

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Stillwater Building

201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Minutes of Meeting

January 24, 2017

- 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, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ.
- 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 Dase, followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Formica.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. ABSENT: None.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING December 13, 2016** Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 13, 2016 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- PRESENTATION** Atlantic County 2017 Budget presentation by Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive.
- ORDINANCE NO. 1 FINAL READING Ordinance establishing no-passing zones along Central Road/ Central Avenue in the Township of Buena Vista and the Borough of Buena** Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 1-2017 establishing no-passing zones along Central Road/Central Avenue (County Route 627) in the Township of Buena Vista and the Borough of Buena, Atlantic County.
- Chairman Formica opened the public hearing for comments at 4:31 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 4:31 p.m.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2 FINAL READING Ordinance authorizing acquisition of parcels of real property located along Mays Landing – Blue Anchor Road in the Borough of Folsom** Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Marino second a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 2-2017 of the County of Atlantic authorizing acquisition of parcels of real property located along Mays Landing - Blue Anchor Road (CR 561S) in the Borough of Folsom, Atlantic County, New Jersey by means of agreement or by condemnation pursuant to the Eminent Domain Act of 1971, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, Et. Seq; said parcels of properties being Block 301, part of Lot 12, on the tax map of the Borough of Folsom.

Chairman Formica opened the public hearing for comments at 4:32 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 4:32 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 33
Amended grant
agreement for the PY
2015 Work First New
Jersey Program**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an amended grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2015 Work First New Jersey Program in an amount of \$841,384.00 for an amended grant amount not to exceed \$3,396,662.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
Grant acceptance for the
LIHEAP CWA
Administration Program**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the LIHEAP CWA Administration Program in an amount not to exceed \$15,607.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2016 and terminating September 30, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 35
Professional services
agreements with various
nurses and nurse
agencies for the
provision of death
pronouncements**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreements with various nurses and nurse agencies for the provision of death pronouncements in Atlantic County for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 36
Professional services
agreements with various
veterinarians for the
provision of veterinarian
services**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreements with various veterinarians for the provision of veterinarian services at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 37
Amended agreement to
provide dental benefits
for eligible employees**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into an amended agreement with Benecare/Atlantic Southern Dental Foundation to provide dental benefits for eligible employees to increase the total compensation in an amount of \$83,256.99, for a total amended agreement not to exceed \$4,763,569.55.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 38** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 331 White Collar/Blue Collar/Public Safety to enter into a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for a three (3) year period commencing January 1, 2017 up to and including December 31, 2019.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Bertino.
- RESOLUTION NO. 39** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a competitive contract with Brigantine Aquatic Center for the provision of arthritic swim classes pursuant to the Older Americans Act for an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00 for a one year period commencing January 1, 2017.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 40** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to renew a bid renewal contract with Oliver Packaging and Equipment Company to provide a meal packaging system for an amount not to exceed \$40,605.03 for a term commencing December 1, 2016 and terminating November 30, 2017.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley, and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 41** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 and final, contract with Jersey Construction, Inc., for intersection flashers at Moss Mill Road and Columbia Road for a net reduction of \$2,272.90 and for a total amendatory contract amount of \$167,683.35.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 42** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Rich Fire Protection Co. Inc., to provide inspections to fire equipment at various locations in an amount not to exceed \$70,400.00 for period commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2018.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 43** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion for the appointment of Yolanda Simms to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 2020.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion for the reappointment of Joseph Daily to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Advisory Council for a term to expire on January 1, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45 Freeholder Risley moved Freeholder Marino seconded a motion for the reappointment of John Locasale and Fred W. Meineke, Jr., to the Atlantic County Senior Citizen Advisory Board for terms to expire on January 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 3-2017 changing the location of a regular meeting to Mullica Township Municipal Building on April 4, 2017 and informing the newspapers.

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

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NO. 47 TO THE AGENDA Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 47 to the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 47 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to approve the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Government Workers' Union (GWU), Surrogate's Office and to enter into a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement for a three (3) year period commencing January 1, 2017.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD Freeholder Kern reported that the Disability Advisory Board will not be meeting for the next few months. They do not meet during the winter months. She will forward the January minutes for the Mental Health Advisory Meeting and has been appointed to the Commission on Women and will report after attending the first meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Freeholder Marino followed-up on the concern that was raised at the last Freeholder meeting concerning the Atlantic County Animal Shelter. Freeholder Carman and I, along with Administration, met with Ms. Kelsey, Manager and her staff in response to a petition that was circulated regarding the Animal Shelter. Following a lengthy meeting it was concluded that the Animal Shelter was operating according to their policy and procedures and had implemented a new volunteer handbook. All volunteers must adhere to the new policy.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of January 11, 2017 through January 24, 2017.

Freeholder Gatto reported she was in receipt of an invitation from Perry Mays to attend the Annual Report of the Coalition for Safe Communities which will be held this evening.

Darrell Edmonds, Program Manager for the New Jersey Community Capital Group, which is a not-for-profit community development financial institution that provides grants and invests in communities by assisting small businesses, creating jobs or help low income families to sustain themselves. They will be holding a conference in February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:50 p.m.

Tom Willard, retired, Secretary/Treasurer for Teamsters 331. In the absence of Marcus King, thanked the Board for adopting their contract.

Gayle Merlino Beale, a resident of Linwood, stated to Freeholder Carman she did not like that he was disrespecting women on his Facebook page.

Christine Piper, resident of Ventnor, requested Freeholder Carman read the book, "We Should All Be Feminist".

Jennifer Toland, a resident of Northfield, repeated the Facebook posts and expressed her displeasure to the post.

Janice Masongy, brought take out menus and attended the March in Washington.

Joanne Carman, resident of Egg Harbor Township and wife of Freeholder Carman, stated she had been married to John for 40 years. Spoke about John's generosity, good deeds and service to his family and community.

Heather Warren, resident of Hammonton and Chair of the Green Party of Hammonton, urged the Board to hold the Atlantic County appointee to the Pinelands Commission accountable.

Eileen Toland, resident of Northfield, attended the Women's March in Washington and did not find the Facebook post funny. She will be watching the Board.

Alisha Newcombe, resident of Linwood, asked Freeholder Carman for a sincere apology.

Meko Lucoto, resident of Mays Landing, stated he was a feminist and was bothered by the memes. He stated he hoped that Freeholder Carman would apologize.

Mark Lazlo stated he supports Freeholder Carman who has worked hard in the community and with veterans. He has given countless hours to the community.

Jacqueline Steward, resident of Atlantic City, was offended and thanked Freeholder Carman for posting the meme. She stated she will be watching Freeholder Carman and the Board.

Chrissy Martin, resident of West Atlantic City, displayed a tablet with pictures. She stated the joke was cute and she supported Freeholder Carman.

Christine List, resident of Egg Harbor Township, is a business owner in Linwood and attended the Women's March.

Susan Galetta, resident of Galloway Township, attended the Women's March. Thanked Freeholder Carman for looking everyone in their eyes.

Mike Macara, resident of Mays Landing, stated he is sure Freeholder Carman was a good person but he embarrassed the people of Atlantic County with the post.

Cassandra Shober, resident of Ventnor and Chair of South Jersey Democrat Women's Forum, expressed that she was upset and conveyed the reason for the Women's March.

Dave "Doc" Livingston, resident of Ventnor, asked Freeholder Carman to man up and do what is right. Thanked the Board for their service.

Rosemary Hill, resident of Hammonton and retired social worker, very upset Freeholder Carman posted a picture of Rosa Parks.

Claudia Ratzcliff, resident of Absecon and CEO of the Women Center, first funded domestic violence center in the State. Abuse begins with inequality and disrespect.

Bill Butler, American Legion Rider, stated Freeholder Carman is a staunch supporter of veterans. He is a good man.

Mike Merlino, resident of Egg Harbor Township, does a lot for his constituents.

Kate Morgan, resident of Egg Harbor Township, understood that Freeholder Carman made a mistake but could not understand deferring back to constituents to lighten up.

Mike Portnoy, resident of Egg Harbor Township, has known John Carman for 40 years. Can attest to all the positive statements supporting him. He's a good guy.

Tracey Irwin, resident of Somers Point, stated the post upset people. We need to build bridges of communication.

Mike Price, Egg Harbor Township resident, all Freeholders have to remember that they represent us 24/7 as our leaders.

Emily Palmer, resident of Northfield and senior at Mainland High School stated she was not at the Women's March but people in the public eye should be more sensitive to what they say.

Joyce Mollineaux, Atlantic City resident and Municipal for Democratic Municipal Committee, asked the Board if there is anything represented in the budget stating Atlantic City will receive money? Also spoke to Freeholder Carman about his post. Recited a poem.

(Indiscernible) Alby, resident of Linwood, stated a lot of issues at play and the post was objectively offensive.

Ashley Bennett, Egg Harbor Township, offended by the post. People have hurt feelings and the post was belittling.

Kristina Albert, resident Linwood, familiarize and align yourself with women's rights and women's issues or find yourselves voted out.
Ken Styler, resident of Egg Harbor Township, stated he's known John for many years. He was offended by some of the things seen at the Women's march.

Patricia Styler, resident of Egg Harbor Township, stated she read the post and thought it was funny. John is a good man with a good wife and family. Sorry so many people were upset by it.

Dillan Blakely, resident of Northfield, asked Freeholder Carman how he would feel if somewhat mocked the veterans.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman Formica requested a moment of silence on the passing of Michael Sciallo, a disabled veteran who served as Chairman of the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board.

Freeholder Carman thanked everyone for attending. Always has been a supporter of women.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board