

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
September 1, 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, 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 (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. ABSENT: None.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING July 21, 2020** Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 21, 2020 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: Coursey and Formica. ABSENT: Bennett.
- COVID – 19 UPDATE** Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Public Health Officer.
- PRESENTATION:** NJAC Foundation Scholarships to the 2020 recipients.
- Update on the 2020-2021 school year for the Atlantic County Special Services School District and Atlantic County Institute of Technology by Dr. Philip Guenther, Superintendent.
- INTERVIEW:** Appointment of Matthew DiBella as Atlantic County Library Division Director (Resolution No. 404).
- RESOLUTION NO. 385 Amending Resolution No. 289 (7/7/20), a grant agreement for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant for PY 2020-2021** Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 289 adopted on July 7, 2020, a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Health for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant for PY 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$331,000.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 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. 386 Amending Resolution No. 230 (4/16/19), a grant agreement for Veterans' Transportation Assistance Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 230 adopted on April 16, 2019, a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for Veterans' Transportation Assistance for a total program amount of \$21,248.00 and a new termination date of 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. 387 Amending Resolution No. 390 (7/2/19), for the Community Development Block Grant Program: FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to include CDBG-CV funds Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 390 adopted on July 2, 2019, the Atlantic County Consortium Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant Program: FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to include CDBG-CV funds totaling \$704,535.00.

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. 388 Amending Resolution No. 272 (4/30/19), a grant agreement for the Hope One Enhancing First Responder Access to Overdose Treatment Program Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 272 adopted on April 30, 2019, a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Hope One Enhancing First Responder Access to Overdose Treatment Program for a total amount of \$2,000,000.00 (\$500,000.00 per 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. 389 Grant application for the 2020 COVID-19 CARES Act Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the State of New Jersey, Division of Elections for the 2020 COVID-19 CARES Act in an amount not to exceed \$484,543.84 for a period starting on the notice of award and terminating on December 31, 2020, to be used only on expenditures related to the July 7th Primary Election.

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. 390 AND 391 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 390 and 391.

RESOLUTION NO. 390 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$126,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive 17-21.

RESOLUTION NO. 391 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2020 the sum of \$23,442.51 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, IV-D Law 19-20.

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. 392
Professional services
agreement to establish a
pool to provide surveyor
services

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a professional services agreement with various land surveying companies to establish a pool to provide surveyor services for an aggregate total not to exceed \$135,000.00 for all surveyors for the period commencing September 1, 2020 and terminating August 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. 393
Bid contract for the
provision of aerial
spraying services for the
Department of Public
Works, Office of
Mosquito Control

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a contract with DOWNTOWN AIRPORT, INC. for the provision of aerial spraying services for the Department of Public Works, Office of Mosquito Control for the total sum not to exceed \$111,805.00, 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, Gatto, Kern, Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 394
Amending Resolution No.
121 (2/26/19), an
agreement pursuant to
the County Municipal
Open Space Partnership
Program

Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 121 adopted on February 26, 2019, an agreement with the City of Atlantic City pursuant to the County Municipal Open Space Partnership Program to extend the term date for an additional one year period through May 29, 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. 395
Amending Resolution No.
257 (6/2/20), an
emergency contract for
the purchase of frozen
meals and shelf stable
meals to the Atlantic
County Division of
Intergenerational
Services Nutrition
Program participants

Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 257 adopted on June 2, 2020, an emergency contract with Iacofano Group, LLC for the purchase of frozen meals and shelf stable meals to the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services Nutrition Program participants to extend the termination date to December 31, 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. 396
Cooperative bid contract
for the purchase of
electricity pursuant to the
terms of the awarded
contract

Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a contract with Constellation/New Energy and Direct Energy for the purchase of electricity pursuant to the terms of the awarded contract by Camden County on behalf of the South Jersey Power Cooperative for amount not to exceed \$3,094,278.42 for the period commencing September 1, 2020 and ending August 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. 397 Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion
Amending Resolution No. 402 (7/16/19), a shared amending Resolution No. 402 adopted on July 16, 2019, a shared
services agreement to services agreement with the Atlantic County Special Services School
provide educational District to provide educational services at Harborfields Detention
services at Harborfields Center in an amount not to exceed \$46,728.78 for a total amended
Detention Center amount of \$497,005.82, for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and now
terminating August 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. 398 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion
Shared services agreement to enter into a shared services agreement with the New Jersey Juvenile
for the provision of Justice Commission, Office of Education for the provision of
educational services at educational services at Harborfields Detention Center in an amount not
Harborfields Detention to exceed \$425,912.00 for a term commencing September 1, 2020 and
Center terminating June 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. 399 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Intergovernmental authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic
services agreement to County Utilities Authority to provide carcass removal and disposal
provide carcass removal services for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an annual fee of
and disposal services for \$4,500.00 plus tip fees, for term commencing September 1, 2020 and
the Atlantic County terminating August 31, 2025.
Animal Shelter

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. 400 Freeholder Bertino moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Shared services agreement enter into an agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for
for the operation and the operation and maintenance of pumping stations at Meadowview
maintenance of pumping Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Lake Lenape East Park and the
stations at Meadowview grinding station at the Atlantic County Justice Facility, for a total
Nursing and amount not to exceed \$159,271.78 for the period commencing
Rehabilitation Center, September 1, 2020 and terminating August 31, 2023.
Lake Lenape East Park
and the grinding station at The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
the Atlantic County AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern,
Justice Facility Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 401 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Intergovernmental authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with the New Jersey
services agreement to Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide Atlantic
provide Atlantic County County with cybersecurity information and support.
with cybersecurity
information and support

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. 402 Freeholder Kern moved and Freeholder Fitzpatrick seconded a motion
Amending Resolution No. 218 (5/5/20), an amending Resolution No. 218 adopted on May 5, 2020, an
intergovernmental services intergovernmental services agreement with the City of Pleasantville for
agreement for the the provision of security services at the Pleasantville Branch of the
provision of security Atlantic County Library System in an amount not to exceed
services at the \$55,000.00.
Pleasantville Branch of the The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
Atlantic County Library AYES: Bennett, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern,
System Risley and Formica. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 403 Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Bid contract to provide enter into a contract with Tri County Security to provide security
security services for the services for the County of Atlantic for the total sum not to exceed
County of Atlantic \$1,492,320.64 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. 404 Freeholder Risley moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Appointment of the appoint Matthew DiBella as the Atlantic County Division Director for
Atlantic County Division the County Library System effective September 1, 2020.
Director of the County
Library System

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 ADD Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
RESOLUTION NO. 405 add Resolution No. 405 to the agenda.
TO 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. 405 Freeholder Coursey moved and Freeholder Kern seconded a motion to
Resolution in authorize a resolution in remembrance of Richard Stephen Link
remembrance of Richard (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).
Stephen Link

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS Freeholder Gatto stated that everyone is paying attention to the
proposed increase of the boat tax. She announced that she will sponsor
a resolution in opposition of the tax because it will affect the local boat
companies and associated industries.

Freeholder Formica stated that New Jersey was one of the lowest gas
taxed states in the Country and soon we will be the second highest in
the Country. He reported restaurants have begun indoor dining with
25% capacity. Although we appreciate the 25% opening by the
Governor, if casinos and restaurants cannot get to 50% very soon we
will see layoffs.

Freeholder Fitzpatrick reported that yesterday was International Overdose Awareness Day and Atlantic City's Recovery Force Organization had an event at McClinton Park that was well attended. Thanked the County Administration for permitting the Recovery Force to rent the park, it was a great location.

Freeholder Formica announced that September is Suicide Prevention Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Freeholder Bennett stated that due to the pandemic we have seen a significant increase in mental health cases. She will ask the Governor to increase school based youth services and urge that youth services and mental health services be a priority in the upcoming budget.

Freeholder Gatto reported that September is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications were received by this office for the period of August 19, 2020 to September 1, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Formica opened the meeting to the public at 7:23 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Formica closed the public portion at 7:23 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Freeholder Dase requested a moment of silence for Brigantine Mayor Andy Simpson.

Freeholder Coursey reported that a hearing date has been set for the early part of next year to consider Absecon's petition to leave the Pleasantville School District. He reminded everyone that 9-11 Services are coming up in a few days and hopes everyone will attend. Freeholder Coursey extended his best to Howard Kyle who retired from County government and commended Mr. Kyle on his work and dedication. Freeholder Coursey also extended his appreciation to Public Health Officer Pat Diamond for all her assistance with Atlantic City's COVID-19 test sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Formica entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeholder Gatto moved and Freeholder Bennett seconded a motion to adjourn the Freeholder meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board