

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
OCTOBER 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton:

The Woodstown High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Kahlil Gunther sang the National Anthem

Paula Martin, US Air Force – E5 Staff Sgt. 1984-1995 lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer led by Freeholder Vanderslice.

The Woodstown High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Kahlil Gunther sang America the Beautiful.

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

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. there was no discussion, the motion was seconded by Freeholder Painter and carried by hand vote of 6/0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross to accept and file the correspondence reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. Motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 5/0/1. Freeholder Painter abstained.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Cross that the Treasurers Report be accepted and made part of the record. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

AJM Insurance – Greg D’Orazio

Due to the forward thinking public officials in Salem County and the decision they made to exit the NJ State Health Benefit Plan several years ago has resulted in continued savings and cost avoidance for the County of Salem and its taxpayers.

The County of Salem employee medical plan will renew at a slight decrease for 1/1/17 and the Rx rates will renew at no increase for 2017. In addition to the rate stability enjoyed by the county of Salem, much credit needs to be given to the administrative staff including Stacy Pennington, Katie Coleman & Jessica Bishop who constantly push to make sure the program benefits are managed effectively. Claim/Rebate Audits that the staff push for related to the Rx coverage have yielded approximately \$200k in returns to the County of Salem. This has helped to further offset the cost of the employee benefits offered.

In summary savings were realized in 2014 after exiting the NJSHBP and since exiting the program medical rates have remained flat and decreased slightly. This is occurring in a time when trend has been 12% or greater for medical and Rx coverage. When you consider the value of cost avoidance over the 3 year term savings are significant! Salem County leadership and executive management is doing a tremendous job as good Sheppard’s of taxpayer dollars.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Recognizing Fire Prevention Week (October 9 – 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Recognizing Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2016

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Acton, Cross, Painter**

R. 2016-352

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

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of the one (1) resolution with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion.

Director Acton stated the Tiger Grant is added into this resolution.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – Painter, DeCastro, Acton**

R. 2016-353

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Resolution Appointing Members To The Salem County Community College Board Of Trustees (Gregory Wright)

Freeholder Painter moved for the adoption of the one (1) resolution with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Vanderslice, Painter, Laury**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – DeCastro, Vanderslice, Ware**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Cross, Laury, Vanderslice**

R. 2016-354

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 For The Provision Of Food Services For The Salem County Correctional Facility

R. 2016-355

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Of The Board Of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing A Grant Application To The State Of New Jersey Office Of The Insurance Fraud Prosecutor For The Prosecutors Office Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program

R. 2016-356

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered BY The Department Of Law And Public Safety, Division Of Criminal Justice, State Office Of Victim-Witness Advocacy

Deputy Director Cross moved for the adoption of the three (3) resolutions with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ware, DeCastro, Cross.**

R. 2016-357

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Resolution Authorizing The Proposed Acquisition Of A Development Easement On Michael Brooks Farm In Pittsgrove And Upper Pittsgrove Townships

R. 2016-358

TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Resolution Appointing Members To The Tourism Council For The County Of Salem

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of the two (2) resolutions with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Laury, Ware, Acton**

R. 2016-359

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing Award Of Contract To South Jersey Energy Company For The Purchase Of Retail Natural Gas Service For The County Of Salem And Its Participating Cooperative Members

R. 2016-360

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Resolution Authorizing Master Service Agreements With The State Of New Jersey For Provision Of Postage And Mailroom Services

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of the two (2) resolutions with Deputy Director Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 6/0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director Acton stated that County Counsel Michael Mulligan sent out letters to all the Mayors informing them of their obligation to remit 5% of PILOT agreement receipts and requesting an inventory of all such agreements and thanked him for his efforts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Freeholder Painter stated the Duel on the Delaware, student built robots, will take place this Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45am. He also stated pastry classes will begin at the Vocational Technical School. There will be 4 classes between November and December.

**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.

Cordy Taylor, Oldmans – Stated there will be a ghostly gathering at the Hancock House in Lower Alloways Creek on Friday. Tickets are \$5.00.

Richard Langley, Pennsville – Questioned rumors he heard that about the jail of possible early buyouts, force-out's and reduction of double dippers that have been proposed. Has any of this been proposed to your knowledge.

Deputy Director Cross stated not that he is aware of.

Richard Langley, Pennsville – Questioned the September 21<sup>st</sup> minutes on the website and asked why they were not recorded fully with all questions.

Recording Secretary Carey Bergholz stated that the minutes are not a word for word transcription and it will be reviewed.

Justin Lopatin, Pennsville – Questioned if there has been any discussion of layoffs at the County Jail for 2016 or 2017.

Deputy Director Cross stated that layoffs have not been discussed or in consideration.

Tyler Davis, Carneys Point – Gloucester County has 5 contracts on inmates in 5 different counties that are expiring next year. Are you aware of this, and what are you doing to bring these inmates to Salem County.

Director Acton stated that we have a 10 year contract with Gloucester County.

Deputy Director Cross stated that he will be checking in with the Sheriff, but he personally was unaware of it, but we are focused on our 10 year agreement. The Sheriff is always looking for additional inmates and thanked Mr. Davis for bringing it to attention.

Freeholder DeCastro added to Mr. Langley's statement regarding minutes and stated while she was reviewing the Salem County Improvement Authority's minutes, she was looking for a specific question she thought should have been in the minutes and questioned their secretary. Always feel free to give us a call if you need a quick answer or give me a call for clarification since the minutes are not always verbatim.

Freeholder Director Acton thanked everyone for their comments and announced the next meeting will be held on November 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Olde Courthouse located at 104 Market Street. Salem, New Jersey, with a 6:00pm Workshop Meeting prior.

Freeholder Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Director Cross. The adjournment carried by hand vote of 6/0 at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis Harker, Clerk of the Board