

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Minutes of Meeting

May 24, 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 was led by Freeholder Pauls, followed by the flag salute 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 May 10, 2016

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the May 10, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 4

Added to the end of the agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 231 Chapter 159

Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded motion to insert into the 2016 budget the sum of \$3,403,200.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, County Aid FY'16.

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. 232
Grant application for a
Victim Assistance Grant**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to submit a grant application for a Victim Assistance Grant to the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for funds in the amount of \$368,941.00, subject to a County in-kind match of \$92,235.00, for the period commencing June 14, 2016 and terminating June 13, 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. 233
Contract for the
provision of GPS home
electronic equipment and
services for Atlantic
County Justice Facility**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to renew a contract with Satellite Tracking of People for the provision of GPS home electronic equipment and services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility for the term commencing May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$121,618.00.

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. 234
Agreement for the Jersey
Assistance for
Community Caregiving
Program**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving Program.

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. 235
Renewal contract for
category No. 2 body and
fender repair services for
County vehicles**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to renew a contract with T. Masters for Category No. 2 body and fender repair services for County vehicles for the term commencing June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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. 236
Professional services
contract to update the**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a professional services contract with Heyer, Gruel and Associates for professional consulting services to update the Atlantic

Atlantic County Land Development Standards and Preparation of Model Resiliency Guidelines

County Land Development Standards and Preparation of Model Resiliency Guidelines for Municipal Implementation for an amount not exceed \$69,870.00, for a one year period.

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. 237
Bid contract for the replacement of Bridge H-12 in Hammonton**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with South State, Inc., for the replacement of Bridge H-12 over Great Swamp Branch in the Town of Hammonton, for the total sum not to exceed \$963,745.07.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 238
Competitive Contract to provide discharge planning and reentry services for inmates at the Justice Facility**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services to provide discharge planning and reentry services for inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility in an amount not to exceed \$461,847.75.

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. 239
Amendment to the NJ Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion to approve and adopt the by-laws amendment of the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund 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. 240
Consent for a roadway solicitation event in Egg Harbor Township**

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Police Unity Tour Inc., Chapter 2, Team Swat, at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 662) and Fire Road (CR 651) in Egg Harbor Township on Saturday June 11, 2016 and Sunday, June 12, 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.

**MOTION TO ADD
ORDINANCE NO. 4 TO
AGENDA**

Freeholder Carman moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to add Ordinance No. 4-2016 to the agenda.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4
FIRST READING
Ordinance amending the
annual salary of the
Atlantic County Sheriff**

Freeholder Carman moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2016 amending the annual salary of the Atlantic County Sheriff with the following language, "shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law".

Chairman Formica relaxed the agenda and permitted the public to speak.

Sheriff Balles stated that since 2009 the constitutional officers have not received a raise and there are Captains in the Sheriff's Department earning more than the Sheriff. All other employees in the County receive an annual increase. Sheriff Balles provided his monthly report which included revenue and cost saving initiatives.

A lengthy discussion ensued including questions regarding Ordinance No. 2-2002 and the salary of constitutional officers.

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

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Freeholder Pauls reported that the South Jersey Planning met on Monday and provided several reports on bridges

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of May 11, through May 24, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:58 p.m.

Mike Merlino, resident of Egg Harbor Township, spoke in favor of the Sheriff receiving a raise. He stated that the morale has improved since Sheriff Balles has been in the position.

Mike Ebert, resident of Egg Harbor Township, spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 4.

Sean Riggin, resident of Mays Landing, conveyed his support for the Sheriff receiving a higher salary than his subordinates. He reported that Sheriff Balles left his position as Captain in Pleasantville making more than the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff should receive an increase.

Mike Price, resident of Egg Harbor Township, expressed his opposition to the Sheriff receiving an increase. You may start something that may escalate and impact the entire County.

Folsom President Council Ben Pagano questioned how many Counties pay more than 65%? County Administrator DelRosso responded ten.

Stephen Caldwell, resident of Mays Landing, stated he has worked for a number of Sheriffs over his 30 years plus career. He reported that Sheriff Balles has improved the Sheriff's Office overall.

Keith Fane, resident of Galloway Township, spoke in favor of the Sheriff receiving an increase.

Glen Polistina, Egg Harbor Township business owner, stated he has known Frank Balles a long time and knows the job he does.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:24 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Ernest Coursey requested a list of the last group of people that were laid-off and how recent.

Freeholder Kern announced the County's Memorial Day Ceremony would be held on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board