

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225
and via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting October 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ and via Cisco Webex Video.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairwoman Kern 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* and *The Hammonton Gazette*; 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 offered by Commissioner Risley, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick (via Webex), Gatto, Parker (arrived at 4:02pm), Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.

MINUTES OF MEETING September 20, 2022

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the September 20, 2022 minutes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 558* Resolution honoring Cardiff VFW Auxiliary

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion honoring Cardiff VFW Auxiliary (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

PRESENTATION

Recognizing Cardiff VFW Auxiliary and President Ellen Rush for providing new beds to the Veterans Wing at the Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8 FIRST READING Ordinance to authorize acquisition of a storm water drainage easement across property identified as Block 266, Lot 1, located along California Avenue in the City of Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 8-2022 to authorize the acquisition of a storm water drainage easement across property identified as Block 266, Lot 1, located along California Avenue in the City of Absecon, Atlantic County, New Jersey by means of agreements or by condemnation pursuant to the Eminent Domain Act of 1971, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et. Seq.

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

*Not in numerical order

**ORDINANCE NO. 9
FIRST READING
Ordinance to vacate a sight
triangle easement previously
dedicated to the County of
Atlantic as part of Block 3803,
Lots 1 and 5 of Brigantine
Boulevard in the City of
Brigantine**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 9-2022, to vacate a sight triangle easement previously dedicated to the County of Atlantic and recorded at Deed Book 6244, Page 011 & C., across property identified as part of Block 3803, Lots 1 and 5 of Brigantine Boulevard in the City of Brigantine.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 525
Grant acceptance for the Public
Health Infrastructure,
Laboratories and Emergency
Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) Grant for an amount not to exceed \$673,610.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 526
Grant application and
acceptance for the Childhood
Lead Exposure Prevention
Project grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project grant for an amount not to exceed \$207,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 527
Grant application and
acceptance for the Medication
Assisted Treatment Grant
funding**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Medication Assisted Treatment Grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$586,223.00 for the term commencing October 1, 2022 and terminating September 30, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 528
Funds Exchange Program-Cost
Reimbursement agreement for
FY'22 Transportation Trust
Fund funding for the
construction costs associated with
Tilton Road, Section 7
resurfacing project in Hamilton
and Galloway Townships**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a Funds Exchange Program-Cost Reimbursement agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY'22 Transportation Trust Fund funding for the construction costs associated with Tilton Road, Section 7 resurfacing project in Hamilton and Galloway Townships for an amount not to exceed \$2,156,241.40 for the term commencing on August 31, 2022 and terminating August 31, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 529
Acceptance of a Tidelands
License Grant to accommodate
use and maintenance of County
Bridge (EH-29), Somers Point-
Mays Landing Road (CR 559)
crossing over Lakes Creek in the
Township of Egg Harbor**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing the acceptance of a Tidelands License Grant from the State of New Jersey to accommodate use and maintenance of County Bridge (EH-29), Somers Point-Mays Landing Road (CR 559) crossing over Lakes Creek in the Township of Egg Harbor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 530
Chapter 159

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to insert into the budget year of 2022 the sum of \$373,112.00 with a County cash match of \$124,364.00 from New Jersey Transit under the caption of FTA Section 5311- County of Atlantic Rural Transportation System (CARTS) 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 531
Chapter 159

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to insert into the budget year of 2022 the sum of \$3,372,154.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services under the caption of Area Plan 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 532
Amending Resolution No. 37
(2-1-22) a professional services
agreement for the provision of
additional temporary nursing
staff

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 37 adopted on February 1, 2022, a professional services agreement with additional nurse agencies for the provision of temporary nursing staff at no additional cost for the period commencing October 1, 2022 and terminating January 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 533
Amending Resolution No. 699
(12-21-21) a competitive contract
sub-grant agreements for Older
Americans Act Area Plan
Services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 699 adopted on December 21, 2021, a competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services at 50% funding for a net increase of \$348,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$824,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 534
Amending Resolution No. 698
(12-21-21) a competitive contract
sub-grant agreements for Older
Americans Act Area Plan
Services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 698 adopted on December 21, 2021, a competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services at 100% funding for a net increase of \$50,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 535
Renewal competitive contract for
the provision of independent
external auditing services

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Mercadien, P.C. for the provision of independent external auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$169,100.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 536
Competitive contract for a solar power purchase agreement

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with HESP Solar, LLC for a solar power purchase agreement for a fifteen-year period commencing upon start of solar production, with an option to renew for five (5) additional years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 537
Renewal bid contract to provide a meal packaging system to Atlantic County

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Oliver Packaging and Equipment Company to provide a meal packaging system to Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$39,981.24 for the period commencing December 1, 2022 and terminating November 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 538
Renewal bid contract for the provision of helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Allen Chorman & Son, Inc. for the provision of helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 539
Renewal bid contract to provide inmate commissary services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC to provide inmate commissary services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility for the period commencing November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023, revenue generating.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 540
Renewal bid contract for the provision of laundry services at the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Aramark Correctional Services, Inc. for the provision of laundry services at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$180,517.50 for the period commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 541
Bid contract to provide preventative maintenance for Atlantic County vehicles

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Providence Auto Group to provide preventative maintenance for Atlantic County vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the period commencing November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 with an option to renew for an additional one (1) year period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 542
Amending Resolution No. 314
(6-7-22), an emergency contract
to provide prisoner
transport/extradition services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 314 adopted on June 7, 2022, an emergency contract with US Corrections to provide prisoner transport/extradition services for a net increase of \$50,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 543
Amending Resolution No. 45
(2-1-22), an intergovernmental
services agreement for Older
Americans Act Area Plan services
FY 2022 at 100% funding

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 45 adopted on February 1, 2022, an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Division of Public Health for Older Americans Act Area Plan services FY 2022 at 100% funding for a net increase of \$78,610.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$138,232.53 for the period starting January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 544
Amending Resolution No. 26
(1-18-22), an agreement for the
provision of a Methadone
treatment and related services
program for inmates at the
Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 26 adopted on January 18, 2022, an agreement with John Brooks Recovery Center for the provision of a Methadone treatment and related services program for inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for a net increase of \$109,095.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$545,475.00 and to extend the term date to December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 545
Intergovernmental sub-grant
agreements to provide services
under the Older Americans Act
FY2022

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing intergovernmental sub-grant agreements with the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services to provide services under the Older Americans Act FY2022 for an amount not to exceed \$1,887,329.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 546
Renewal intragovernmental sub-
grant agreement for services
under the Older Americans Act

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a renewal intragovernmental sub-grant agreement with the Atlantic County Office on Aging for services under the Older Americans Act for an amount not to exceed \$1,557,846.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 547
Intergovernmental services
agreement to provide laboratory
testing services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to provide laboratory testing services for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 548
Intergovernmental services
agreement to provide
environmental health and
hazardous response services
within the jurisdiction of Atlantic
City

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the City of Atlantic City to provide environmental health and hazardous response services within the jurisdiction of Atlantic City for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 549
Sub-grant agreement for the
Childhood Lead Exposure
Prevention Program Project

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a sub-grant agreement with the City of Atlantic City for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Program Project for an amount not to exceed \$70,500.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 550
Acceptance of deeds/easements in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing the acceptance of deeds/easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 551
License and hold harmless
agreement concerning operation
and maintenance of improvements
in the right-of-way of Brigantine

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a license and hold harmless agreement with WaWa, Inc. concerning operation and maintenance of improvements in the right-of-way of Brigantine Boulevard (CR 638), Block 3803, Lots 1 and 5 in the City of Brigantine.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 552
Resolution adopting a deferred
compensation plan and service
agreement

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a resolution adopting a deferred compensation plan and service agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 553
Renewal lease agreement for use
of County owned premises
located at 201 South Shore Road,
Northfield

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a renewal lease agreement with the Center for Family Services for use of County owned premises located at 201 South Shore Road, Northfield for an amount not to exceed \$68,400.00 for the term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2023, revenue generating.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 554 TO 557

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 554 to 557.

**RESOLUTION NO. 554
Appointment to the Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board**

Appointment of Michele A. Rogolino, RN, MPH to the Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board for a term to expire on July 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 555
Reappointments to the Atlantic County Police Training Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Chief Gregory K. Ciambrone and Chief Robert Somers to the Atlantic County Police Training Advisory Board for a term to expire on May 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 556
Reappointments the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Linda Klersey, Ryan Penn, Doortje M. Schipper and Chee Ka Wu to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 557
Reappointments to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission**

Reappointment of Alan DeStefano, Courtney Milana and Robert Schober to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 558
Resolution honoring Cardiff VFW Auxiliary**

Moved to the top of the agenda: Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion honoring Cardiff VFW Auxiliary (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Risley reported the South Jersey Economic Development District received a clean audit.

Commissioner Parker noted the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board Arts and History grant applications are due by October 14.

Chairwoman Kern announced she attended the Stigma Free Atlantic County networking breakfast and commended the campaign and initiatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from September 21, 2022 to October 4, 2022.

Commissioner Dase announced that Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera will be hosting a public meeting regarding offshore windmills on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Brigantine Community School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:49 p.m. There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:49 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern wished everyone a good fast for Yom Kippur and a reminder that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board