

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:32 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting. Robin Weinstein led with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act had been given of this meeting and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Freeholders Lindenmuth, Timberman, Bobbitt, Acton, Sullivan, Hogan and Director Ware.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the January 16, 2008 meeting and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion. The motion carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution numbers 4 and 16 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

R. 2008-182

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAP BANK
WITHIN THE 2008 COUNTY BUDGET
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to open the Public Hearing, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. The motion to open the Public Hearing carried by a hand vote of 7/0. As there were no comments, Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Freeholder Timberman. The motion carried by a hand vote of 7/0. Motion was then made by Freeholder Bobbitt to adopt R. 2008-182, with Deputy Director Lindenmuth seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion carried by a roll call vote of 7/0.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Benjamin Spinelli, Executive Director, Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth – letter of thanks to Peter Van den Kooy, PP, AICP, Birdsall Engineering, Inc. for their thoughts on behalf of Oldmans Township regarding the Preliminary Plan Map for Cross Acceptance III in Oldmans Township

Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection – notice that Salem County's 2008 Clean Communities entitlement is \$63,835.33

Kris Kolluri, Commissioner, Department of Transportation – notice that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation *Municipal Aid, Bikeway, Centers of Place, Historic Bridge and Safe Streets to Transit Programs*

Michelle E. Richardson, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development – copy of the December 2007 Financial Information Report

Scott Davenport, Senior Vice President, Commerce Insurance Services – notice of the quarterly rebate from Medco

Amanda L. Jensen, AICP/PP, Salem County Planning Board – letter to John G. Hoffman, Esq. – letter of information that Salem County is in the process of updating the Farmland Preservation Plan

Cumberland County – resolution opposing Governor Jon Corzine’s proposal to eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Hunterdon County – resolution opposing the Governor’s proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture

Mercer County – 2 resolutions:

- resolution concurring with Hunterdon County urging the completion of the Environmental Assessment Report and Restoration of passenger service on the West Trenton Line
- resolution supporting full funding of the 21st Century Competitiveness Act, 2007

Middlesex County – resolution opposing the abolishment of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as proposed by Governor Jon Corzine

Morris County – resolution opposing the Governor’s proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture

Warren County – resolution opposing the dissolution of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Middlesex County Agriculture Development Board – resolution opposing Governor Corzine’s proposal to eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Morris County Agriculture Development Board – resolution opposing Governor Corzine’s Proposal to Eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Warren County Board of Agriculture – letter requesting the Governor to withdraw his proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture

Alloway Township – resolution opposing the elimination of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Pamela Pedrick, Executive Director, Office on Aging – letter of her retirement effective December 31, 2008

Isaac A. Young, Ed.D – letter of his resignation as Director of the Mental Health Board and Youth Services Commission effective April 31, 2008

Joanne H. Bell, CFO/County Treasurer – letter of her resignation effective October 1, 2008

Julie Acton, Chairman, Public Services Committee – copy of the 2008 Public Services Committee Monthly Update

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of January

Office for the Disabled

For the Month of February

Office for the Disabled

For the Month of March

Emergency Services Staff

Ranch Hope

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Construction Board of Appeals March 11th Minutes
Transportation Advisory Council March 17th Minutes

Motion was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth to accept and file the correspondence, departmental reports, and the committee and commission reports and be made a part of the Minutes. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion. On discussion, Clerk of the Board Gage pointed out the resignations of three long-time employees – Pam Pedrick of the Office on Aging; Isaac Young, the Mental Health Administrator and member of the Youth Services Commission; and Joanne H. Bell, CFO/County Treasurer. Director Ware commented that they will be sorely missed; they are a big part of the team and wished them all the best of luck. As there was no further discussion, the motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

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

Director Ware stated that if no Freeholder objected, the resolutions would be read in bulk.

R. 2008-210
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION CHANGING CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS
AND INCREASING AMOUNT OF ESTABLISHED PETTY CASH FUNDS
FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

R. 2008-211
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$10,000 – ACACIA Financial Group, Inc.)

R. 2008-212
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$35,800 – Government Strategy Group)

R. 2008-213
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF NEW JERSEY STATE PARKS
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On discussion, the Freeholders commented on Resolution No. 2008-213 stating that Salem County has much to offer and that everything will be done to keep the parks open. Clerk of the Board Gage then read Resolution No. 2008-213 in full. Freeholder Timberman asked that this resolution also be sent to the New Jersey Association of Counties. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-214
FINANCE

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Freeholder Sullivan moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Hogan seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-215

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF
LINEN SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY NURSING HOME
(\$99,200.90 – HCSC Laundry, Inc.)

R. 2008-216

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2007 LOCAL HEALTH EVALUATION REPORT
OF THE CUMBERLAND/SALEM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH

R. 2008-217

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION CANCELLING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
(Donna G. Moore)

R. 2008-218

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(Randi Curcio)

R. 2008-219

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD
TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE
2008 NEW JERSEY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN GRANT
FOR SALEM COUNTY (NJ-CCCP)

Freeholder Hogan moved for adoption of these five 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.

R. 2008-220

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE
NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

R. 2008-221

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF A GRANT
GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE SALEM COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-222

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE
ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
U.G. BRIDGE #23.39 ON THE SALEM BRANCH RAILROAD OVER OLDMANS CREEK
IN PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$139,675 – Remington Vernick & Walbert Engineers, Inc.)

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of this resolution, with Deputy Director Lindenmuth seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-223

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC CENTERTON ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #553
AND UPPER NECK ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #690
IN PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP, SALEM COUNTY

R. 2008-224

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR
STATE AID TO COUNTIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

R. 2008-225

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION & AGREEMENT
FOR STATE AID UNDER THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
STORMWATER REGULATION PROGRAM

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

Under Unfinished Business, Deputy Director Lindenmuth noted the importance of future cost sharing, consolidated services and functions of the various school districts within the County.

Under New Business, Freeholder Bobbitt thanked and commended the farmers for their actions in the support of keeping the Department of Agriculture.

Director Ware also commented on the importance in continuing the fight to keep this needed agency.

Freeholder Timberman remarked on the success of the Road Rally sponsored by the Commission on Women, and thanked all participants.

Freeholder Hogan commented on the success of the Main Street program in Salem City and of the recent tour of the City of convention delegates.

Deputy Director Lindenmuth gave a “heads-up” on a program pertaining to the Underground Railroad.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Paul Reed, of Carney's Point Township, questioned the status of the repairs to the Pedricktown Bridge in Oldmans Township. Freeholder Bobbitt responded that it was in the design stage.

Emerson Eisele of Upper Pittsgrove Township was next and spoke on the County Lakes and Waterways committee and of their intent to apply for a federal 319 grant. He also stated that an Awareness Program had been started and that he would be going to each Township for input.

R. 2008-226

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholders Timberman and Lindenmuth seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0. The meeting went into Closed Session at 7:57 PM.

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:40 PM and to adjourn. This was seconded by Freeholder Timberman and passed by a voice vote of 7/0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board