

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
May 5, 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, 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** 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 24, 2020** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 24, 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.
- ORDINANCE NO. 3 FIRST READING Ordinance to vacate a 4,559 +/- square foot portion of the right of way of Buck Hill Road (CR 645) adjacent to Block 201, Lot 1 in Corbin City** Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 3-2020 to vacate a 4,559 +/- square foot portion of the right of way of Buck Hill Road (CR 645) adjacent to Block 201, Lot 1 in Corbin City, 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.
- MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 224 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 224 to the top of the agenda.
- 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. 224* Resolution recognizing May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to recognize May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

*Not in numerical order

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

**RESOLUTION NO. 190*
Amending sections in the
Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 for
the Community
Development Block Grant
Program**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bertino seconded a motion to amend sections in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Atlantic County Consortium Annual Action Plan and adding a new section and amending an existing section in the Atlantic County Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program at no additional cost.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

**RESOLUTION NO. 204
Amending Section 5311
funding pursuant to the
Federal Transit Act**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 128, adopted on March 17, 2020, an application to New Jersey Transit and the United States Department of Transportation for Section 5311 funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act for additional grant funding of \$36,519.00 and additional cash match funding of \$12,173.00 for a total amount of \$490,516.00.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

**RESOLUTION NO. 205
Grant application and
acceptance to be used to
combat the COVID-19
pandemic in Atlantic
County**

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to accept a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to be used to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in Atlantic County funding in the amount of \$58,008.00, to fight the Covid-19 pandemic in Atlantic County.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

**RESOLUTION NO. 206
Grant application for a
Drug Recognition Expert
(DRE)**

Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to accept a grant application from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), amount not to exceed \$118,000.00, for the period commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2021.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

**RESOLUTION NO. 207
Grant application and
acceptance for Highway
Safety Program**

Freeholder Fitzpatrick moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to submit a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety for Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$59,800.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2021.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

***Not in numerical order**

RESOLUTION NO. 208 Grant application for Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program	Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,450.00, for the period commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 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. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
RESOLUTION NO. 209 Grant application and acceptance to be used to cover costs related to COVID-19 at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Freeholder Bennett moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance of funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare Advanced Payment grant to be used to cover costs related to COVID-19 at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center funds in the amount of \$174,302.94. 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. 210 AND 211	Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 210 and 211.
RESOLUTION NO. 210 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$7,035,238.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, County Aid FY20.
RESOLUTION NO. 211 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$174,302.94 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare Advanced Payment 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. 212 Bid contract to provide helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance for the Department of Public Works, Office of Mosquito Control	Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Allen Chorman & Son Inc., to provide helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance for the Department of Public Works, Office of Mosquito Control for the total sum not to exceed \$136,500.00 per year, 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. 213 Change order no. 2, contract for drainage rehabilitation of Fire Road and Old Egg Harbor Road in Egg Harbor Township to provide supplemental work	Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to approve Change Order No. 2, contract with North American Pipeline Services, LLC, for drainage rehabilitation of Fire Road and Old Egg Harbor Road in Egg Harbor Township to provide supplemental work for a total amendatory contract amount of \$247,047.00, and to extend the term date to July 1, 2020. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

- RESOLUTION NO. 214**
EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc., to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter in the amount not to exceed \$1,651.00.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
- RESOLUTION NO. 215**
Emergency contract for purchasing emergency cleaning services at the Atlantic County Justice Facility
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an emergency contract with Nelbud for purchasing emergency cleaning services at the Atlantic County Justice Facility in an amount not to exceed \$63,840.00.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
- RESOLUTION NO. 216**
Emergency contract for purchasing personal protection equipment and sanitizers for Atlantic County
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to authorize an emergency contract with various vendors for purchasing personal protection equipment and sanitizers for Atlantic County in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
- RESOLUTION NO. 217**
FIRST READING
Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2020
- Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading the Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2020.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
- RESOLUTION NO. 218**
Renewal intergovernmental services agreement for the provision of security services at the Pleasantville Branch of the Atlantic County Library System
- Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a renewal intergovernmental services agreement with the City of Pleasantville for the provision of security services at the Pleasantville Branch of the Atlantic County Library System amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 in 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 and Formica. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).
- MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION NOS. 219 TO 222**
- Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 219 to 222.
- RESOLUTION NO. 219**
Appointment to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Appointment of Christine Zoda to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 1, 2021.
- RESOLUTION NO. 220**
Appointment to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission
- Appointment of Lisa M. March to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 221 Reappointment of Donald A. Guardian to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2025.
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 222 Reappointment of Marvin E. Embry and John E. Lyons to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for terms to expire on May 1, 2025.
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

RESOLUTION NO. 223 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to reappoint John McLernon, Jill Houck, Dan Brown, Gary L. Denamen, Kristie Baker-Gardner, Mike Kelly, Vincent R. Kirkland, Amanda Leese, Lennon Moore, Kurt Ohlson, Jerome M. Page, Eric Scheffler, Christine Tartaro and Walt Vernon to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for terms to expire on April 1, 2021.
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: Gatto. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

RESOLUTION NO. 224 Resolution moved to the top of the agenda: Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to recognize May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).
Resolution recognizing May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern and Formica. NAYS: None. NO VOTE: Risley (Technical Difficulty).

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD There were no reports of Special Committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS Freeholder Gatto requested if Administration would copy the members of the Freeholder Board when correspondence is sent to Atlantic County Mayors.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS Written communications received by this office for the period of April 22 to May 5, 2020.

Freeholder Fitzpatrick received an email from the grandson of a Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation resident requesting regular communication with his grandmother. Chairman Formica responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 7:37 p.m.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked regarding Resolution No. 271, how much will one eighth cent raise? County Administrator DelRosso responded.

There being no further comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 7:39 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER Freeholder Dase stated yesterday was Firefighters Appreciation Day and acknowledged the great job these men and women perform in protecting our lives and property. He also stated that the Governor officially closed all public school buildings in New Jersey for the remainder of the academic year. However, this week is Teacher Appreciation Week and learning will continue online. He urged parents, grandparents and others to encourage students to continue with their online lessons.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board