

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

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Minutes of Meeting
January 30, 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 Kern, 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. NAYS: None. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
December 12, 2017**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 12, 2017 minutes.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1
FINAL READING
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 adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 1-2018 revising speed limits along Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor and the City of Northfield.

Chairman Formica opened the public hearing for comments at 4:05 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public hearing at 4:05 p.m.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2
FIRST READING
Ordinance amending various sections and subsections of Chapter 97 of the Atlantic County Code entitled Parks**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 2-2018 amending various sections and subsections of Chapter 97 of the Atlantic County Code Entitled Parks to set new site fees; amend the methods for fee payments, and to amend provisions regarding applications, regulations and requirements, including insurance requirements, for special events with alcohol in County parks.

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. 27
Grant application for a
Violence Against Women Act
grant

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to submit a grant application for a Violence Against Women Act grant to the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Victim Witness Advocacy for funding in an amount not to exceed \$43,687.00, a County In-Kind match of \$14,562.00, and for a total amount not to exceed \$58,249.00 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. 28
Grant application and
acceptance of funding
through the Continuum of
Care for the Homeless grant

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to submit a grant application and acceptance of funding through the Continuum of Care for the Homeless grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an amount not to exceed \$18,070.00, subject to a County cash match of \$4,518.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Eileen Toland, resident of Northfied, requested an explanation of the grant.

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. 29
An amended
intergovernmental agreement
for stormwater drainage
improvements along
Weymouth Road

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize an amended intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Hammonton for survey, design and permitting work for stormwater drainage improvements along Weymouth Road until 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. 30
Agreement with Stockton
University (F.K.A. Richard
Stockton College of New
Jersey) for provision of
college interns to Atlantic
County

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with Stockton University (F.K.A. Richard Stockton College of New Jersey) for provision of college interns to Atlantic County for a one year period commencing March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 at no cost to the County. The agreements shall be automatically renewed for two additional one year periods.

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. 31
Competitive contract for the
provision of fire and security
alarm monitoring, security
surveillance, access control
equipment installation and
maintenance

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a competitive contract with Atlantic Coast Alarm, Inc. for the provision of fire and security alarm monitoring, security surveillance, access control equipment installation and maintenance services in the amount of \$3,747,680.00 for a five year period commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2022.

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. 32
Bid contracts for emergency
generator upgrades and
retrofits**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into bid contracts for Atlantic County Emergency generator upgrades and retrofits with Alpine East Electric, LLC for a total sum not to exceed \$17,850.00, DEC Electrical Contractors, Inc. for a total sum not to exceed \$26,880.00 and Maguire Electrical Construction, LLC for a total sum not to exceed \$103,950.00, for a total combine sum not to exceed \$148,680.00, for term commencing upon notice to proceed and terminating on April 30, 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. 33
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Library Advisory
Commission**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to appoint Glen F. Mawby to the Atlantic County Library Advisory Commission for a term 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.

**MOTION TO COMBINE
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION
NOS. 34 AND 35**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 34 and 35.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Construction Board of
Appeals**

Appointment of Donald L. Stauffer to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory
Board**

Appointment of Paul T. Garraty to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term 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.

**MOTION TO ADD
RESOLUTION NO. 35A TO
THE AGENDA**

Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 35A to the agenda.

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. 35A
Resolution opposing Trump
Administration proposal to
allow offshore drilling**

Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a resolution opposing Trump Administration proposal to allow offshore drilling (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

Mike Price, resident of Egg Harbor Township, requested the Legislative Counsel's version of Resolution 35A be read.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, spoke regarding the role of the solicitor.

Fred Akers, Administrator of the Greater Egg Harbor Watershed Association, stated as a point of information there is a time constraint on this type of resolution as it pertains to the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management.

Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to Table Resolution No. 35A.

The above-mentioned motion to table Resolution No. 35A was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

**MOTION TO ADD
RESOLUTION NO. 36
TO THE AGENDA**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion adding Resolution No. 36 to the agenda.

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. 36
Resolution opposing offshore
drilling off the coast of New
Jersey**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize a resolution opposing offshore drilling off the coast of New Jersey (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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. 37
Resolution supporting and
endorsing a bipartisan Bill
(H.R. 2158), “The Atlantic
Seismic Airgun Protection
Act”**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a resolution supporting and endorsing a bipartisan Bill (H.R. 2158), “The Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act,” introduced in Congress by Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ-02) and Congressman Don Beyer (D-VA-08) (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

Fred Akers, Administrator of the Greater Egg Harbor Watershed Association, explained the Act and conveyed his support for Resolution No. 37. Mr. Aker commended the Board for proposing this Resolution at this time.

Lisa Bender, Executive Director, Patcong Creek Foundation, stated that this is a great resolution and the Foundation supports it.

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. 38
Resolution urging the
Legislature of New Jersey to
re-introduce and pass the
Garden State Growth Zone Bill
for the aviation district
recently pocket vetoed by
former Governor Christie**

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution urging the Legislature of New Jersey to re-introduce and pass the Garden State Growth Zone Bill for the aviation district recently pocket vetoed by former Governor Christie (Sponsors: Ernest D. Coursey and Frank D. Formica).

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. 39
Amending Resolution 3-2018,
canceling the regular meeting
of February 6, 2018**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to amend Resolution 3-2018, canceling the regular meeting of February 6, 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40
Supporting Solution to Trump
Tax Increase**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to table Resolution No. 40 supporting solution to Trump Tax increase (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

The above-mentioned motion to table Resolution No. 40 was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

**MOTION TO ADD
RESOLUTION NO. 41 TO
THE AGENDA**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to add Resolution No. 41 to the agenda.

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. 41
Endorsing the Gottheimer-
Murphy Proposal for the
creation of charitable “support
funds” by municipalities to
allow taxpayers to deduct as
charitable contributions
payments to same**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion endorsing the Gottheimer-Murphy Proposal for the creation of charitable “support funds” by municipalities to allow taxpayers to deduct as charitable contributions payments to same.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 42
Opposing a \$15 per hour
minimum wage**

WITHDRAWN.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Freeholder Coursey reported that the Jail Committee, Legislative Counsel Steedle and County Administrator DelRosso met with representatives from the Juvenile Justice Commission to discuss security at Harborfields Detention Center.

Freeholder Gatto reported that the Budget Committee continues to meet and will meet one more time before the introduction of the budget is presented to the Board. Freeholder Gatto also reminded everyone that the County will be offering free NARCAN trainings in Galloway.

Freeholder Kern announced that the County is still providing flu shots along with free blood pressure screenings and free emergency preparedness classes for individuals with disabilities. Freeholder Kern reported that she and Freeholder Fitzpatrick attended the Mayor’s Association Meeting.

Freeholder Risley reported that County Executive Levinson appointed him to the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). The SJTOP’s reorganization meeting was yesterday and Freeholder Risley will serve as treasurer. He provided an overview of the Organization’s charge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Bertino stated that Rick Dovey, Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) President, extended an invitation to the Board to tour the ACUA’s Solid Waste or Wastewater Treatment facilities. If you’re interested in touring please contact Mr. Dovey.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of January 17, 2018 through January 30, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 5:35 p.m.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, inquired if any Freeholder heard that there was a proposal to combine Estell Manor and Weymouth.

Lisa Bender, Executive Director, Patcong Creek Foundation, recommended the Board purchase reusable water bottles.

Eileen Toland, resident of Northfield, thanked the Board for their contributions to Stop the Heroine Christmas Party. She also commended Atlantic County Warden Cohen for raising \$1,250.00 by allowing the male corrections officer to grow their beards and the female correction officers to wear stud earrings at a cost.

Fred Akers, Administrator of the Greater Egg Harbor Watershed Association, reported that Congressman LoBiondo is crafting a coalition with legislators who represent coastal states.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:42 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey stated the number of foreclosures in Atlantic County has decreased. Freeholder Coursey recognized the Atlantic County Democratic Chairman who was in attendance.

Chairman Formica sadly conveyed that John Palmentieri, a Purple Heart recipient, passed away. Chairman requested a moment of silence.

Freeholder Gatto reported that the State opened Main Street in Mays Landing and "Go Eagles"!

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board