

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Stillwater Building

201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Minutes of Meeting

February 28, 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 Marino, followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Formica.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. ABSENT: Dase (arrived at 4:05 p.m.).
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING January 24, 2017** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 24, 2017 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dase.
- ORDINANCE NO. 3 FIRST READING Ordinance to vacate and abandon sight triangle easements across part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 3802, along Brigantine Boulevard in the City of Brigantine** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 3-2017 to vacate and abandon sight triangle easements across part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 3802, along Brigantine Boulevard in the City of Brigantine.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dase.
- ORDINANCE NO. 4 FIRST READING Ordinance to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 11, in Block 987, along Pitney Road in the Township of Galloway** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2017 to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 11, in Block 987, along Pitney Road in the Township of Galloway.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Carman, Coursey, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Dase

- ORDINANCE NO. 5
FIRST READING
Ordinance to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 19, in Block 12, along 2123 Shore Road in the City of Linwood**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 5-2017 to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 19, in Block 12, along 2123 Shore Road in the City of Linwood.
- 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. 6
FIRST READING
Ordinance to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement and deed restriction across part of Lot 1, in Block 33, along Ventnor Avenue and Twenty-Eighth Avenue in the Borough of Longport**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 6-2017 to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement and deed restriction across part of Lot 1, in Block 33, along Ventnor Avenue and Twenty-Eighth Avenue in the Borough of Longport.
- 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. 7
FIRST READING
Ordinance to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lots 2.01 and 2.02 in Block 113, at the intersection of Dorset and Ventnor Avenues in the City of Ventnor**
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 7-2017 to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lots 2.01 and 2.02 in Block 113, at the intersection of Dorset and Ventnor Avenues in the City of Ventnor.
- 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. 8
FIRST READING
Ordinance to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 1, in Block 1123, along Thelma Avenue and Ocean Heights Avenue in Hamilton Township**
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 8-2017 to vacate and abandon a sight triangle easement across part of Lot 1, in Block 1123, along Thelma Avenue and Ocean Heights Avenue in Hamilton Township.
- 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. 72
Amended grant agreement for the Atlantic City Re-Employment National Emergency Grant**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion amending a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Atlantic City Re-Employment National Emergency Grant extending the termination date until June 30, 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. 73
Amended grant agreement for the Victim Assistance**
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded an amended grant agreement with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim Witness for Advocacy for the Victim Assistance Grant for an additional amount of \$17,184.00, for an amended grant not to exceed \$386,125.00 and extending the term until 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. 74 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to submit a grant application from the New Jersey Department of Education, State Library for Per Capita State Library Aid Funds to be appropriated to the 2018 operating budget of the Atlantic County Library System in the amount of approximately \$73,588.00.

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. 75 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to accept grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission for general operating support for the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the amount of \$14,400.00 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. 76 Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion approving participation with the State of New Jersey in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Grant Program administered by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for a grant in the amount of \$93,262.00 subject to an in-kind match of \$23,315.00 for the period of October 1, 2016 through 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. 77 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an amended professional services agreement with AECOM under the 2016 Dam and Transportation Infrastructure pool at no additional cost until December 31, 2017 to permit time for completion of the Dorset Avenue Bridge project.

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. 78 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to enter into alternate method contract with PointClickCare Technologies, Inc., to provide proprietary billing and electronic medical record software at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in an amount not to exceed \$51,346.43 for the term commencing September 1, 2016 and terminating August 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. 79 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an alternate method agreement with MTS Software Solutions, Inc., to upgrade the Fortis Imaging Software to the latest Westbrook Fortis software version (6.9) in an amount of \$7,000.00 for the period commencing February 14, 2017 and terminating June 25, 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. 80
Bid contract for
mosquito surveillance**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a renewal bid contract with Horizon Helicopters, Inc., to provide mosquito surveillance for a total sum not to exceed \$103,600.00 for the term commencing April 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

Mike Price, Egg Harbor Township resident, asked isn't \$103,600.00 excessive. Aren't there other options for mosquito control? John Abdill, Superintendent of Office of Mosquito Control 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. 81
Professional service
agreement for the
provision of bond
counsel services**

Freeholder Carman moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a professional services agreement with Archer and Greiner, P.C., for the provision of bond counsel services for an amount not to exceed \$30,025.00 for a period commencing January 1, 2017 and ending 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. 82
Agreement for the
provision of financial
advisor services**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with ACACIA Financial Group, Inc., for the provision of financial advisor services in an amount not to exceed \$21,875.00 for the 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. 83
Professional services
agreement for the Sexual
Assault Response Team**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a professional services contract with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners for the Sexual Assault Response Team for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 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. 84
Agreement for
coordination services for
the Sexual Assault Nurse
Examiner Program**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the Atlantic County Women's Center for coordination services for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for an amount not to exceed \$83,599.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2016 and ending 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. 85**
Termination agreement with NJ Transit and accept title to those vehicles
- Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize eight lease termination agreements with NJ Transit and accept title to those vehicles.
- 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. 86**
License agreement concerning the use and occupancy of a portion of the right of way of Brigantine Avenue in the City of Brigantine
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize a license agreement with Twelve Eighteen Brigantine Corp., T/A Ocean Beverage concerning the use and occupancy of a portion of the right of way of Brigantine Avenue, in the City of Brigantine.
- 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. 87**
Medicare Revalidation application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to receive reimbursement for the provision of flu and pneumonia vaccinations
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion authorize completion and submission of Medicare Revalidation application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to receive reimbursement for the provision of flu and pneumonia vaccinations.
- 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. 88**
Temporary construction easement and license on Old Tilton Road (from Hingston Avenue to Fire Road) in Egg Harbor Township
- Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to authorize a temporary construction easement and license to enter upon property owned by the Egg Harbor Associates identified as part of Block 2118, Lots 1 and 16 through 21 on Old Tilton Road (from Hingston Avenue to Fire Road) in Egg Harbor Township.
- 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. 89**
Bid contract for replacement of drainage pipe on Old Tilton Road (from Hingston Avenue to Fire Road) in Egg Harbor Township
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an emergency contract with R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. for replacement of drainage pipe on Old Tilton Road (from Hingston Avenue to Fire Road) in Egg Harbor Township.
- 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. 90 TO THE AGENDA**
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 90 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. 90**
Canceling the March 7, 2017 Freeholder Meeting
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 3-2017, canceling the regular meeting of March 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.

**REPORTS OF
SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF
THE BOARD**

Freeholder Gatto reported she attended the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Meeting and commended the volunteers on the Board. She expressed that she was pleased that Atlantic County funds are expended on County residents first.

Freeholder Bertino reported that the Roads and Bridges Committee met and reviewed and finalized upcoming projects.

**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 February 15, 2017 through February 28, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:49 p.m.

Anna Strang, resident of Egg Harbor Township and an animal activist stated she was at the last Freeholder Meeting and wanted to address statements made by others at the last meeting. She detailed her concerns.

Tracey Irwin, resident of Somers Point, questioned Freeholder Coursey as to his experience at the Animal Shelter. Freeholder Coursey responded.

Andrea Guido, a resident of Somers Point and animal shelter volunteer, reported her concerns and experience at the Animal Shelter. She was interested in rescuing Sandy and had difficulty locating the dog at the Shelter.

Terry Benjamin, resident of Northfield and animal shelter volunteer, questioned why the volunteers cannot help if they abide by the rules. Also, why does Atlantic County pay for a police officer on site?

Jesse Greyson, resident of Somers Point, reported he toured the facility and the staff was very healthy. He stated he was in full support of the Animal Shelter.

Lisa Curcio, an animal shelter volunteer, conveyed her experience at the animal shelter and stated she was dismissed by the police officer at the Animal Shelter.

Abbey Conway, resident of Somers Point, stated that this was nothing more than a witch hunt which has impacted the Animal Shelter employee's ability to perform their jobs.

Emma Garringer, stated she and her grandmother are volunteers. The behavior at the Animal Shelter is strange in her opinion.

Eileen Huttle, resident of Mays Landing, stated she is not a volunteer at the Animal Shelter but a volunteer at another shelter where she has a good relationship with the manager.

Gayle Brittle, resident of Ventnor, expressed she has been involved in rescue for years. There have been concerns with the Animal Shelter for years.

Mary Finkle, resident of Northfield and a volunteer stated she was a donor to the Animal Shelter. She proposed the Shelter should advertise on Pet Finder again. She formerly worked with the Shelter writing stories and photographing pets to be placed on Pet Finders.

Mary Beth (Indiscernible), resident of Absecon, thanked the Board for listening because as a result things have changed at the Shelter.

Corey Bishop, resident of Egg Harbor City, stated she has attended several Pinelands Commission Meetings. Ms. Bishop questioned the confirmation process of the Atlantic County representative to the Pinelands Commission.

Mike Price, resident of Egg Harbor Township, expressed his concern of what he had heard during public comments. He requested an independent authority to investigate allegations of criminal activity. He plans on contacting the NJ Attorney General's Office.

Jason Howell, resident of Port Republic, expressed his concern with the Pinelands National Reserve. He attended the public hearing at the Pinelands Commission concerning the pipeline and he's very interested in protecting the Pinelands.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:53 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey requested prayer for former Atlantic County Fire Marshal Harold "Whitey" Swartz who is ill.

Freeholder Gatto requested prayer for Folsom Councilman Ben Pagano whose son passed away recently. Chairman Formica requested a moment of silence.

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 5:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board