

**ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**  
**via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing**

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
April 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, via Cisco Webex Video conferencing as a result of COVID-19.

**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**

A moment of silence was held in honor of former Atlantic County Treasurer George Boileau and County Public Works employee Dave Martin. The prayer and flag salute were 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  
March 17, 2020**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 17, 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.

**COVID-19 UPDATES**

Vince Jones, Atlantic County Emergency Management Coordinator provided an update of the Covid-19 related operations in the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked how many out-of-State/out-of-County renters do we have at this point. Cape May County has banded it, would it be advisable for Atlantic County to follow suit. County Counsel Jim Ferguson responded.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, stated he understood that 75 tests were conducted in one day. He asked is that a full use of the capabilities we have or is that a personnel or a personal protective equipment (ppe) issue. Chairman Formica responded.

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1  
FINAL READING  
An Ordinance providing for various 2020 capital improvements by and in the County**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 1-2020 providing for various 2020 capital improvements by and in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$23,947,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$22,749,000 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

Chairman Formica opened the public hearing portion for comments at 4:05 p.m.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, stated respectfully this all seems to be going for a good purpose but we need to be sensitive to the difficulties with public input.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public hearing at 4:05 p.m.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2  
FINAL READING  
An Ordinance providing for  
various capital improvements  
for fiscal year 2020 by and for  
the Atlantic Cape Community  
College located within the  
County of Atlantic**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 2-2020 providing for various capital improvements for fiscal year 2020 by and for the Atlantic Cape Community College located within the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$3,100,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,100,000 bonds or notes of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for financing such appropriation, the principal of and interest on the aggregate principal amount of which will be entitled to State aid, pursuant to Chapter 12 of the laws of New Jersey of 1971.

Chairman Formica opened the public hearing portion for comments at 4:09 p.m.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked in this current situation when do we anticipate the work to start. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

There being comments, Chairman Formica closed the public hearing at 4:11 p.m.

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

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE  
NO. 1 FINAL READING  
An Ordinance providing for  
various capital improvements  
and equipment**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Risley seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Capital Ordinance No. 1-2020 providing for various capital improvements and equipment, in and for the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$3,605,500 from the capital improvement fund to pay for the cost thereof.

Chairman Formica opened the public hearing portion for comments at 4:54 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public hearing at 4:54 p.m.

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. 190  
Amendment to the Atlantic  
County Consortium Annual  
Action Plans for the  
Community Development  
Block Grant Program**

Withdrawn: Amendment to the Atlantic County Consortium Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant Program at no additional cost.

**RESOLUTION NO. 191**  
**Chapter 159**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$331,368.00 with a County Cash Match of \$110,456.00 from the New Jersey Transit FTA Section 5311 County of Atlantic Rural Transportation System (CARTS) 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.

**MOTION TO COMBINE  
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION  
NOS. 192 TO 195**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 192 to 195.

**RESOLUTION NO. 192**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$176,850.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, Statewide Respite 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 193**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$313,245.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission, State/Community Partnership (SCP)-Program Services 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 194**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$55,550.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission, State/Community Partnership (SCP)-Program Management 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 195**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$151,144.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Family Court 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. 196**  
**Amending Resolution No. 73**  
**(2/18/20), a professional**  
**services agreement for the**  
**provision of additional library**  
**goods and services**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 73, adopted on February 18, 2020, a professional services agreement with various vendors for the provision of additional library goods and services for the total aggregate sum not to exceed \$778,100.00 during the period 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. 197**  
**Professional services**  
**agreement coordinate the**  
**Sexual Assault Nurse**  
**Examiner Program**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Avanzar to coordinate the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for an amount not to exceed \$86,942.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 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. 198**  
**Renewal competitive contract for the provision of discharge planning and re-entry services to inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a renewal competitive contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of discharge planning and re-entry services to inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility in an amount not to exceed \$603,767.16, for the term commencing May 1, 2020 and terminating April 30, 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. 199**  
**Competitive contract for the provision of election ballot printing services for 2020 elections**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into a competitive contract with Royal Printing Service for the provision of election ballot printing services for 2020 elections for an amount not to exceed \$802,913.00 of which the Municipalities will pay \$405,334.25 and \$397,578.75 will be paid by the County. The contract is for the period commencing April 8, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020, with a County option to renew the contract for an additional two, one year periods at a cost increase as identified in the current "Index Rate" that is in effect on December 1, of the current contract year.

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. 200**  
**Bid contract to provide a continuous signaling electronic monitoring system for Atlantic County Department of Public Safety**

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Satellite Tracking of People to provide a continuous signaling electronic monitoring system for Atlantic County Department of Public Safety for the total sum not to exceed \$121,453.75 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract, for the period commencing May 1, 2020 to April 30, 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. 201**  
**Change order to provide and service vending machines at various locations to extend the term date only**

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to approve Change Order No. 1, contract with Smart Break Rooms aka Tri State Vending to provide and service vending machines at various locations to extend the term date until August 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.

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 202 AND 203**

Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 202 and 203.

**RESOLUTION NO. 202**  
**Reappointment to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council**

Reappointment of Susan Bailey to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 203**  
**Reappointments to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council**

Reappointment of Adrienne Epstein, Joyce Mollineaux and Claudia Ratzlaff to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council for terms to expire on January 1, 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.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Freeholder Gatto reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met to discuss concerns raised by Freeholder Risley at the last Freeholder Meeting regarding emergent and urgent Covid-19 funding for Administration. The County has contingency funding and has received CDBG funding to offset cost. The Committee has decided not to establish a fund.

Freeholder Kern reported that the Mental Health Association of Atlantic County has virtual meetings for anyone in need on their website ([www.atlantic-county.org/mental-health](http://www.atlantic-county.org/mental-health)).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Gatto commended the law firm of Cooper Levenson for providing information regarding the CARES Act to local businesses. Freeholder Gatto also extended kudos to Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Michael Chait, Atlantic County Economic Alliance Executive Director Lauren Moore and Atlantic County Extension Services Director Richard Van Vranken for distributing information to businesses. The County has the resources for any local businesses that require information.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Written communications received by this office for the period of October 23 to October 29, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 5:07 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 5:07 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Freeholder Coursey provided a detailed report of the services and Covid-19 resources available to the residents of Atlantic City. Freeholder Coursey wished his Father a happy 96<sup>th</sup> birthday today and his Mom a Happy Birthday when she turns 96 years old next week.

**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 5:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris  
Clerk of the Board