stated the SJTPO will be conducting a study on the intersection which may take weeks to months to complete.

Freeholder Painter stated he was the Freeholder liaison and will get in contact with Peggy Nicolosi in reference to Mr. Rowe's previous calls.

Director Acton stated that all documents provided by the County are public knowledge and anyone can request them.

Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on September 2, 2015, at 7:30 PM at the Elmer Borough Hall, 120 South Main Street, Elmer NJ 08318, with the Workshop Meeting prior at 6:15pm.

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeholder Cross, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Crouch, Clerk of the Board