

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Stockton University Campus Center Theatre
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway, New Jersey 08205

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Minutes of Meeting

October 22, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Chairwoman Amy L. Gatto at 4 p.m., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stockton University Campus Center Theatre, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, New Jersey.
- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT** Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairwoman Gatto 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, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE** The prayer was led by Freeholder Bennett, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Gatto.
- A moment of silence for the passing of U.S. Congressman Elijah Cummings.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey (arrived at 4:03 PM), Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. ABSENT: None.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING September 10, 2019** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the September 10, 2019 minutes.
- Freeholder Bennett noted a correction.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey.
- RESOLUTION NO. 583 Grant application for the Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program** Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program in amount not to exceed \$25,450.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2019 and terminating September 30, 2020.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey.
- RESOLUTION NO. 584 Grant application and acceptance for the provision of two lockable ballot carts** Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 2018 Elections Security Grant for the provision of two lockable ballot carts in the amount of \$4,540.00.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey.

RESOLUTION NO. 585 Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State for the 2020 Complete Count Commission County Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for the term commencing November 12, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 586 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice for the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant in an amount not to exceed \$162,500.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 587 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 103 adopted on February 26, 2019 application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice for the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 588 Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 320 adopted on June 4, 2019 application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2019 and terminating September 30, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 589 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize a grant acceptance from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$141,571.00, for reimbursement of costs associated with the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens for the period commencing July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 590 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories, and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant for PY 2019-2020 in an amount not to exceed \$248,610.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2020.

Grant acceptance for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories, and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant for PY 2019-2020

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 591 TO 597 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 591 to 597.

RESOLUTION NO. 591 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$670,111.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HOME FY19.

RESOLUTION NO. 592 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$1,217,645.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY19.

RESOLUTION NO. 593 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$25,450.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Cares For Kids 19-20.

RESOLUTION NO. 594 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$35,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) 19-20.

RESOLUTION NO. 595 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$162,500.00 from the State of Pennsylvania, Office of the Attorney General, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 596 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$113,600.00 from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, Sub Regional Transportation 19-20.

RESOLUTION NO. 597 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2019 the sum of \$9,994.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, Area Plan 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 598 Amending Resolution No. 78 (2-5-19) competitive contracts for the provision of homecare services under the Division of Welfare and State Respite Grant Programs Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 78 adopted on February 5, 2019 competitive contracts with various vendors for the provision of homecare services under the Division of Welfare and State Respite Grant Programs to include Senior Care Centers of America as an additional provider for the term commencing upon notice of award and terminating December 31, 2019, with a County option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 599 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into a renewal lease agreement with the Center for Family Services for use of County owned premises located at 201 South Shore Road, Northfield in an amount not to exceed \$68,400.00 for the term commencing November 1, 2019 and terminating October 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 600 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to approve a shared services agreement with Salem County for the housing of juvenile detainees at the Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center.

Shared services agreement for the housing of juvenile detainees at the Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center

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

RESOLUTION NO. 601 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a contract with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission for the 2019 Social Services for the Homeless program in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 602 Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc., for the 2019 County Bond Highway Improvement Project of various roads for the total sum not to exceed \$1,979,000.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

Olivia Caldwell, resident of Pleasantville, asked where Arawak Paving Company was located. Chairwoman Gatto responded.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 603 Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the South Jersey Transportation Authority regarding acquisition of real property for open space preservation purposes, to accommodate requirements of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and further concerning development of an aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul training facility at the Atlantic City International Airport.

Memorandum of agreement for open space preservation purposes, to accommodate requirements of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and further concerning development of an aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul training facility at the Atlantic City International Airport

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 604 TO 611 Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 604 to 611.

- RESOLUTION NO. 604** Appointment of Sabrena T. McDaniel Brandon to full membership to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2021.
Appointment of full membership to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 605** Appointment of Richard Pachler as First Alternate to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2021.
Appointment of First Alternate to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 606** Appointment of Carolyn Peterson as Second Alternate to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2021.
Appointment of Second Alternate to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 607** Appointment of Trinna L. Rodgers, Esq., to full membership to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2021.
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- RESOLUTION NO. 608** Appointment of John Lasala as First Alternate to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2021.
Appointment of First Alternate to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 609** Appointment of Doortje M. Schipper as Second Alternate to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2021.
Appointment of Second Alternate to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 610** Appointment of Subrata Chowdhury to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for a term to expire on July 31, 2022.
Appointment to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board
- RESOLUTION NO. 611** Reappointment of June Gray Sheridan, Vonnie Clark, Michael Cool, Cynthia M. Domino, Gabriel J. Donio and Gary Giberson to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for terms to expire on July 31, 2022.
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None.
- REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD** Freeholder Risley reported he attended the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD) Meeting. SJEDD's recent audit result was an unmodified opinion, the highest rating. The agency is running very well with only one part-time employee, Lou Joyce, Executive Director.
- Freeholder Bennett, member of the NACo Human Services and Education Steering Committee, stated that the legislative priorities questionnaire will be released soon. She will meet with County Administrator DelRosso to complete it.

Chairwoman Gatto stated that she attended the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association Meeting last night in Salem County and it was very informative.

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 October 2, 2019 through October 22, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Gatto opened the meeting to the public at 4:24 p.m.

William Boyer, resident on Motts Creek Road, Galloway Township, requested an update on work performed on Motts Creek Road.

Jason Miller, resident on Motts Creek Road, Galloway Township, advocated for the installation of speed bumps.

Olivia C. Caldwell, resident of Pleasantville and President of the NAACP Mainland/Pleasantville Branch, asked if the Board could explore providing postage on the return envelope that is enclosed with the mail-in ballot. She stated, both Salem and Cumberland Counties provide the prepaid postage envelopes to their residents. Also, more information needs to be disseminated to residents regarding mail-in ballots.

Ruth Black, resident on Motts Creek Road, Galloway Township, stated the speed bump is needed because small children live on the street.

Carmel (Indiscernible), resident on Motts Creek Road, Galloway Township, stated that speed bumps and signs would reduce the traffic on Motts Creek Road.

Alex Alanree, resident on Motts Creek Road, Galloway Township, stated hundreds of people are speeding down the street and nothing changes to reduce to speed.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Gatto closed the public portion at 5:06 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Kern extended congratulations to the Mainland Regional High School Band State Champions and the Cedar Creek Girls Soccer Team, CAL Champions. One of their star players is Angelina Cox. Also, recognition to Mike Price, Egg Harbor resident, for acting quickly and saving a man from burning.

Freeholder Bertino announced that the Roads and Bridges Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the speeding on Motts Creek Road.

Freeholder Formica stated as an immediate response perhaps the Sheriff's Office could patrol Motts Creek Road.

Chairwoman Gatto attended the Egg Harbor Township Girl Scout Troop dedication of the "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading" project created as a fun reading area.

Freeholder Coursey acknowledged the passing of Elijah Congressman Cummings from Baltimore who fought for civil rights.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Gatto entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board