

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 November 1, 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

Chairwoman Kern recognized All Souls Day. The prayer was offered by Commissioner Gatto, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

MINUTES OF MEETING October 18, 2022

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the October 18, 2022 minutes.

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

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

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:04 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:04 p.m.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 10 FIRST READING Ordinance authorizing acquisition of a temporary construction easement from property designated as Block 730, Lot 5.02 on the tax map of Hamilton Township

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 10-2022 authorizing acquisition of a temporary construction easement from property designated as Block 730, Lot 5.02 on the tax map of Hamilton Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et. seq.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 568*
Bid contract for the replacement of Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) in Egg Harbor Township (Withdrawn on 10-14-22)

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the replacement of Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) in Egg Harbor Township for an amount not to exceed \$7,900,043.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 592
Amending Resolution No. 153 (4-11-17), a grant agreement for the FY17 Local Bridges Future Needs Program to apply funding to the Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) replacement project

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 153 adopted on April 11, 2017, a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY17 Local Bridges Future Needs Program to apply funding to the Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) replacement project for no additional amount.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 593 TO 600

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 593 to 600.

RESOLUTION NO. 593
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$43,500.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Highway Traffic Safety 22–23.

RESOLUTION NO. 594
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$115,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 595
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$178,850.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Statewide Respite 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 596
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$40,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) ARP 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 597
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$50,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, LEAP (Local Efficiency Achievement Program) County Coordinator 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 598
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$64,078.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, LEAP (Local Efficiency Achievement Program) Implementation 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 599
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$55,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, EMAA (Emergency Management Agency Assistance) 21-22.

RESOLUTION NO. 600
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$500,000.00 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, EFRA (Enhancing First Responder Access to Overdose Treatment) 22-23.

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

***Not in numerical order**

RESOLUTION NO. 601
Amending Resolution No. 689
(12-21-21), a professional services
agreement for the 2021
engineering and inspection
services pool for dam and
transportation infrastructure
projects

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 689 adopted on December 21, 2021, a professional services agreement with various vendors for the 2021 engineering and inspection services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects to extend the term date until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 602
Amending Resolution No. 655
(12-07-21), a professional services
agreement under the 2017 dam
and transportation infrastructure
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 655 adopted on December 7, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants under the 2017 dam and transportation infrastructure pool to extend the term date until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 603
Amending Resolution No. 628
(11-23-21), a professional services
agreement under the 2020 dam
and transportation infrastructure
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 628 adopted on November 23, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants under the 2020 dam and transportation infrastructure pool to extend the term date until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 604
Amending Resolution No. 627
(11-23-21), a professional services
agreement under the 2019 dam
and transportation infrastructure
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 627 adopted on November 23, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants under the 2019 dam and transportation infrastructure pool to extend the term date until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 605
Amending Resolution No. 626
(11-23-21), a professional services
agreement pursuant to the 2015
bridge and dam engineering
services pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 626 adopted on November 23, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants pursuant to the 2015 bridge and dam engineering services pool to extend the term date until December 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 606
Amending Resolution No. 530
(10-5-21), a professional services
agreement for engineering design
services associated with the
replacement of Bungalow Park
Bridge (EHC-08), Egg Harbor -
Green Bank Road (CR 563) over
Indian Cabin Creek in Egg
Harbor City

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 530 adopted on October 5, 2021, a professional services agreement with French and Parrello Associates, PA for engineering design services associated with the replacement of Bungalow Park Bridge (EHC-08), Egg Harbor -Green Bank Road (CR 563) over Indian Cabin Creek in Egg Harbor City to extend the term date until October 1, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 607
Amending Resolution No. 529
(10-5-21), a professional services
agreement for the replacement of
two bridges at Weymouth Road
over Scull's Run (HML-18) and
Little Mill Stream (HML-19) in
Hamilton Township

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 529 adopted on October 5, 2021, a professional services agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc. for the replacement of two bridges at Weymouth Road over Scull's Run (HML-18) and Little Mill Stream (HML-19) in Hamilton Township to extend the term date until October 1, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 608
Amending Resolution No. 273
(5-18-21), a professional services
agreement for the improvements
to Lake Lenape Dam and
Spillway Phase 2 in Hamilton
Township

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 273 adopted on May 18, 2021, a professional services agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for the improvements to Lake Lenape Dam and Spillway Phase 2 in Hamilton Township to extend the term date until July 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 609
Professional services agreement
to provide inspection services
associated with the resurfacing of
Brigantine Avenue (CR 638),
Sections 2A to part of 2B, from
29th Street South to Second Street
South in the City of Brigantine

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to provide inspection services associated with the resurfacing of Brigantine Avenue (CR 638), Sections 2A to part of 2B, from 29th Street South to Second Street South in the City of Brigantine for an amount not to exceed \$234,857.55.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 610
Renewal bid contract to include
the ability to utilize the system
for community notifications that
may not be emergency in nature,
and for internal notification by
County departments

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with CivicPlus, Inc. to include the ability to utilize the system for community notifications that may not be emergency in nature, and for internal notification by County departments for an amount not to exceed \$30,900.00 for the term starting November 1, 2022 and terminating on October 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 611
Bid contract for the purchase of
natural gas to members of the
South Jersey Power Cooperative

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with UGI Energy Services for the purchase of natural gas to members of the South Jersey Power Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 612
Bid contract for the resurfacing
of Brigantine Avenue (CR 638)
Section 2A and B in the City of
Brigantine

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the resurfacing of Brigantine Avenue (CR 638) Section 2A and B in the City of Brigantine for an amount not to exceed \$3,230,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 613
Bid contract to provide Phase II replacement lighting at the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Electri-Tech, Inc. to provide Phase II replacement lighting at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$160,650.00 for the term commencing October 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 614
Bid contract to provide supplemental electrical maintenance and repairs

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Northeast Electrical Services, LLC to provide supplemental electrical maintenance and repairs for an amount not to exceed \$124,120.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 with an option to renew for one additional year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 615
Bid contract to furnish and deliver custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$72,967.08 for the term commencing upon notice of award through March 31, 2023 with an option to renew for an additional six-month period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 616
Change order no. 2, a contract for the resurfacing of Tilton Road, Section 5 in Egg Harbor Township

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of Tilton Road, Section 5 in Egg Harbor Township for a net increase of \$54,981.04 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,373,981.04.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 617
Interlocal services agreement for the Atlantic City Electric Line School Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the Atlantic City Electric Line School Program for an amount not to exceed \$194,614.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 30, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 618
Contract for the provision of voice/data services for the Atlantic County Library System

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a contract with Telesystem for the provision of voice/data services for the Atlantic County Library System for an amount not to exceed \$16,894.32 for a three-year time frame of December 1, 2022 through and including November 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 619
Sourcewell National Cooperative contract for the purchase of automotive parts which are not available on the New Jersey state contract

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Sourcewell National Cooperative contract with NAPA Auto Parts for the purchase of automotive parts which are not available on the New Jersey state contract for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the time frame of October 2022 through and including December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 620
Resolution requesting a transfer in the 2022 budget in accordance with the provision of N.J.S. 40A:4-58

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a transfer in the 2022 budget in accordance with the provision of N.J.S. 40A:4-58.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 621
Resolution to demand the State of New Jersey fix the severely flawed Public Employee State Health Benefits System

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a resolution to demand the State of New Jersey fix the severely flawed Public Employee State Health Benefits System (Sponsors: John W. Risley, Jr. and Ernest D. Coursey).

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were no special committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Risley, Chair of South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD), stated he met with the US Economic Development Administration at the Aviation Park to promote the area for grant funding.

Commissioner Parker reported he attended the “Combating Bias, Hate and Discrimination” conference hosted by the Atlantic County Prosecutor and commends his office for the community work being done.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from October 18, 2022 to November 1, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:50 p.m.

Joe Berg, Chief of Staff to Senator Polistina, Assemblywoman Swift and Assemblyman Guardian, provided an update on the ATV Task Force Bill, a bill rewrite for the decriminalization of marijuana and alcohol for juveniles and the creation of a Mental Health Court. Mr. Berg reminded residents of the deadline to file the NJ Anchor rebate and offered assistance in filing.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:59 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Balles requested a Jail Committee Meeting to discuss housing mental health inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility. He reminded residents to vote and wished good luck to the Commissioners running for reelection.

Chairwoman Kern announced the County is requesting resident participation in a National Broadband Assessment survey to assess internet availability. She also recognized November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Commissioner Coursey wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board