

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MAY 7, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:35 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 April 16, 2008 meeting and that the Minutes are 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 number 13 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Timberman seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SOUTH JERSEY HEALTHCARE ON ACHIEVING
MAGNET DESIGNATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING SERVICES**

The foregoing Proclamation was read by Clerk of the Board Gage and presented by Freeholder Timberman. Comments were made by the recipients thanking the Freeholders for the Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE THIRD WEEK IN MAY AS EARLY INTERVENTION WEEK

The foregoing Proclamation was read by Clerk of the Board Gage.

R. 2008-242
ADMINISTRATIVE

**RESOLUTION
(Before adoption of the Budget)**

Prior to adoption of this resolution, Joanne Bell, CFO, gave a brief statement of explanation.

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

R. 2008-243
ADMINISTRATIVE

COUNTY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

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

R. 2008-244
ADMINISTRATIVE

2008 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

Deputy Director Lindenmuth motioned to open the public hearing on the 2008 budget, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, carried by voice vote 7/0.

The following persons made comments: Ben Laurey-budget concerns and relocating services, George Marshall- Bonding, and what is qualified to be bonded (Clerk Gage questioned where he obtained the document that he was reading from since it was not available through OPRA- he refused to say). Valery Nagy-concerning the wording of the newsletter, Cheryl Chambers-concerning the budgeted amounts for grant matches- Paul Reed noted the budget increases, and questioned the bond issue- Pete Voros congratulated the Freeholders on the budget. Various Freeholders responded to questions that arose including the fact that there was no bond issue in this budget, that any bond that is proposed will have a public hearing at a later date.

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to close the public hearing on the 2008 budget, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, and carried 7/0.

Deputy Director Lindenmuth then moved to adopt the 2008 Salem County Budget, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On discussion, Freeholder Acton commented that she will vote against this budget because she does not believe in mortgaging the future of the County, noting that some items being considered for the Bond should be in the regular operating budget. Director Ware asked if she understood that this would increase expenditures and raise taxes, Freeholder Sullivan again commented that no action was being taken on a bond at this time, Freeholders Lindenmuth, Timberman and Hogan all commented on the merits of this budget and their support of same.

As there were no further comments, the motion for adoption of the 2008 Salem County Budget carried by roll call vote of 6/1. Freeholder Acton voted against.

R. 2008-245
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM
APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT 2008-01 TO THE
SALEM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Amendment will permit Evergreen Recycling, LLC to construct and operate a Solid Waste Facility located in the City of Salem, New Jersey

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.

Members of the public who asked questions and made comments were: Ron Stockwell-noise, types of materials, Mary Lou Chollis- affects on the life of the current landfill, Rebecca Call-hazardous materials, Jack Ledden- and Emerson Eisley.

As there were no further comments, Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to close the Public Hearing with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion to close the Public Hearing carried a vote of 7/0. Deputy Director Lindenmuth then moved to adopt the foregoing Solid Waste Amendment, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. Discussion from various Freeholders including Acton, Lindenmuth, Timberman and Sullivan involved the creation of jobs, and extending the life of the landfill. On roll call, the motion carried by a voice vote of 7/0.

Bond Ordinance 2008-2

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND EXISTING FACILITIES LOCATED AT 13 RAMAH ROAD, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT SAID FACILITIES FOR USE BY THE SALEM COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$6,000,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to open the Public Hearing, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion to open the Public Hearing carried a hand vote of 7/0. Loren Thomas, Superintendent of the Special Services School District gave an overview of the school and what the bond would pay for. Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Freeholder Timberman. The motion carried a hand vote of 7/0. Adoption of the foregoing Bond Ordinance is scheduled for May 21, 2008 pending receipt of paperwork.

Ordinance No. 2008-3

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$411,277.85 CONSISTING OF AN AMOUNT CURRENTLY APPROPRIATED IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM ADOPTED BUDGET WHICH WILL BE RESERVED IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Motion for Introduction of Bond Ordinance 2008-3 was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth, which was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. On roll call, the motion was carried by a voice vote of 7/0. The Public Hearing and adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Ordinance No. 2008-4

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS FOR THE ENGINEERING AND ROAD DEPARTMENT, MOSQUITO COMMISSION EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Motion for Introduction of Bond Ordinance 2008-3 was made by Deputy Director Lindenmuth, which was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. On roll call, the motion was carried by a voice vote of 7/0. The Public Hearing and adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

John R. Gallagher, Executive Director, the Arc of Salem County – letter of appreciation of the \$20,000 allocated of Peer Grouping funds to the Arc

New Jersey Senate & General Assembly – letter of thanks for the County's correspondence opposing the proposed closure of New Jersey's State Parks

New Jersey Association of Counties – 2 pieces of correspondence:

- Press release regarding the closing of the Agriculture Department
- Press release regarding the closing of the State Parks

David C. Rollison, Registered Municipal Accountant, Bowman & Company – copy of the summary of the procedures regarding a preliminary review of certain grants handled by the Mental Health Board

Adel Ebeid, Chief Technology Officer, State of New Jersey, Office of Information Technology – notice that the New Jersey 9-1-1 Commission has approved our Enhanced 9-1-1 Grant application

Harry Vanaman – public notice of an application with the Woodstown Planning Board for a variance to construct an addition to an existing dwelling

Frank J. Hoerst, III, Esq. – public notice to the effect that Woodstown Associates, LLC, D"Anastasio Corp. Manager will make application before the borough of Woodstown Planning Board

South Jersey Transportation Authority – copy of the April 22, 2008 agenda

Cumberland County – 3 resolutions:

- resolution opposing the closure of New Jersey State parks by the Department of Environmental Protection
- resolution supporting Assembly Bill A-2046 to increase the casino revenue "Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program" allocation
- resolution opposing the closure of the division of Motor Vehicle Office in Vineland and the Driver Testing Center in Millville

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

Mercer County – resolution opposing the abolishment of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Mercer County Agricultural Development Board – resolution in support of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Monmouth County – resolution opposing the closure of New Jersey State Parks by the Department of Environmental Protection

Sussex County – 2 resolutions

- resolution opposing the proposed closure of all buildings and the layoff or relocation of employees at Kittatinny Valley State Park
- resolution opposing the closure of High Point State Park

Paul E. Dietrick, Sr., P.E., Municipal Housing Liaison, The Township of Upper – copies of applications for affordable housing accessory apartment program in Upper Township

Lower Alloways Creek Township – resolution urging the Governor and State representatives to continue to fund the preservation, operation and staff for the Historic Hancock House, Fort Mott State Park and Parvin’s State Park so they can remain open to the public

Sandra Dorrell, Teacher & Connie Freeman, Aide, Alloway Township School – copies of persuasive essays and letters for the NJ ASK State Test from the seventh grade Language Arts Literacy class of Alloway Township School

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator – letter regarding agricultural field tiles

Julie A. Acton, Salem County Freeholder – 2 pieces of correspondence

- letter of consideration for the re-appointment of Thomas McHugh and David Moffett to the Salem County Special School Services Board
- copy of the 2008 Public Services Committee monthly update

Salem County Health and Social Services Committee – copy of the Nursing Home merge plan

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of March
Office of the Disabled
For the Month of April
Adjuster

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee May 8th Agenda & March 13th 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. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. 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. 2008-246
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR A MARKETING TOURISM CONSULTANT
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$57,000 – Lee Tofanelli and Associates, Inc.)

R. 2008-247
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION RENEWING AS CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$12,144 – SniP Link, L.L.C.)

R. 2008-248
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALEM COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
TO APPLY FOR FT2009-2011 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FUNDS

R. 2008-249
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
SALEM COUNTY TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. On discussion, Freeholder Acton asked why Resolution No. 1 could not be done in-house. Freeholder Timberman responded and explained that Robin, nor his staff had the training or capabilities to produce commercials or radio spots.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0, except Resolution 2008-246 which passed 6/1 Freeholder Acton voting against.

R. 2008-250

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A
MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT
(\$10,000 - Isaac Ashley Young)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to table this resolution as there was not a Certification of Availability form attached to this resolution. As there was no further discussion, the motion for tabling the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-251

FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2008-252

FINANCE

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R. 2008-253

FINANCE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2008-254

FINANCE

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF BUDGET
COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Sullivan moved for adoption of these four resolutions, 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. 2008-255

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH
SALEM COUNTY WOMEN'S SERVICES

Freeholder Hogan moved for adoption of this resolution, 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. 2008-256

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AND APPROVING

A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
SALEM COMPREHENSIVE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM FROM THE
NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE
SALEM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

R. 2008-257
PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORTING AND APPROVING
A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM THE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

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. 2008-258
PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE
COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
ALL FUTURE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO DISSOLVE THE
SALEM COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE
SALEM COUNTY NURSING HOME AND THE SALEM COUNTY LANDFILL TO THE
SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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 resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

R. 2008-259
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR
MOTORIST SOLICITATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 98-115
(Norma-Alliance Fire & Rescue)

R. 2008-260
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #2
FINAL RESURFACING OF KINGS HIGHWAY, COUNTY ROAD #620, PHASE IV-B
IN MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-261
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
BUCK ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #553, PHASE II IN
PITTS GROVE AND UPPER PITTS GROVE TOWNSHIPS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-262
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT IN
PILES GROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(\$1,160.02 – Atlantic City Electric)

R. 2008-263
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE
RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO
GLASSBORO ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #619, FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-264
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
2008 COUNTY AID IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2008-265
PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY
OLDMANS TOWNSHIP PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKE RETARDER SYSTEMS
ON ALL COUNTY ROADS WITHIN OLDMANS TOWNSHIP

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of these seven 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 New Business: Freeholder Sullivan congratulated Director Ware on taking his team back into the playoffs. Freeholder Acton noted that she attended the breakfast this morning honoring the Family Based Youth Services.

Under the public portion of the meeting: The following members of the public made comments;

A.J. Crescenzi- Ceremony commemorating the 100th graduating class from PennsGrove High School will be held May 13th at 6:00.

Ron Stockwell- commented on the need additional and corrected handicap signage at the Salem County Social Services building.

Evern Ford-interested in focusing again on shared services for the Vo-Tech and the Special Services School District.

Emerson Eisley-commented on the on going efforts of the Lakes and Waterways Advisory Board.

Paul Reed- questioned the Bond that the Freeholders might consider, and also the reasoning behind the merging of the Utilities Authority, Nursing Home, and the Improvement Authority and how it would be funded.

Annemarie Bauman-Questioned why not sell the Nursing Home instead of attempted to carry it on.

Bud Harris- updated the Board on the slow progress of the PA5 appeals and the need to keep the pressure on.

Pete Voros-Congratulated the Board on the efforts to create a workable, fair budget.

Dale Cross- made additional comments about the Nursing Home.

Ben Laury- Updated the Freeholders on the status of the Elmer Lake Dam.

R. 2008-266
ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Deputy Director Lindenmuth moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0. The Freeholders went into closed session at 9:47 PM

The Freeholders returned from closed session at 10:20 PM. Freeholder Lindenmuth moved, seconded by Freeholder Timberman to resume open session, motion carried 7/0.

Freeholder Lindenmuth motioned to approve Resolution 2008-267, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, there was no discussion, motion carried 6/0 Freeholder Acton voted against.

Freeholder Lindenmuth motioned to adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, and carried 7/0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board