

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Minutes of Meeting
January 31, 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 Carman, 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 January 3, 2017** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 3, 2017 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.
- SWEARING IN CEREMONY** Moved to end of the agenda.
- PRESENTATION** Moved to end of the agenda.
- RESOLUTION NO. 48 Grant acceptance for FY16 Emergency Management Agency Assistance** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police through the FY16 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 a County in-kind match of \$55,000.00 and a municipal in-kind match of \$9,400.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2016 to June 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. 49 Competitive contract for the provision of 24 hour emergency response services** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to renew a competitive contract with Atlantic City Rescue Mission for the provision of 24 hour emergency response services in amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016.
- 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. 50 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to renew a competitive contract with the Community Food Bank of Southern New Jersey for the provision of emergency food assistance for the homeless in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016.

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. 51 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 415 adopted 9-13-16 extending various professional service agreements under the 2015 – 2016 architects, engineers, and designers construction pool at no additional cost.

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. 52 Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to approve Change order no. 1, contract with South State, Inc., for priority repairs to Jobs Point Bridge (EH-32), Mays Landing-Somers Point Road (CR 559) over Patcong Creek in Egg Harbor Township and Somers Point in an amount of \$150,910.80 net increase and \$1,889,603.00 total amendatory contract amount.

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. 53 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a renewal agreement with Cape May County for the provision of juvenile detention services at the Atlantic County Juvenile Detention Facility for term 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. 54 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a second amendment to the License and Hold Harmless Agreement with Pioneer Pipe Contractors concerning temporary use of County property for construction operations at Maple Avenue in the City of Northfield extending the term to March 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. 55 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion authorizing a Resolution urging local institutions, entities and businesses to strongly consider engaging competent local vendors for their contracts (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).

*Chairman Formica recused and left the room during the discussion and vote of Resolution No. 55.

Carl Mason, resident of Egg Harbor Township, stated “fresh is better” regarding Resolution No. 55.

Mike Price, resident of Egg Harbor Township, asked if the County has a policy to use local businesses. County Administrator Jerry DelRosso responded.

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

**MOTION TO ADD
RESOLUTION NO. 56**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 56 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. 56
Canceling the February
7, 2017 Freeholder
Meeting**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 3-2017, canceling the regular meeting of February 7, 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.

**SWEARING IN
CEREMONY**

Sheriff Balles conducted the Swearing In Ceremony of new sheriffs.

PRESENTATION

Devon Perry, Executive Director presented "Visit South Jersey" efforts and ongoing interest in covering Atlantic County's hospitality and tourism assets with the support of key stakeholder groups.

**REPORTS OF
SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF
THE BOARD**

There were no reports of special committees of the Board.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Marino reported he attended the Southern New Jersey Freeholder Association Meeting. The discussion included the PILOT Program which the other Counties conveyed empathy with Atlantic County. John Donnadio has performed a good job in representing all 21 Counties.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

No written communications were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:54 p.m.

Heather Gordon spoke regarding Freeholder Carman's Facebook post.

Judy Kneewynder, resident of Egg Harbor Township, spoke in support of John Carman.

Mr. Ed McGlinchey, Pinelands Commissioner, stated the Agricultural Review Committee has been reinstated and provided an update on the Pinelands Commission.

Mr. Carl Mason, resident of Egg Harbor Township, stated support for all law enforcement.

Tom Flannigan, resident of Northfield, spoke in favor of John Carman. Susan George, resident of Egg Harbor township, thanked the entire Board for their service and defended John Carman.

Susan Deranbek, resident of Mays Landing, thanked John Carman for his service.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:07 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Kern commended the Mainland Regional High School Men's Swim Team on their recent win.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris