

# ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Reorganization Meeting  
Atlantic County Criminal Court Complex  
Courtroom no. 8  
4997 Unami Boulevard  
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

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Minutes of Meeting  
January 3, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Clerk of the Board Sonya G. Harris at 4:15 p.m., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date at the County Criminal Court Complex, Mays Landing, and New Jersey 08330.
- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT** Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Clerk Harris announced that, in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was provided in the following manner: published in *The Press of Atlantic City*, and mailed to *The Current*, *The Daily Journal*, *The Hammonton Gazette* and *The Hammonton News*; and has been posted on the bulletin boards in the County Office Building in Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building in Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.
- PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE** The prayer was led by Reverend Al Syvertsen, Associate Pastor of Beacon Evangelical Free Church in Galloway Township, followed by the flag salute led by Clerk Harris.
- OATHS OF OFFICE** Freeholder Ernest D. Coursey was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Damon Tyner, Superior Court Judge.
- Freeholder Richard R. Dase was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Kim Guadagno, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor.
- Freeholder Amy L. Gatto was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Kim Guadagno, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Formica, Gatto, Kern, Marino, and Risley. ABSENT: None.
- A quorum was present.
- RESOLUTION NO. 1  
Nomination of  
Chairman to the 2017  
Atlantic County Board  
of Chosen Freeholders** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to nominate Freeholder Frank D. Formica for Chairman to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, and to serve for the period from January 3, 2017, to December 31, 2017.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Formica, Gatto, Kern, Marino, and Risley. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Bertino
- Recognition of  
Dignitaries** Chairman Formica recognized State, County and Municipal elected officials and others in attendance.
- RESOLUTION NO. 2  
Nomination of Vice  
Chairman to the 2017  
Atlantic County Board  
of Chosen Freeholders** Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to nominate Freeholder John Risley, for Vice-Chairman to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, and to serve for the period from January 3, 2017 to 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. 3**  
**Informing the media of the 2017 regular meetings of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders**
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to inform the media of the 2017 regular meeting schedule of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- 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. 4**  
**Appointment of NJAC representative**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder Frank D. Formica as representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).
- 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. 5**  
**Appointment of NJAC first alternate representative**
- Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Freeholder John W. Risley as first alternate representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).
- 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. 6**  
**Appointment of NJAC second alternate representative**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to appoint Alexander C. Marino as second alternate representative to the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).
- 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. 7**  
**2017 Temporary Budget**
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion approving temporary 2017 Budget appropriations.
- 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. 8**  
**Depositories and cash management plan 2017**
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to approve a Depositories and Cash Management Plan for the County of Atlantic-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. 9**  
**Establishing petty cash funds for 2017**
- Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion establishing petty cash funds for various departments and divisions of Atlantic County 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. 10**  
**Resolution pledging non-acceptance of the PILOT program revenues**
- Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a Resolution pledging non-acceptance by the County of Atlantic of less than its fair percentage of PILOT Program Revenues.
- Chairman Formica opened the public portion at 4:35 p.m.
- Atlantic City Councilman Kaleem Shabazz voiced his concern regarding the language that states the County withholds payment to the City. He respectfully suggested that the County and City negotiate.

District Two Assemblyman Chris Brown spoke concerning the PILOT program and the State legislation.

County Executive Dennis Levinson provided a chronological history regarding the 13.5%.

Freeholder Coursey spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 10 and the County's intention to withhold the City's payment.

Chairman Formica stated he hoped that this Resolution would spark dialogue between the governances.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Members of the Board of Freeholders offered greetings and comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

**BENEDICTION**

Reverend Syvertsen gave the benediction.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris  
Clerk of the Board