

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

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Minutes of Meeting

March 12, 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 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, 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 AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was led by Freeholder Bennett, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Gatto.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: **PRESENT:** Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. **ABSENT:** None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING February 5, 2019

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the February 5, 2019 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Recognizing March as "American Red Cross Month" in Atlantic County to Carol Cohen, Executive Director.

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Judy M. Ward to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. Resolution No. 145.

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Jerome H. Irick to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. Resolution No. 146.

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Regina Bell to the Atlantic County Division Director for The County Library System. Resolution No. 147.

County Administrator DelRosso introduced the new Director of Transportation, Demetrius Pearson. Mr. Pearson provided the Board with an overview of his training and experience.

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1
FIRST READING
An Ordinance amending and
supplementing Bond Ordinance
number 6-2010**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Bond Ordinance No. 1-2019 amending and supplementing Bond Ordinance number 6-2010 (which provides for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for improvement of the Atlantic Cape Community College by the construction of an addition to the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus) heretofore finally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey on December 7, 2010, to amend the description set forth therein.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2
FIRST READING
An Ordinance providing for
various 2019 capital
improvements**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Bond Ordinance No. 2-2019 providing for various 2019 capital improvements by and in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$11,867,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$11,273,000 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

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

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 1
FIRST READING
An Ordinance providing for
information technology and
general capital improvements to
various county-owned facilities**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Capital Ordinance No. 1-2019 providing for information technology and general capital improvements to various county-owned facilities, in and for the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$3,323,000 from the capital improvement fund to pay for the cost thereof.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2
FINAL READING
An ordinance to amend the
Atlantic County Water Quality
Management Plan and Future
Wastewater Service Area Map
to include a portion of Block
473, Lot 13 and Block 647, Lot
7, Gabriel Memorial Fields and
Tartaglio Park in Galloway
Township, Atlantic County,
New Jersey into a sewer service
area**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 2-2019 to amend the Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan and Future Wastewater Service Area Map to include a portion of Block 473, Lot 13 and Block 647, Lot 7, Gabriel Memorial Fields and Tartaglio Park in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey into a sewer service area.

Chairwoman Gatto opened the public hearing for comments at 4:41 p.m. There being no comments, the hearing was closed to the public at 4:41 p.m.

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. 61*
Atlantic County Budget Notice
2019**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the 2019 Atlantic County Budget.

NOTE: Public hearing held on February 26, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 134
Grant acceptance for the
Universal Service Fund CWA
Administration Program

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Universal Service Fund CWA Administration Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,919.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2018 and terminating June 30, 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. 135
Grant acceptance for the
LIHEAP CWA Administration
Program

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the LIHEAP CWA Administration Program in an amount not to exceed \$17,078.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2018 and terminating September 30, 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. 136
Amended professional services
contract for design services for
Estell Manor Park

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into an amended professional services contract with Dixon Associates for design services for the Estell Manor Park increasing the amount of compensation by \$32,160.00, for a total amendatory contract amount not to exceed \$429,878.00 and extending the term date until April 1, 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. 137
Bid contract for the prisoner
transportation services

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with US Corrections, LLC, to provide prisoner transportation services for the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for the total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 to do 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, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 138
Bid contract for the
construction of public access
improvements along Motts
Creek Road (CR 657) at Public
Dock Road in Galloway
Township

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Command Co., Inc., for the construction of public access improvements along Motts Creek Road (CR 657) at Public Dock Road in Galloway Township for the total sum not to exceed \$533,229.70 to do the work and 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, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 139
Bid Contract to provide
alterations to the Atlantic
County Justice Facility
medical dosing unit

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Levy Construction Co., Inc., to provide alterations to the Atlantic County Justice Facility medical dosing unit for the total sum not to exceed \$224,600.00 to do 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, Formica, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 140
Bid contract to remove, supply and install security fencing at Harborfields Youth Detention Center

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Ocean Construction, LLC, to remove, supply and install security fencing at Harborfields Youth Detention Center for a the total sum not to exceed \$179,099.55 to do 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, Kern, Risley and Gatto. NAYS: None. RECUSED: Formica.

RESOLUTION NO. 141
Change order for roadway improvements to Washington Avenue (CR 608) in Egg Harbor Township

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to approve Change order no. 1, contract with A.E. Stone, Inc., for roadway improvements to Washington Avenue (CR 608) in Egg Harbor Township to extend term date to December 31, 2019 at no additional cost.

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. 142
Emergency contract for emergency span lock repairs to the Dorset Avenue Bridge (V-01) in the City of Ventnor

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize an emergency contract with South State, Inc., for emergency span lock repairs to the Dorset Avenue Bridge (V-01) in the City of Ventnor in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00, for the term commencing March 12, 2019 and terminating August 1, 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. 143
Alternate method contract for the Abacus and Administrative Systems for the Department of Family and Community Development

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance services for the Abacus and Administrative Systems for the Department of Family and Community Development for an amount not to exceed \$60,788.16 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. 144
Shared services agreement for security services within the Folsom School District

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to approve a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, the County of Atlantic and the Folsom Board of Education for security services within the Folsom School District.

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. 145
Appointment to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to appoint Judy M. Ward to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2024.

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. 146
Appointment to the New
Jersey Pinelands Commission**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to appoint Jerome H. Irick to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission for an interim term starting March 10, 2019 to June 27, 2019 and for a three (3) year term from June 28, 2019 to June 27, 2022.

Jason Howell, resident of Port Republic, asked what is the process for applying for Commissioner to the NJ Pinelands Commission. Mr. Howell requested the Board table the resolution for others to apply. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Ryan Greck, a member of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, inquired as to the advertising of vacancies in the Pinelands Commission. Ms. Greck also requested the resolution be tabled and republished.

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. 147
Appointment of the Atlantic
County Division Director for
the County Library System**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to appoint Regina Bell as the Atlantic County Division Director for the County Library System.

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. 148
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Construction Board of
Appeals**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to reappoint Kevin Dixon to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2023.

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 Kern reported that the Disability Advisory Board met today and discussed several issues including beach access for those in wheelchairs. The Mental Health Advisory Board met and the guest speaker was a representative from the Prevention Alliance guest speaker.

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 27, 2019 through March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Gatto opened the meeting to the public at 5:09 p.m.

Jerome Irick, Rutgers Extension Service Representative, thanked the Board for their contribution to the Extension Service.

V. George Amiriantz resident of Atlantic City and representative for Atlantic City Transportation Company, conveyed his disappointment with the NJ Transit Atlantic City Rail Line. He recommended that the line be privatized.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Gatto closed the public portion at 5:19 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Coursey requested a moment of silence for the victim of the plane crash in South Jersey.

Freeholder Fitzpatrick reported on the Black History Program held at Leeds Avenue School.

Chairwoman Gatto reported that she attended the Atlantic County Police Training Academy K-9 graduation. Atlantic County is the first to train a K-9 to prevent school shootings.

This is Women's History month which a resolution will be presented for consideration. Chairwoman Gatto announced the Chairwoman's Leadership Luncheon for County high school students. Freeholder Kern and Gatto provided a presentation for International Women's Day to 100 students at St. Augustine H.S. Chairwoman Gatto reported that both she and Freeholder Risley attended the Founders' Day of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated in which Clerk Harris received their community service award.

Freeholder Risley commended Chairwoman Gatto on a meeting with Mahogany Corporation Meeting in Hamilton Township and encouraging businesses in our County. Freeholder Risley reported that we are in receipt of the Atlantic Cape Community College report and we should continue to market our College.

Freeholder Dase reported of the potential of the Port Authority taking over SJTA which may be a great opportunity for the County. We just have to ensure that it doesn't impact any of our economic initiatives. He thanked County Administrator DelRosso for fixing the potholes around the Veterans' cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Gatto entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board