

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
County Office Building
1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

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Minutes of Meeting

February 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Chairman Frank D. Formica at 4 p.m., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, at the County Office Building, 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Formica 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*, *The Daily Journal*, *The Hammonton Gazette* and *The Hammonton News*; 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 AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer and flag salute was led by Chairman Formica.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley and Formica. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 26, 2016
February 2, 2016

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Pauls seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 26 and February 2, 2016 minutes.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

BOND ORDINANCE 2
FIRST READING
Design and construction of
a building and supporting
improvements at the New
Stockton Aviation
Research and Technology

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Bond Ordinance No. 2, providing for the design and, construction of a building and supporting improvements at the New Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park in and by the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, appropriating \$7,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$7,500,000 bonds or notes of the County to finance part of the cost

Park

thereof.

Chairman Formica relaxed the rules of order to allow public comment for introduction of Bond Ordinance No. 2 and Guaranty Ordinances No. 1 and 2.

Chairman Formica requested Howard Kyle, Chief of Staff, to provide a brief description as to the purpose of the bond ordinance.

Chairman Formica opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, the public portion was closed.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Marino.

**GUARANTY
ORDINANCE NO. 1
FIRST READING
Securing the payment of
the principal of and
interest on County
guaranteed revenue bonds
or project notes (Aviation
Park Project) to be issued
by the Atlantic County
Improvement Authority**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Guaranty Ordinance No. 1 of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey to fully, unconditionally and irrevocably securing the payment of the principal of and interest on County guaranteed revenue bonds or project notes (Aviation Park Project) to be issued by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the purpose of providing additional security therefor, consenting to such financing and determining certain other matters in connection therewith.

Chairman Formica requested Howard Kyle, Atlantic County Chief of Staff, to provide a brief description as to the purpose of Guaranty Ordinance No. 1.

Chairman Formica opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, the public portion was closed.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Marino.

**GUARANTY
ORDINANCE 2
FIRST READING
Securing the payment of
the principal of and
interest on County
guaranteed revenue bonds
(Stockton University
Atlantic City Campus**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Guaranty Ordinance No. 2 of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey fully, unconditionally and irrevocably securing the payment of the principal of and interest on County guaranteed revenue bonds (Stockton University Atlantic City Campus Project) to be issued by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the purpose of providing additional security therefor, consenting to such financing and determining certain other matters in connection therewith.

**Project) to be issued by the
Atlantic County
Improvement Authority**

Chairman Formica requested Bond Counsel John Cantalupo of Archer and Greiner to explain the Ordinance followed by a presentation from Chris Paladino, President of AC Devco.

Freeholder Coursey stated he wholeheartedly supported this project because it brings economic development into Atlantic City and commended all involved. He expressed to the Mayors and Council in attendance from Hammonton and Folsom he understood their situation.

Freeholder Bertino expressed, as the representative of the western portion of the County, his constituents have conveyed concern regarding the relocation 400 plus South Jersey Gas personnel to the Atlantic City area. Freeholder Bertino also conveyed other concerns such as the Grow New Jersey tax credit program, poaching, and the long term economic impact of the relocation.

Folsom Mayor Louis “Skip” DeStefano, expressed this project directly impacts Folsom and their only concern is with South Jersey Gas and how it impacts both Hammonton and Folsom.

Hammonton Mayor Stephen DiDonato stated that he reached out to South Jersey Gas in late 2014 and offered a proposal which was not accepted. The move of South Jersey Gas is poaching and negatively impacts both Hammonton and Folsom. The Mayor stated as he understands it includes all jobs moving from Folsom to Atlantic City not a portion. He requested the Board table the ordinance for further review.

Hammonton Councilman Stan Rodio expressed his opposition and requested that the Board consider the western portion’s situation and reconsider the vote.

AC Devco President Chris Paladino reiterated that the Guaranty only pertains to Stockton University.

Folsom Council President Ben Pagano emphasized that this relocation is huge for Folsom because they only have a few ratables. The move will be catastrophic to Folsom.

Jim Donio, resident and volunteer in Hammonton, voiced his opposition to the Ordinance.

Freeholder Coursey recommended, and Chairman Formica agreed to facilitate a meeting with Mayor DiDonato, Mayor DeStefano, representatives of South Jersey Gas and other interested parties.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Pauls, Risley, and Formica.
NAYS: Bertino. RECUSED: Marino.

RESOLUTION NO. 56
Grant renewal for 2016 Per
Capita State Library Aid
Funds

Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to submit a grant renewal application on behalf of the Atlantic County Library to the New Jersey Department of Education, State Library to receive 2016 Per Capita State Library Aid Funds in the amount of approximately \$86,791.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 57
E-Rate applications for
telecommunications
services

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to submit E-Rate applications to the Schools and Library Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company for total funding of approximately \$125,265.82 to provide affordable access to telecommunications services for all eligible schools and libraries for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 58
Application Linking
Employment Activities Pre
Release Through
Specialized American Job
Centers Grant

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor for funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Linking Employment Activities Pre Release Through Specialized American Job Centers Grant for the term commencing June 1, 2016 and expiring May 31, 2018.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 59
Sub-grant agreement for
administration of Non-
Emergency Residential
Maintenance Funding

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to execute a sub-grant agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for administration of Non-Emergency Residential Maintenance Funding under the Older Americans Act in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 60
Professional services
agreement to extend the
2014-2015 professional
surveyors' pool.

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Pauls seconded a motion to authorize an amended professional services agreement with Schaeffer Nassar Scheidegg pursuant to the 2014-2015 professional surveyors' pool to extend the term for a pool of firms authorized to provide survey services at no cost.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 61
Bid contract for the
resurfacing of Old Harding
Highway in the City of
Mays Landing.

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for the resurfacing of Old Harding Highway (CR 606) in the City of Mays Landing in the amount of \$1,288,300.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 62
Adoption of the Atlantic
County Multi-
Jurisdictional Hazard
Mitigation Plan

Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to adopt the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 63
Contract for actuarial
analysis of post-
employment dental and
vision benefits liability
services

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to authorize a contract with Jefferson Solutions Inc. for actuarial analysis of post-employment dental and vision benefits liability services for a low quote of \$4,260.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 64
Application to the Local
Finance Board pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 40A:2A-7(d) and

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to make an application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2A-7(d) and J.J.S.A. 40A:2A-11.

N.J.S.A. 40A:2A-11

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Marino.

**RESOLUTION NO. 65
Appointment to the
Atlantic County Youth
Services Commission**

Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Pauls seconded a motion to appoint Betty Sherman to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission for a mandated term.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 66
Appointment to the
Atlantic County Youth
Services Commission**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to appoint Judge Susan Maven to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2019.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Kern, Marino, Pauls, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Freeholder Bertino, Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee reported that the Committee met earlier today and discussed the status of projects under construction for this coming year.

Freeholder Pauls, Chairman of Committee Opposing Gaming Outside Atlantic City met and a final report is being prepared.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Carman stated that a letter was sent from Sheriff Balles. Freeholder Carman requested our legal team research the State Statute to ascertain if we are in compliance. Freeholder Coursey concurred.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of January 27, through February 23, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 5:17 p.m.

Patty Weatherby, an Atlantic County Nutrition Site Manager, expressed her concern regarding the privatization of the site managers. She requested if there could possibly be a phase in process or if the Board could reconsider. County Administrator Jerry

DelRosso responded.

Steve Young, representing National Action Network Atlantic County Chapter, spoke regarding a letter he received concerning the Atlantic County Justice Facility. He requested a visit to the site because it has been alleged that rights are being violated in regards to visits, rent, commissary, reduced food and overcrowding. Freeholder Marino responded.

Danny Gibbs, resident of Atlantic City, stated he was an inmate at the Justice Facility and recounted his experience during his incarceration. Chairman Formica responded.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:17 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman Formica requested a moment of silence for former Miss New Jersey, Cara McCollum that died in an automobile accident.

Freeholder John Risley expressed that what transpired today regarding the Ordinances was quite historic. He stated he was pleased to see the projects move forward.

Freeholder Pauls commended Chief of Staff Howard Kyle for the tremendous job he performed.

Freeholder Coursey stated he was puzzled regarding the jail complaints inasmuch as he had not received any correspondence concerning problems at the Jail. He requested convening a meeting with the Warden and County Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board