

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

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Minutes of Meeting
February 4, 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 6 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 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. ABSENT: None.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING January 7, 2020** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 7, 2020 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. 51 Amending a resolution awarding an in-kind match of funds for a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force** Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 664 adopted on November 26, 2019 awarding an in-kind match of funds to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant for a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force in an amount not to exceed \$158,148.00, subject to a County in-kind match in an amount not to exceed \$6,327.00, for a total program amount not to exceed \$164,475.00 for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- 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. 52 Funds Exchange Program-Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the construction costs associated with Margate-Ventnor Bicycle Infrastructure Project** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion enter into a Funds Exchange Program-Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY'17 Transportation Trust Fund funding for the construction costs associated with Margate-Ventnor Bicycle Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$219,695.05 for the term commencing on the date that the NJDOT executes the agreement and terminating January 8, 2023.
- 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. 53
Grant
acceptance for
the 2020 State
Community
Partnership
Funds and
Family Court
Services Funds**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the 2020 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, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica.
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 54
Amended
professional
services
agreement under
the 2018-2019
Title Services
Pool**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to enter into amended professional services agreements with various vendors under the 2018-2019 Title Services Pool 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. 55
Renewal
competitive
contract for the
provision of
independent
external auditing**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a renewal competitive contract with Ford Scott and Associates for the preparation of Atlantic County annual audit, Family and Community Development annual audit and Prosecutor's audit for 2020 and optional services including official statement services for Atlantic County, 2020 Bond sales and other optional services in an amount not to exceed \$141,000.00 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. 56
Competitive
contract for
HEDS case
management
services**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion enter into a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of HEDS case management services in an amount not to exceed \$141,000.00 for the one year term commencing January 1, 2020 through and including December 31, 2020 with the County's option to renew for four additional one year periods, covering calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

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. 57
Competitive
contract to
provide trauma
informed
emotion
regulation group
support**

Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services to provide trauma informed emotion regulation group support in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 for the one year term commencing January 1, 2020 through and including December 31, 2020 with the County's option to renew for four additional one year periods, covering calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

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. 58 Bid contract to furnish and deliver additional medical supplies Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion enter into contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver additional medical supplies to Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$104,533.00 through the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 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, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 Bid contract to furnish and deliver a meal packaging system Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Oliver Packaging and Equipment Company to furnish and deliver a meal packaging system to Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$36,854.88 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, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 60 Change order for Lenape Park East Catering Hall kitchen fit-out Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to approve change order No. 1, contract with Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc., for Lenape Park East Catering Hall kitchen fit-out to extend the term date only until May 1, 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. 61 Resolution authorizing Atlantic County to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into County Cooperative Pricing Agreements with other contracting units within Atlantic County Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion authorizing Atlantic County to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into County Cooperative Pricing Agreements with other contracting units within Atlantic County.

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. 62 Agreement to provide all goods and services necessary to perform first responder training and evaluation related to naloxone

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine to provide all goods and services necessary to perform first responder training and evaluation related to naloxone for an amount not to exceed \$249,950.00 annually, for a total amount not to exceed \$999,800.00 for the period starting September 29, 2019 and terminating on September 30, 2023.

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. 63 AND 64

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Coursey seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 63 and 64.

RESOLUTION NO. 63
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board

Reappointment of Linda Klersey, Mark Petrella, Robert J. Ross and Chee Ka Wu to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for terms to expire on October 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 64
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Agriculture Development Board

Reappointment of David Reilly to the Atlantic County Agriculture Development Board for a term to expire on December 1, 2023.

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. 65
Resolution requesting the legislature to consider amending New Jersey law to permit young children to receive the flu vaccine at New Jersey pharmacies

Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a resolution requesting the legislature to consider amending New Jersey law to permit young children to receive the flu vaccine at New Jersey pharmacies.

Eileen Toland, resident of Northfield, asked if it is a good idea to have flu shots given to children anywhere other than their doctors. Chairman Formica responded.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: Coursey. ABSTAIN: Gatto.

RESOLUTION NO. 66
Resolution in support for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage (Sponsor: Amy L. Gatto).

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

Freeholder Fitzpatrick reported she attended the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Board and a survey is being conducted in each County to determine gaps in children care.

Freeholder Bertino reminded the Board that the Agriculture Legislators' Appreciation Dinner is scheduled on March 18th at Eastlyn Golf Course in Vineland, NJ.

Freeholder Coursey reported that the Public Safety Committee met and the Committee is gathering information that will be submitted for the Solicitor to prepare a resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS**

Freeholder Bennett reported she received an email from an Egg Harbor Township resident regarding a pedestrian crossing signal not working on English Creek and West Jersey Avenues.

Freeholder Gatto asked if there is an update on the Dam Committee meeting. Freeholder Gatto said there is no County representation on the Committee and volunteered to serve.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 6:25 p.m.

Jean Mickear, resident of Egg Harbor Township, provided statistics of gang related shootings and additional information. Law abiding citizens are being penalized.

John Trainer, resident of Cape May County, spoke about the legal age to join the military versus the age to purchase a gun. A retired veteran, Mr. Trainer spoke about his experience in the military and his right to own a weapon. He “begged” the Freeholders to sponsor a resolution.

Sondra Russo, resident of Northfield, stated the term gun sanctuary sounds like a progression to open carry. All sides should be presented.

Sandy Hickerson, resident of Absecon and a member of the NJ Second Amendment Sanctuary movement, thanked the Public Safety Committee for doing their homework. When you pursue a gun permit you undergo numerous background checks.

James Kasus, Egg Harbor Township resident, stated you have laws that focus on an object and not the person. If a person is a danger to themselves or others then they should be removed.

Adam Hood, Egg Harbor Twp. resident, stated that it’s not the guns killing people, it is people killing people.

Eileen Tolland, resident of Northfield, stated guns are purchased for one reason to shoot a bulls-eye, an animal or a human.

James Wolf, Somers Point resident, stated we are getting way off the point. The gun laws are unrealistic.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 7:05 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE
ORDER**

Chairman Formica announced that today is World Cancer Awareness Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board