

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

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Minutes of Meeting
February 14, 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 Kern, 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 10, 2017** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 10, 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.
- PRESENTATION** Recognizing the 15th Anniversary of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey and founder Ralph E. Hunter, Sr.
- INTERVIEW** Appointment of Christopher C. Fallon, III to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority.
- MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 68 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA** Freeholder Marino and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 68 to the top of 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. 68 Appointment to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to appoint Christopher C. Fallon, III to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2022.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

***Not in numerical order**

**RESOLUTION NO. 57
Grant application for
funding the 2017
Distracted Driving
Crackdown Program**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for funding the 2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown Program for period commencing April 1, 2017 and terminating April 21, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

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. 58
Amended agreement for
project management and
construction services for
the Lake Lenape West
Shore Development
Project**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to amend an agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for project management and construction services for the Lake Lenape West Shore Development Project for an amended amount of \$399,300.00, and for a total amended agreement not to exceed \$1,259,610.00.

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. 59
Amended professional
services agreement for
replacement of Catawba
Bridge (EH-17) on Mays
Landing-Somers Point
Road over Miry Run in
Egg Harbor Township
and Hamilton Township**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to amend a professional services agreement with Urban Engineers for replacement of Catawba Bridge (EH-17) on Mays Landing-Somers Point Road over Miry Run in the Township of Egg Harbor and Hamilton to extend the termination date until December 31, 2017 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. 60
Agreement with the Youth
Advocate Program for
community engagement
activities**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with the Youth Advocate Program for community engagement activities and education in an amount not to exceed \$14,820.00 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. 61
Professional services
agreements to provide
engineering services for
dam and transportation
infrastructure projects**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreements to establish a pool of various professional consultants to provide engineering services for dam and transportation infrastructure projects for an aggregate total not to exceed \$2,172,000.00 for all the contracts for the period commencing February 14, 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. 62
Amendatory contract for
the provision of material
testing services**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an amendatory contract with Craig Testing Laboratories, Inc., for the provision of material testing services for Atlantic County to extend the termination date until March 31, 2017 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. 63
Bid contract for
substructure
rehabilitation of the
Weymouth Furnace
Bridge**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Carman seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Hydro-Marine Construction Co. Inc., for substructure rehabilitation of the Weymouth Furnace Bridge (HML-22) County Route 559 over Great Egg Harbor River for a total sum not to exceed \$594,374.00.

Carl Mason of Egg Harbor Township questioned was this bridge rebuilt seven or eight years ago? Why more work? Regional Planning and Economic Department Head John Peterson responded.

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. 64
Change order to contract
for 2015 Highway
Improvements Program –
Phase II**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to approve a Change order No. 1 and final, contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc., for 2015 Highway Improvements Program - Phase II for a total amendatory contract amount of \$1,558,976.02.

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. 65
Acceptance of
deeds/easements from
various grantors**

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion of acceptance of deeds/easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards.

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. 66
License agreement for
construction of a sanitary
sewer pipeline beneath
First Road at Ninth Street
in the Town of
Hammonton**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a license agreement with the developers of Block 1403, Lots 10 and 11 of the municipal tax map of the Town of Hammonton, County Planning File No. HM-2-2015 concerning construction of a sanitary sewer pipeline beneath First Road at Ninth Street in the Town of Hammonton.

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. 67
Authorizing County
Executive to execute
electronic billing of
medical claims at
Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorizing the County Executive to execute electronic data interchange, electronic remittance advice and electronic funds transfer enrollment forms for electronic billing of medical claims at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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. 68

Moved to the top of the agenda: Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to appoint Christopher C. Fallon, III to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2022.

**MOTION TO COMBINE
AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NOS. 69
AND 70**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 69 and 70.

RESOLUTION NO. 69
Appointment to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board
Appointment of Clifford Morris Scott to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 70
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Library Commission
Reappointment of Jody Turner, Don Morgenweck and Stephanie Sanchez to the Atlantic County Library Commission 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.

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NO. 71 TO THE AGENDA
Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 71 to the February 14, 2017 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. 71
Recognition of African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey and Founder Ralph E. Hunter Sr.
Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to recognize the 15th Anniversary of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey and Founder Ralph E. Hunter, Sr.
The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
Freeholder Kern reported that Freeholders Dase and Marino attended a breakfast meeting this past Saturday for the Atlantic County Commission on Women and American Association of University of Women part of the STEM Program.
The Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board will have a presentation by the AtlantiCare Behavioral Health on opioid recovery program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS Written communications were received by this office for the period of January 25, 2017 through February 14, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:32 p.m.
Anna Strang, resident of Egg Harbor Township, questioned what she and all the animal shelter volunteers did to cause the volunteer program to be suspended? Spoke about a dog name “Sandy”.
Steve Young, member of the Atlantic City Peacekeepers and the National Action Network, provided a brief history of Peacekeepers. The Atlantic City Peacekeepers were recently trained with NARCAN kits. Thanked Freeholder Coursey for the certificates recognized the training.
Mike Scott Anthony, resident of Atlantic City, a member of the Peacekeepers, invited everyone to attend Peacekeeper Meetings at Stanley Homes Village in Atlantic City.

Robert Petruzzi, Hammonton resident, husband of an Atlantic County Animal Shelter employee reported that his wife has been harassed by the animal shelter volunteers.

Tracey Urland, resident of Somers Point, questioned comments made by Freeholder Marino at the January 24th Freeholder Meeting

Kathy Kelsey, Manager of the Atlantic County Animal Shelter, reported that the volunteer program was not suspended; it was held in abeyance, as they attempted to modify the program for some compliance since the volunteers flagrantly violated the shelters former procedures. Ms. Kelsey detailed the problems encountered with the volunteers.

Nancy Beall, President of the Atlantic City SPCA, reported that an investigation was conducted at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter but the report is not complete. She stated that the SPCA is proud to work with the Shelter.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 4:47 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey commended the public that came out to speak. Requested a report from SPCA. Freeholder Coursey reported that former Prosecutor Ted Houzel passed and extended condolences to his family.

Chairman Formica requested a moment of silence for Ted Houzel.

Freeholder Dase thanked Mr. Hunter for bringing his traveling museum to the Galloway Township Middle School.

Freeholder Marino reported that he and Mr. Hunter have known one another for ten years or more. He announced the 15th Anniversary of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey is February 27, 2017 at the Noyes Garage at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board