

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Stillwater Building

201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Minutes of Meeting

August 13, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Maureen Kern 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, Vice Chairwoman Kern 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 Formica, a moment of silence for County Counsel James Ferguson's mother, followed by the flag salute led by Vice Chairwoman Kern.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: **PRESENT:** Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica and Kern. **ABSENT:** Gatto and Risley.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING July 2, 2019** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 2, 2019 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Formica and Kern. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Dase.
- PRESENTATIONS** Honoring Eagle Scouts Brian Shugarts and Stephen Barnard.
- Honoring Egg Harbor Township Tornadoes 12U Babe Ruth Softball World Series Champions.
- ORDINANCE NO. 11 FINAL READING Ordinance to vacate and abandon a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Drainage Structures for a property located between Tilton Road Pomona Road and Aloe Street, identified as Block 453, Lot 2, Block 455, Lots 1 through 10, 12 through 16, 18 through 23, and Block 456, Lots 1 through 4, 6.01, 6.02, 6.04, 7.02, 10 through 13, 15 through 19, 22 and 24 in Galloway Township** Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 11-2019 to vacate and abandon a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Drainage Structures for a property located between Tilton Road, Pomona Road and Aloe Street, identified as Block 453, Lot 2, Block 455, Lots 1 through 10, 12 through 16, 18 through 23, and Block 456, Lots 1 through 4, 6.01, 6.02, 6.04, 7.02, 10 through 13, 15 through 19, 22 and 24 in Galloway Township.
- Vice Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:15 p.m. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed 4:15 p.m.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: **AYES:** Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Formica and Kern. **NAYS:** None.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12
FIRST READING
Ordinance establishing
No-Passing Zones along
Weymouth – DaCosta
Road (CR 559/640) in
the Townships of
Hamilton and Mullica,
and Town of
Hammonton, Atlantic
County**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 12-2019 establishing No-Passing Zones along Weymouth – DaCosta Road (CR 559/640) in the Townships of Hamilton and Mullica, and Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 449
Grant application for
Innovations funding**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations funding in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for a one year period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 450
Grant application for
State Community
Partnership Funds and
Family Court Services
Funds**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for State Community Partnership Funds and Family Court Services Funds in an amount not to exceed \$519,939.00 for the term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 451
Grant application and
acceptance for the FY
2019 Opiate Public
Health Crisis Response -
Operation Helping Hand
Grant**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the FY 2019 Opiate Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2019 and terminating August 31, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 452
Amended professional
services agreement for
the design of pedestrian
and traffic signal
improvements project
for Ventnor Avenue (CR
629)**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to amend a professional services agreement with Maser Consulting, PA, for the design of pedestrian and traffic signal improvements project for Ventnor Avenue (CR 629) for an amount not to exceed \$245,889.00, for a total amendatory contract amount not to exceed \$883,219.00 for the period commencing on August 25, 2017 and terminating on August 25, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 453
Professional services
agreement for consulting
physician for
communicable disease
and bioterrorism
program**

Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to authorize a professional services agreement with Dr. Christopher Lucasti, D.O., for consulting physician for communicable disease and bioterrorism program for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2019 and terminating August 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 454 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to amend a competitive contract sub-grant agreement with Connect America for the provision of Personal Emergency Response Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amendatory contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, 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 and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 455 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver kitchen and catering supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative for the total amount not to exceed \$75,517.08 for the term commencing September 1, 2019 and terminating August 31, 2020 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 and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 456 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Command Co., for the installation of a new parking lot at 24 East Washington Avenue to serve the One Stop Career Center for a total amount not to exceed \$722,085.00 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 and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 457 Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a renewal agreement with Trapeze Software Group Inc., d.b.a. TripSpark Technologies for the provision and maintenance of proprietary software for the Atlantic County Transportation Unit in an amount not to exceed \$51,985.00 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 and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 458 Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize an intergovernmental sub-grant agreements with various Atlantic County municipalities for drug and alcohol education and prevention services for a total amount not to exceed \$299,093.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 459 Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an acceptance of Deeds/Easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards for a property located at 331 Tilton Road in the City of Northfield, known as Block 17, Lot 9.01.

Acceptance of Deeds/Easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards for a property located at 331 Tilton Road in the City of Northfield, known as Block 17, Lot 9.01

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

RESOLUTION NO. 460 Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Formica seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with New Jersey Transit and the City of Northfield regarding the installation of a bus shelter at the intersection of Shore Road (CR 585) and Oakcrest Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 461 Freeholder Formica moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc., to provide various mill and overlay on an as needed basis throughout Atlantic County

Bid contract to provide various mill and overlay on an as needed basis throughout Atlantic County

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 and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 462 Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to authorize an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. for the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond

EUS contract for the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond

for a total premium of \$1,166.00 for the period beginning August 31, 2019 and an expiration date of August 31, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 463 Withdrawn.

Emergency repair of slipline storm water pipe under Fire Road and Old Egg Harbor Road in Egg Harbor Township

RESOLUTION NO. 464 Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Family Association of Northfield, Inc., at the intersection of Tilton Road (CR 563), Mill Road (CR 662), and Shore Road (CR 585), in the City of Northfield on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Roadway solicitation event in the City of Northfield

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

**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

There was no new business.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

There were no written communications and petitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:31 p.m.

Bob Widitz, Substances Abuse Services Program Coordinator reported that last week the first casino, Hard Rock Casino, received the NARCAN training and nine kits to put on the casino floor. The Tropicana Casino, Resorts Casino, Ocean Casino and Bally's are all interested in training. The program has received kudos from the NJ State Police and a directive will soon be released encouraging businesses to receive training.

County Administrator Jerry DelRosso introduced Bruce DeShields, the new Atlantic County Prosecutor Chief of Detectives. Mr. DeShields was in attendance to address any questions regarding the Helping Hands Grant (Res. No. 451).

There being no further comments, Vice Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:36 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE
ORDER**

Freeholder Coursey reported he spoke to County Administrator DelRosso regarding the recent tax hike in Atlantic City. He's received numerous calls from residents asking "what do they do and will there be any relief?" Freeholder Coursey asked if one reason for the increase was a result of Ocean Casino and Hard Rock Casino being included in the PILOT. County Administrator DelRosso responded. Freeholder Formica stated that the Taj Mahal and the Ocean Building were included in the tax base. Once the Hard Rock and Ocean casinos opened they were placed in the PILOT, no more money coming from those two properties. Freeholder Fitzpatrick stated that she's received comments asking why the County did not see this coming. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the tax increase and Atlantic City school taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairwoman Kern 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 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board