

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MARCH 4, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:30 PM, Director Ware opened the meeting. Freeholder Hogan 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: Deputy Director Timberman, and Freeholders, Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Hogan, Acton, Cross, and Director Ware.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Timberman to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Lindenmuth seconded her motion. The motion carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Deputy Director Timberman moved for a waiver of the Rules of the Board for tonight's Freeholder meeting for Resolution No. 8. Freeholder Lindenmuth seconded her motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

James Turk, of the Cultural & Heritage Commission, gave an updated report on the Commissions activities and progress over the last year.

Freeholder Acton commended Mr. Turk for the wonderful job he has been doing for the Cultural & Heritage Commission and the County of Salem and stated that the supplements in the newspaper is a great way to get the word out about all the historical places to visit in Salem County.

**PROCLAMATION
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

The foregoing Proclamation was read by Clerk of the Board Gage and presented to Joan Cole, Chairman of the Commission on Women by Freeholders Dale Cross and Beth Timberman.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

John A Castner, P.E., Director, County Environmental & Waste Enforcement, Department of Environmental Protection – letter stating that the DEP is granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Salem County Improvement Authority to engage in the business of solid waste collection

Mark Sprock, Trial Court Administrator, Superior Court of New Jersey – copy of the Regionalized Civil Commitment Program-Annual Rotation

Curt Harker, Records Manager for the County of Salem – memo detailing proposed PARIS 2009 projects and costs

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Deputy Director Timberman 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 Lindenmuth. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Timberman that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Lindenmuth. 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. 2009-135
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JULIE A. ACTON TO ATTEND AN
OUT OF STATE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

R. 2009-136
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT
AFTER BIDS HAVE BEEN REJECTED ON TWO OCCASIONS

R. 2009-137
ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2009-138
ADMINISTRATIVE

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R. 2009-139
ADMINISTRATIVE

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2009-140
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT AWARD AMOUNT OF THE
2007 AL ARTS STAFFING & INITIATIVE GRANT

R. 2009-141
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT AWARD AMOUNT OF THE
2008 AL ARTS STAFFING & INITIATIVE GRANT

R. 2009-142
ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION FOR A SHARE FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these eight resolutions, with Deputy Director Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0. Freeholder Action abstained from voting on Resolution No. 2009-135.

R. 2009-143

HEALTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(Kathleen O. Vito, PhD, RN)

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

R. 2009-144

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3686
WHICH PROPOSES THE TRANSFER OF THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Freeholder Hogan moved for adoption of this resolution, with Deputy Director 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. 2009-145

PUBLIC SAFETY/SHARED SERVICES

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SUPPORTING THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE APPLICATION FOR THE
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM,
MEGAN'S LAW AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

R. 2009-146

PUBLIC SAFETY/SHARED SERVICES

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM THE
NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCACY

R. 2009-147

PUBLIC SAFETY/SHARED SERVICES

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
SALEM COUNTY FIRE POLICE PROGRAM

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

R. 2009-148
PLANNING, AGRICULTURE & TRANSPORTATION
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
SALEM COUNTY ADVISORY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL

Deputy Director Timberman moved for adoption of this 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 7/0.

R. 2009-149
PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A
PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND RECORDS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (PARIS) 2009 GRANT

R. 2009-150
PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF BRIDGES
FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM
(Bill Sumiel)

R. 2009-151
PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4
FINAL FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CANTON DRAIN BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1701364
IN LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Lindenmuth 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, Freeholder Lindenmuth acknowledged the great job that the Fire Police do and when they are out during emergencies, they put their lives in jeopardy every time they answer a call.

Freeholder Bobbitt also commended the Fire Police and asked if a gas subsidy couldn't be given to them. It will be looked into by the Public Safety Committee.

Freeholder Acton commended Freeholder Bobbitt, Jeff Ridgway and the Road Department for the fine job that was done in clearing the roads after the snow storm we just had.

Under New Business, Freeholder Hogan stated that the Children's Health & Welfare Committee had met for the first time and that it went well, great roundtable; and hoping that more individuals from different sources, such as religious sectors, education, etc., would be interested in becoming involved with this new committee.

Deputy Director Timberman clarified the correspondence on tonight's agenda from the DEP stating that the Improvement Authority has been authorized to take over the duties of the Utilities Authority effective March 4, 2009.

Under the Public portion of the meeting, Blanch Hogate of Salem City and Director of the Health Department wanted to let everyone know about "Save the Date". This is for mammogram screenings which will be held on May 16th from 10AM – 2PM at Elmer Hospital and that the nurses will be sending out invitations.

Blanch also commended the Freeholders for the extra room they now have in the Health Department and commended Jeff Ridgeway and his staff for the tremendous job they did in completing the office move.

Les Roark of Upper Pittsgrove thanked the Road Department crew for the great job that was done in clearing the roads.

Jim Yanus of Alloway Township complained about the poor job and how terrible looking the snow plows did in clearing the roads. He continued saying that the stakes he always puts up are always torn down by the plows. He stated that he had contacted the Road Department to complain and they did not apologize – they just gave him an argument.

Rich Melchert from Bridgeton Road talked about the speed limit and the tractor trailers (propane) that go barreling by his house. He asked if the road could be restricted or even lower the speed limit. Freeholder Bobbitt said that he would look into it. Mr. Melchert also asked about the traffic study on Route 77 and Bridgeton Road. The response was that it is in the process of being done.

Joe Hiles, a volunteer fire fighter from Reliance Fire Co. also commended the Fire Police. He also stated that a breakfast will be held at the Reliance Fire Co. on March 29th.

Freeholder Timberman moved to adjourn the meeting, with Freeholder Lindenmuth seconding the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board