

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Stillwater Building

201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225

~ ~ ~

Minutes of Meeting

January 21, 2020

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, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

The prayer was led by Freeholder Gatto, 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. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING December 17, 2019

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 17, 2019 minutes.

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 Grant acceptance for the Human Services Advisory Council Grant

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to accept grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families through the Human Services Advisory Council Grant in an amount not to exceed \$72,916.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.

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. 34 Grant acceptance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to accept grant funding from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in an amount not to exceed \$177,270.00 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, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35
Grant acceptance for the
State Criminal Alien
Assistance Program
(SCAAP)**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 41 adopted on January 15, 2019 accepting a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) to change the term date only at no additional cost.

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
Grant acceptance for the
State Criminal Alien
Assistance Program
(SCAAP)**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 589 adopted on October 22, 2019 accepting a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) changing the term date only at no additional cost.

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
Professional services
contract to review the
HVAC system in the
Atlantic County Office
Building**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion amending a professional services contract with Remington and Vernick Engineers, Inc., to review the HVAC system in the Atlantic County Office Building and identify the most energy efficient replacement with cost estimate and possible funding to extend the term date until June 1, 2020 at no additional cost.

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
Professional services
agreement for engineering
services for the
replacement of Cotton
Mill Bridge (HML-54) in
Hamilton Township**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion amending a professional services agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc., for engineering services for the replacement of Cotton Mill Bridge (HML-54) in Hamilton Township to extend the term date until June 30, 2020 at no additional cost.

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
Professional services
contract for the
development of a five year
long range plan for the
Atlantic County Office of
Cultural and Heritage
Affairs**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending a professional services contract with R&R Creative, LLC for the development of a five-year long-range plan for the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to extend the term date until April 30, 2020 at no additional cost.

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
Renewal bid contract to
furnish and deliver
miscellaneous medical
supplies**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a renewal bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver miscellaneous medical supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$367,638.60 for the period commencing April 1, 2020 and terminating March 31, 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. 41
Amending a bid contract
to furnish and deliver
janitorial and custodial
supplies

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 202 adopted on April 2, 2019 authorizing a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver janitorial and custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative to include Interboro Packaging Corp. to the vendor list at no additional cost.

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. 42
Renewal bid contract to
furnish and deliver
janitorial and custodial
supplies

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a renewal bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver janitorial and custodial supplies in an amount not to exceed \$310,832.54 for the term commencing March 1, 2020 and terminating February 28, 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. 43
Bid contract for
maintenance and repair of
runway fencing at the
Atlantic County Justice
Facility

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with All Vinyl Fencing for maintenance and repair of runway fencing at the Atlantic County Justice Facility in an amount not to exceed \$93,860.00 for the period commencing January 10, 2020 and terminating January 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. 44
Change order for
intersection signalization
at Tuckahoe Road and 11th
Avenue in the Township of
Weymouth

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to approve change order no. 1 and final, contract with Delta Line Construction for intersection signalization at Tuckahoe Road and 11th Avenue in the Township of Weymouth for a total amendatory contract amount not to exceed \$62,595.28.

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. 45
Alternate method contract
for maintenance of library
software

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into an alternate method contract with SirsiDynix for maintenance of library software in an amount not to exceed \$95,046.18 for the term commencing December 1, 2019 and terminating November 30, 2020.

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. 46
EUS contract for the
provision of cable
television services to the
residents of Meadowview
Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into an EUS contract with Allbridge, LLC for the provision of cable television services to the residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a total amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 for the period commencing February 1, 2020 and terminating January 31, 2025.

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. 47
Renewal agreement for
the provision of juvenile
detention services

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Dase seconded a motion to enter into a renewal agreement with Cape May County for the provision of juvenile detention services at the Atlantic County Juvenile Detention Facility in a revenue generating amount for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.

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. 48
Intergovernmental
agreement for design and
construction of
improvements to County
Culvert (EH-14) on
Blackman Road

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Township of Egg Harbor for design and construction of improvements to County Culvert (EH-14) on Blackman Road in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.

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. 49
Interlocal agreement for
ADA renovations project
to the Estell Manor Park
Nature Center ramp and
walkways

Freeholder Dase moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for project management services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, ADA renovations project to the Estell Manor Park Nature Center ramp and walkways in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the term commencing February 18, 2020 and terminating February 17, 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. 50
Resolution authorizing the
annual designation of
Atlantic County's Public
Agency Compliance
Officer (PACO) pursuant
to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to enter into a resolution authorizing the annual designation by the County Executive of Atlantic County's Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3.

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

There were no reports of Special Committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Freeholder Gatto requested an update regarding the Lake Lenape Dam. John Peterson, Regional Planning and Economic Development Department Head provided a progress report regarding the Lake Lenape Dam.

Freeholder Coursey requested an update on the Veteran's cemetery expansion at the Estell Manor Park. County Administrator DelRosso informed the Board of the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Freeholder Risley reported he attended the ribbon cutting of SirPro, a new business in Buena Vista Township.

WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS

Written communications were received by this office for the period of November 13, 2019 to January 21, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 4:20 p.m.

Sandy Hickerson, resident of Absecon, requested the Board consider being a New Jersey Second Amendment Sanctuary. The current gun laws only hurt law-abiding citizens, especially the Red Flag law. Cape May County just declared themselves a Second Amendment Sanctuary.

Roger Dutch, resident of Absecon and combat disabled veteran, begged the Board to adopt the Second Amendment resolution presented.

James Catchus, Jr, resident of Egg Harbor Township and US Marine Corp veteran requested the Board pass a resolution to support the Second Amendment.

Michael Santoro, resident of Mays Landing, stated the NJ Legislature is turning good people into criminals. He is requesting a resolution in support of the Second Amendment.

Joe Rain, resident of Galloway Township, stated that the resolution would be making a statement to the Legislature. The laws are making law-abiding citizens criminals.

Jean Maker, resident of Egg Harbor Township, outlined how our country developed and our inalienable rights. The group in attendance feels oppressed by all the gun laws.

Keith Medina, resident of Egg Harbor Township, expressed his concern on what is going on. He hopes the Board will support a Second Amendment resolution.

Gary Hines, resident of Egg Harbor Township, and a NRA firearms instructor for students that are victims. They feel demonized for being gun owners. He reported, statistically 300 people leave the State of NJ every day and the gun laws are one of the reasons.

John Trainer, resident of Cape May County and retired Army veteran, served the Country for 34 years and has a top-secret clearance but cannot carry in New Jersey. He supports a Second Amendment resolution.

Adam Hood, resident of Egg Harbor Township, stated he's been denied his gun rights. A friend of his was killed in his home. He hopes the Board will pass a resolution.

John Fish, resident of Absecon and Vietnam veteran, stated he's been a lawful gun owner since the age of twelve. Criminals are not afraid of the police but are afraid of potential victims that own guns.

Rose Hickerson, resident of Absecon, stated this Country is not going to be safe if the rights of gun owners are taken away.

Mark Safolio, resident of Northfield, stated gun laws do not work in fighting criminals.

Bruce Mallamut, resident of Galloway Township, requested that the Board stand up to the people in Trenton.

Vernon Cooper, resident of Northfield, stated he attended tonight with his son to display to him how government works. He asked the Board to make their voices heard.

Tom Nelson, resident of Cape May County, the Board’s support will show support for their cause.

Melinda Bruckler, resident of Egg Harbor Township, has a gun permit to protect herself.

John Walsh, member of the NRA, stated the NRA will assist grassroots attempts to protect the rights of gun owners.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER There were no comments for the Good of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board