

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

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Minutes of Meeting
March 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 Carman, followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Formica.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. ABSENT: Bertino.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING January 31, 2017** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 31, 2017 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- INTERVIEW** Gair Helfrich as the Atlantic County Division Director for the County Library System.
- MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 102 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA** Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 102 to the top of the agenda.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- *RESOLUTION NO. 102 Appointment of the Atlantic County Division Director to the Atlantic County Library System** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to appoint Gair Helfrich as the Atlantic County Division Director for the County Library System effective February 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.
- MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 109 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 109 to the top of the agenda.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

***RESOLUTION NO. 109**
Supporting the City of Pleasantville's grant application to install and start operating the ShotSpotter System

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to support the City of Pleasantville's grant application to install and start operating the ShotSpotter System - (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey and Frank D. Formica).

Pleasantville Chief Sean Riggins provided a detailed explanation of the Shot Spotter System.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9
Ordinance authorizing acquisition of parcels of real property located along Jimmie Leeds Road in Galloway

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 9-2017 of the County of Atlantic authorizing acquisition of parcels of real property located along Jimmie Leeds Road in Galloway, 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 787, Part of Lot 5 and Block 865.01, Part of Lot 4, respectively on the tax map of the Township of Galloway for a total not to exceed \$29,800.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 91
Grant application for the 2016 Federal Transit Act Section 5310 grant funding

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for 2016 Federal Transit Act Section 5310 grant in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 funding with a \$125,000.00 in kind match for the grant period commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 92
Grant application for Veterans' Transportation Assistance

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to submit a grant application from the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for Veterans' Transportation Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2017 and terminating June 30, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93
Amended grant agreement for Post Sandy Planning Assistance Program

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an amended grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Post Sandy Planning Assistance Program to extend the term of the grant until June 15, 2017 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 94
Amended professional services agreement to extend the termination date for Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant Activities

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an amended professional services agreement with Heyer, Gruel and Associates, PA, for consulting services for Phase II of the Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant Activities to extend the termination date until June 15, 2017 to permit time for completion at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95
Contract for participation in the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a contract with Atlantic City for participation in the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program to purchase meals from the County for \$3.57 per regular meal and an estimated \$2.25 per frozen meal or cost if food exceeds \$2.25 plus the cost of non-food supplies used by the City for a total not to exceed \$176,948.25 for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 96
Professional services agreement for alcoholism treatment services

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to authorize professional services contracts with various contractors for alcoholism treatment services for a total for all contracts of \$548,156.00 for a one 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 97
Alternate method contract renewal to provide maintenance services

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract renewal with Unitronix Data Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance services for the Abacus and Administrative Software for an amount not to exceed \$52,116.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98
Bid contract to provide prisoner transport services

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Prisoner Transport Services of America, LLC, to provide prisoner transportation services for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2017, with a County option to renew for one additional year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99
Lease for the use of a portion of the Atlantic County Office Building

Freeholder Marion moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a lease with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, for the use of a portion of the Atlantic County Office Building for a term commencing April 1, 2017 and terminating March 31, 2022.

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 100** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a license agreement with Haluwas, Inc., for use of facilities to conduct 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Programs in an amount not to exceed \$32,250.00 during the period commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.
- License agreement for the use of facilities to conduct 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Programs**
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 101** Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a license and hold harmless agreement with Margate Bridge Company for the installation of a flashing LED warning sign in the right of way of Mill Road.
- License and hold harmless agreement for installation of a flashing LED warning sign in the right of way of Mill Road**
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 102** Moved to top of the agenda: Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to appoint Gair Helfrich as the Atlantic County Division Director to the County Library System effective February 1, 2017.
- Appointment to the Atlantic County Division Director to the Atlantic County Library System**
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 103 TO 105** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 103 to 105.
- RESOLUTION NO. 103** Appointment of Dr. Barbara Gaba to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for an unexpired term to expire on June 30, 2017.
- Appointment to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board**
- RESOLUTION NO. 104** Reappointment of Andrew T. Bozarth, Robert F. Lemon, James J. McGlynn and Edward P. Ryan to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2021.
- Reappointment to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals**
- RESOLUTION NO. 105** Reappointment of Christopher Compton as First Alternate to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2021.
- Reappointment to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals**
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Carman, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Marino, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 106 TO 108** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 106 to 108.
- RESOLUTION NO. 106** Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Brigantine PBA Local 204 at the intersection of County Route 638 and Harbor Beach Boulevard, Brigantine, NJ on Saturday, March 25, 2017.
- Roadway Solicitation event in Brigantine**

RESOLUTION NO. 107 Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Absecon Lions Club at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) Absecon, NJ on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
Roadway Solicitation event in Absecon

RESOLUTION NO. 108 Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Oceanville Volunteer Fire Company #1 at the intersection of Pitney Road (CR 534) and Great Creek Road, Galloway Township, NJ on Saturday, April 22, 2017 and Saturday, September 30, 2017.
Roadway Solicitation event in Galloway

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

RESOLUTION NO. 109 Moved to top of agenda: Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Marino seconded a motion to support the City of Pleasantville's grant application to install and start operating the ShotSpotter System - (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey and Frank D. Formica).
Supporting the City of Pleasantville's grant application to install and start operating the ShotSpotter System

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

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NO. 110 TO THE AGENDA Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 110 to the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 110 Freeholder Marino moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to declare that the interest of the citizens and taxpayers of Atlantic County the County Executive is hereby authorized to issue a request for proposals to procure legal services to challenge the constitutionality of the Municipal Stabilization and Recovery Act and the Casino Property Stabilization Act and if necessary assist the County in negotiations related to the PILOT Program.
Request for proposals to procure legal services to challenge the constitutionality of the Municipal Stabilization and Recovery Act and the Casino Property Stabilization Act

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

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 Chairman Formica reported there are many new things occurring in Atlantic City, both positive and negative, such as the Hard Rock Café coming, a developer has purchased the former Atlantic Club, an executive director will be hired to the Economic Alliance shortly and a lot of other positive initiatives are happening.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS Written communications were received by this office for the period of March 1, 2017 through March 14, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:42 p.m.

Sam Holland, resident of Galloway Township and business owner for over 20 years, stated Atlantic County has lost its common sense when it comes to volunteering and the amount of aggravation they are going to tolerate with the volunteer program.

Kathy Kelsey, Atlantic County Animal Shelter Manager stated her credibility and professional reputation had been marred. Ms. Kelsey refuted the claims made against her.

Stephanie Mare, Atlantic County Animal Shelter Supervisor, expressed her concerns regarding the volunteer program packet and ways the packet could be improved.

Aubrey (Indiscernible), a former employee of the Atlantic County Animal Shelter under Kathy Kelsey for three and a half years, reported she never witnessed animal cruelty at the Shelter.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 4:55 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey reported the recent article in the paper regarding the Shelter was very good. Anyone that raises an issue of animal cruelty should provide proof. Freeholder Coursey extended congratulations to Judge Tyner who was promoted to Atlantic County Prosecutor. He extended condolences to the family of Russell Bongiovanni. He reported he attended the Faces 4 Autism which was well attended and congratulated Dennis Levinson for receiving their award.

Chairman Formica asked for a moment of silence for former Atlantic County Fire Marshal Harold "Whitey" Swartz and Russell Bongiovanni.

Freeholder Gatto reminded everyone it is municipal (local) budget season and residents should attend their town meetings and school board meetings to learn what is being presented in their local budgets. It's something very important that occurs that many don't pay attention to but impacts everyone.

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 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board