

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

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Minutes of Meeting
January 16, 2018

- 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 Bertino, followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Formica.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING December 5, 2017** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 5, 2017 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica.
NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: Bennett and Fitzpatrick.
- INTERVIEW** Reappointment of Dave Buzby as the Atlantic County Fire Marshal.
- ORDINANCE NO. 1 FIRST READING**
An ordinance revising speed limits along Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor and the City of Northfield
- Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading an Ordinance No. 1-2018 revising speed limits along Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor and the City of Northfield.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 12**
Grant application for the replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge in the City of Port Republic
- Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge in the City of Port Republic for funding in an amount up to \$2,611,242.00.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.
- RESOLUTION NO. 13**
Grant application for the 2017 Social Services for the Homeless Program
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for the 2017 Social Services for the Homeless Program in an amount of \$25,000.00, for an amended grant not to exceed \$907,283.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14
Agreement for operation of
the Juvenile Detention
Program at Harborfields**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission for operation of the Juvenile Detention Program at Harborfields facility for an amount not to exceed \$2,679,382.00 for a one year period commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, questioned the effective contract date.

Mico Lucide questioned if it would be possible to project funding two months out pending a response.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15
Professional service
contracts to provide
substance abuse services
for the 12 hour and 48 hour
IDRC**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional service contracts with various counselors and nurses to provide substance abuse services for the 12 hour and 48 hour IDRC for an amount not to exceed \$35,024.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16
Professional services
agreement to provide all
design plans and
engineering documents
necessary to secure local,
state and federal approvals
for the construction of
bicycle racks at key
locations throughout the
cities of Margate and
Ventnor**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a professional services agreement with Remington Vernick and Walberg Engineers to provide all design plans and engineering documents necessary to secure local, state and federal approvals for the construction of bicycle racks at key locations throughout the cities of Margate and Ventnor for an amount not to exceed \$34,926.85 for the term commencing February 1, 2018 and terminating February 1, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 17
Professional services
agreement for the provision
of veterinarian services for
the Animal Shelter**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreements with various veterinarians and veterinary offices for the provision of veterinarian services for the Animal Shelter for an aggregated amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 for all veterinarians for the period commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18
Professional services
agreement to serve as bond
counsel for the County of
Atlantic**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreement with Archer and Greiner, P.C., to serve as bond counsel for the County of Atlantic for an amount not to exceed \$30,025.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 19
Professional services
agreement for the provision
of financial advisory
services**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreement with ACACIA Financial Group, Inc., for the provision of financial advisory services in an amount not to exceed \$13,375.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20
Bid contract with Able
Mechanical, Inc., to provide
preventative maintenance
and emergency repairs on
food service equipment**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Able Mechanical, Inc., to provide preventative maintenance and emergency repairs on food service equipment for the total sum not to exceed \$108,960.00 for a two year period commencing February 1, 2018 and terminating January 31, 2020 to the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21
License agreement for use
of facilities to conduct 48-
Hour Intoxicated Driver
Resource Center Programs**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a license agreement with Haluwasa, 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, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22
Acceptance of
deeds/easements from
various grantors in
accordance with Atlantic
County Planning Standards**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize the 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: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23
Agreement for cost
reimbursement for material
and labor costs associated
with rail-highway grades
crossings improvement
projects**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for cost reimbursement for material and labor costs associated with rail-highway grades crossings improvement projects.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE
AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NOS. 24
AND 25**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 24 and 25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24
Appointment to the
Atlantic County Parks and
Environment Advisory
Commission**

Appointment of Heather H. Warburton to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for an unexpired term to expire on July 1, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25
Reappointment to the
Atlantic County Veterans
Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Herb Davis, Marco Polo Smigliani, Dr. Ronald Caro, Anita J. Dec, Robert Frolow, John Palmentieri, Russell S. Robinson, Issac J. (Ike) Rucker and Donald M. Walls to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for terms to expire on January 1, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 26
Amending Resolution
3-2018, canceling the
regular meeting of January
23, 2018**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution 3-2018, canceling the regular meeting of January 23, 2018 and informing the newspapers.

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

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Freeholder Gatto reported the Budget and Finance Committee held its first meeting to review the 2018 budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Formica requested an update on the traffic light on Steelmanville and Blackman Road in Egg Harbor Township.

Chairman Formica asked County Counsel Ferguson to explain the process of subpoenaing. Mr. Ferguson outlined the process.

Chairman Formica received and read correspondence from the Juvenile Justice Commission (dated 1/16/18) in response to the Board's request to meet concerning Harborfields Detention Center. Freeholder Bertino requested inviting the Mayor of Egg Harbor City to the meeting. Chairman Formica recommended the solicitor contact the JJC to schedule a meeting.

Freeholder Fitzpatrick commented on the rhetoric and comments that are racist coming out of Washington, DC and stated that we in Atlantic County celebrate our diversity and do not support those comments.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of December 12, 2017 through January 16, 2018.

Freeholder Gatto received several emails regarding the number of accidents that occurred in December at the intersection of State Route 30 and Cologne Avenue. Freeholder Gatto brought it to Administration's attention and requested a left-turn lane and road painting. Also, Freeholder Gatto reported there is a new State law that was passed this summer regarding animals being exposed to extreme outdoor temperatures. She will request Prosecutor Tyner notify the public of this new law.

Freeholder Dase stated the Board passed a resolution urging the proper treatment of animals outdoors. Freeholder Dase reported he had received emails regarding the State's plan to add a circle to the five points in Absecon. He asked if the County has been included in discussions. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 5:11 p.m.

Mico Lucide, spoke about the credentials of newly appointed member, Heather Warburton, to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:14 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey reported that former Governor Christie pocket vetoed the growth zone bill. He will sponsor a resolution requesting the bill be reintroduced. Freeholder Coursey also reported he attended the swearing-in ceremony and extended his congratulations to the new Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Freeholder Gatto extended the Board's sympathy on the passing of Freeholder Risley's mother. Chairman Formica called for a moment of silence.

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 5:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board