ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stillwater Building

201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225 and via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

Minutes of Meeting September 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman John Risley at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ and via Cisco Webex Video.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Risley announced that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said Act, has been published in *The Press of Atlantic City*, and mailed to *The Current* and *The Hammonton Gazette*; posted on the bulletin boards at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.

PRAYER, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was offered by Commissioner Balles followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Risley.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick (via Webex until 5:38pm), Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. ABSENT: None.

MINUTES OF MEETING September 5, 2023 Commissioner Coursey moved, and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the September 5, 2023 minutes reading.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: Gatto.

PRESENTATIONS

Chapter 12 project change request for Atlantic Cape Community College Baseball Field by Dominic Sambucci, Chief Business Officer.

Employee Benefit Strategy Review by Chris Calderone, The Difference Card and Jerry Campanaro, Marsh McLennan.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NOS. 531 AND 532 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to move Resolution Nos. 531 and 532 to the top of the agenda.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey.

RESOLUTION NO. 531*
EUS contract for the Difference
Card, stop loss coverage, Health
Reimbursement Account (HRA)
administration and medical
benefit consultant services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with EB Employee Solutions, LLC for the Difference Card, stop loss coverage, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) administration and medical benefit consultant services for an amount not to exceed \$1,010,880.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

John Holleran, resident of Northfield, asked questions regarding the new health plan with the Difference Card.

^{*}Not in numerical order

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 532*
Resolution authorizing the offering of a Health
Reimbursement Account (HRA) and the Difference Card

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the addition of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program, NJ Direct 2035, offering a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) and the Difference Card for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 3
FINAL READING
Bond Ordinance providing for
the design and construction of
Building Number 2 at the
National Aerospace Research
and Technology Park
("NARTP") in and by the County
of Atlantic, New Jersey

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 3-2023, providing for the design and construction of Building Number 2 at the National Aerospace Research and Technology Park ("NARTP") in and by the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,380,000 bonds or notes of the County to finance part of the cost thereof.

Howard Kyle, President of the National Aerospace Research and Technology Park, provided an update on the project.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 5:37 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:37 p.m.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 508
Grant application and acceptance for the County
Reentry Coordinators (CRC)
Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Corrections for the County Reentry Coordinators (CRC) Program for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 509 Amending Resolution No. 624 (11-15-22), a grant for the 2023 Statewide Respite Care Program Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 624 adopted on November 15, 2022, a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the 2023 Statewide Respite Care Program for a net of increase \$46,575.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$223,425.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 510 Grant application and acceptance for participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program for an amount not to exceed \$298,340.89 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

^{*}Not in numerical order

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 511 Amending Resolution No. 306 (6-1-21), a grant for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Program Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 306 adopted on June 1, 2021, a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for the Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Program for a net increase of \$150,000.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.00 for the period commencing August 31, 2021 and terminating August 30, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 512
Grant application and acceptance for the Local
Efficiency Achievement Program
(LEAP) County Coordinator
Fellowship Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 513 Amending Resolution No. 160 (4-4-23), a grant for the Older Americans Act 2023 Area Plan Contract Grant Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 160 adopted on April 4, 2023, a grant from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for the Older Americans Act 2023 Area Plan Contract Grant for a net increase of \$2,035,575.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$4,857,243.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 514
Professional services agreement
for dietitian consulting services
for Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center and the
Division of Intergenerational
Services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Pinnacle Dietary Global for dietitian consulting services for Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Division of Intergenerational Services for an amount not to exceed \$102,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gato, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 515 Amending Resolution No. 679 (12-6-22) and Resolution No. 681 (12-6-22), competitive contracts to provide nutrition site management and Older Americans Act Area Plan Services Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 679 adopted on December 6, 2022 and Resolution No. 681 adopted on December 6, 2022, competitive contracts with various vendors to provide nutrition site management and Older Americans Act Area Plan Services for a net increase of \$237,736.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,121,790.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 516 Amending Resolution No. 142 (3-21-23), a contract for the provision of Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and related services for inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 142 adopted on March 21, 2023, a contract with John Brooks Recovery Center for the provision of Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and related services for inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an additional amount not to exceed \$113,496.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 517
Resolution authorizing
membership renewal in the
Atlantic County Insurance Fund
Commission and authorizing the
County Executive to reappoint
Commissioners and Alternate
Commissioners

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the County of Atlantic to renew its membership in the Atlantic County Insurance Fund Commission for a term commencing January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2026 and authorizing the County Executive to reappoint Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 518
Amending Resolution No. 341
(6-21-22), an interlocal agreement regarding surface course mill and overlay improvements to portions of Mill Street in conjunction with the County's planned improvements to PR-07 (Nacote Creek Bridge)

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 341 adopted on June 21, 2022, an interlocal agreement with the City of Port Republic regarding surface course mill and overlay improvements to portions of Mill Street in conjunction with the County's planned improvements to PR-07 (Nacote Creek Bridge) to extend the term date until September 2, 2024 at no additional cost.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 519
Amending Resolution No. 112
(3-7-23), a contract for
transportation of the E-Poll books
and voting machines to their
respective polling places

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 112 adopted on March 7, 2023, a contract with Clifford B. Finkle Jr., Inc. for transportation of the E-Poll books and voting machines to their respective polling places to reflect a name change to CBF Trucking.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 520 Renewal intergovernmental services agreement for the Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 100% funding

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging and the Atlantic County Division of Public Health for the Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 100% funding for an amount not to exceed \$120,050.51 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 521 Renewal intragovernmental subgrant agreement for various services under the Older Americans Act Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal intragovernmental sub-grant agreement with the Atlantic County Office on Aging for various services under the Older Americans Act for an amount not to exceed \$1,277,867.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 522 Intergovernmental sub-grant agreements for various services under the Older Americans Act Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing intergovernmental sub-grant agreements with the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging and the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services for various services under the Older Americans Act for an amount not to exceed 1,966,669.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 523 Acceptance of deeds/easements in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing the acceptance of deeds/easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 524 Memorandum of Understanding for a Bridges to Employment Program Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board and Jewish Family Services for a Bridges to Employment Program, for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and terminating March 31, 2024, revenue generating.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 525 Amending Resolution No. 617 (11-1-22), an interlocal services agreement for the Atlantic City Electric Line School Program Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 617 adopted on November 1, 2022, an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the Atlantic City Electric Line School Program to extend the contract term until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 526
Resolution requesting the cancellation of funded and unfunded appropriation balances under various bond and capital ordinances previously adopted by the County of Atlantic for capital improvement projects

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion requesting the cancellation of funded and unfunded appropriation balances under various bond and capital ordinances previously adopted by the County of Atlantic for capital improvement projects in the total amount of \$115,142.92.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 527 Intergovernmental services agreement to provide laboratory testing services Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) to provide laboratory testing services for an annual amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

Amending Resolution No. 313
(6-1-21), an interlocal agreement concerning construction of bike lanes within the County Right of Way along New York Avenue (CR 44 at no additional cost. 665)

Commissioner Parke motion amending Resolution and additional cost at no additional cost.

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 313 adopted on June 1, 2021, an interlocal agreement with the City of Somers Point concerning the construction of bike lanes within the County Right of Way along New York Avenue (CR 665) to extend the term until June 28, 2024 at no additional cost.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 529 Amending Resolution No. 144 (3-21-23), a shared services agreement to place Atlantic County youth at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center to guarantee one daily bed Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 144 (3-21-23), a shared services agreement with Ocean County to place Atlantic County youth at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center to guarantee one daily bed for a net increase of \$59,312.50 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$159,312.50 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 530 Sourcewell National Cooperative agreement for the lease and management of various County vehicles Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Sourcewell National Cooperative agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease and management of various County vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$1,410,000.00 for the period commencing September of 2023 and terminating August of 2028.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 531 EUS contract for the Difference Card, stop loss coverage, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) administration and medical benefit consultant services Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with EB Employee Solutions, LLC for the Difference Card, stop loss coverage, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) administration and medical benefit consultant services for an amount not to exceed \$1,010,880.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

John Holleran, resident of Northfield, asked questions regarding the new health plan with the Difference Card.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 532 Resolution authorizing the offering of a Health **Reimbursement Account (HRA)** and the Difference Card

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the addition of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program, NJ Direct 2035, offering a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) and the Difference Card for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 533 TO 535

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 533 to 535.

RESOLUTION NO. 533 CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$2,153,401.07 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Area Plan 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 534 CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$50,000.00 from the US Department of Treasury, LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund) 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 535 CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$41,634.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, PASP (Personal Assistance Service Program) 23-24.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

There were no reports of special committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the fire department flashing beacon project and the Zion Road paving project. County Engineer Dimeo responded. He also asked if the County will acquire the Boling cemetery in Port Republic. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

AND PETITIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS Written communications and petitions were received by this office from September 6, 2023 to September 19, 2023.

> Commissioner Gatto received emails with road requests from Estell Manor and Buena Vista Township residents. Roads, Bridges and Dams Committee will review the requests.

> Commissioner Balles addressed correspondence received concerning municipal prosecutors in the Central Municipal Court.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 6:03 p.m.

Steven Young, resident of Atlantic City, explained his visitation experience at the Atlantic County Justice Facility.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 6:08 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Gatto congratulated Master Gunnery Seargent Mike Schenck on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

Commissioner Kern announced the County's free flu clinic in October.

Commissioner Coursey complimented the new information sign and safety crosswalk outside of the Stillwater Building.

Commissioner Parker wished a Happy Rosh Hashanah and recognized September as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Chairman Risley attended the Lakes Bay redevelopment groundbreaking in Pleasantville, the Atlantic Cape Community College bizHub ribbon cutting, the Southern New Jersey County Commissioner meeting and the Wounded Warrior event in Longport.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena Clerk of the Board