

**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**  
**December 20, 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**

A moment of silence was held for County employee Kathy Hackney-Will and Judge Steve Smoger. The prayer was offered by Commissioner Balles, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

**ROLL CALL**

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Bertino.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 6, 2022**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 6, 2022 minutes.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 735\*  
Appointment to the Atlantic Cape  
Community College Board of  
Trustees**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Ambrose Gray to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

**Interview**

Appointment of Ambrose Gray to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees.

Judge Mark Sandson spoke in favor of Mr. Gray's appointment.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 736\*  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Improvement Authority**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to appoint Joseph J. Giraldo to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2028.

**Interview**

Appointment of Joseph J. Giraldo to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority.

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

**\*Not in numerical order**

**RESOLUTION NO. 701  
Amending Resolution No. 442  
(10-6-20), a grant agreement for  
the Medicare Advanced Payment  
Grant to be used to cover costs  
related to COVID-19 at  
Meadowview Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 442 adopted on October 6, 2020, a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the Medicare Advanced Payment Grant to be used to cover costs related to COVID-19 at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in an additional amount of \$38,674.35 and a total amended amount of \$1,079,335.50.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 702  
Grant application for the  
replacement of Clark’s Landing  
Bridge (EHC-06) and Overflow  
Bridge (EHC-07) project in Egg  
Harbor City**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation FY 2023 Local Bridge Fund Program for the replacement of Clark’s Landing Bridge (EHC-06) and Overflow Bridge (EHC-07) project in Egg Harbor City for an amount not to exceed \$2,374,937.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 703  
Grant acceptance for  
participation in the Alliance to  
Prevent Alcoholism and Drug  
Abuse**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for an amount not to exceed \$304,857.81 with the base grant amount of \$188,811.00, subject to municipal cash matches of \$29,011.73 and in-kind matches of \$87,035.08 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 704  
Grant application and  
acceptance for the Prevention of  
Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Youth  
Leadership**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse – Youth Leadership for an amount not to exceed \$40,617.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 705  
Grant application and  
acceptance for the Social Services  
for the Homeless Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for the Social Services for the Homeless Grant for an amount not to exceed \$691,600.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 706**  
**Grant application for the Alcohol**  
**Rehabilitation and Education**  
**Grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education Grant in an amount not to exceed \$710,001.00, subject to a cash match of \$97,619.00 and a total program amount of \$807,620.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 707**  
**Grant application for the**  
**Promising Path to Success 2.0**  
**Grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care Children's Interagency Coordinating Councils (CIACC) for the Promising Path to Success 2.0 Grant for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the period commencing September 30, 2022 and terminating September 29, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 708**  
**Grant acceptance for final**  
**funding of the 2022 Older**  
**Americans Act Area Plan**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing grant acceptance for final funding of the 2022 Older Americans Act Area Plan for an amount not to exceed \$24,290.00, and the total amount of the grant \$5,126,095.00.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND**  
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.**  
**709 TO 713 AND 734**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 709 to 713 and 734.

**RESOLUTION NO. 709**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$586,223.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) 22-23.

**RESOLUTION NO. 710**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$24,290.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Area Plan 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 711**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$600,000.00 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Community Covid 19 Response (CCR) 22-23.

**RESOLUTION NO. 712**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$113,600.00 from South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, Subregional Transportation 22-23.

**RESOLUTION NO. 713**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$237,755.35 from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Homeland Security-County FFY22.

**RESOLUTION NO. 734\***  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$95,003.00 from the United States Department of Justice, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) 2022.

**\*Not in numerical order**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 714**  
**Professional services agreement for the provision of death pronouncements in Atlantic County**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various nurses and nurse agencies for the provision of death pronouncements in Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for all nurses for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 715**  
**Professional services agreement to provide legal services**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various attorneys to provide legal services for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 716**  
**Professional services agreement to establish a pool for the provision of title company services**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement to establish a pool with various title companies for the provision of title company services for an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the period commencing December 6, 2022 and terminating December 5, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 717**  
**Amending Resolution No. 588 (11-9-21), competitive contracts for the provision of youth shelter beds**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 588 adopted on November 9, 2021, competitive contracts with various vendors for the provision of youth shelter beds to extend the termination date until February 28, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 718**  
**Bid contract to provide Pavement Restoration Phase II to the Shoreview Building in Northfield**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Command Co. to provide Pavement Restoration Phase II to the Shoreview Building in Northfield for an amount not to exceed \$569,952.35 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 719**  
**Bid contract for the resurfacing of Tilton Road (CR 563) Section 7 in Galloway Township and Hamilton Township**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Tilton Road (CR 563) Section 7 in Galloway Township and Hamilton Township for an amount not to exceed \$2,078,900.01 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 720**  
**Change order no. 2, for the 2020**  
**Phase I County Highway**  
**Improvements Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the 2020 Phase I County Highway Improvements Program for a net increase of \$56,310.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,554,310.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 721**  
**Change order no. 2, for the 2020**  
**Phase II County Highway**  
**Improvements Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the 2020 Phase II County Highway Improvements Program for a net increase of \$73,282.68 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,621,182.68.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 722**  
**Change order no. 1, for the Phase**  
**III renovations at Lake Lenape**  
**Park East**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Fred Schiavone Construction, Inc. for the Phase III renovations at Lake Lenape Park East to extend the term date until June 30, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 723**  
**Amending Resolution No. 580**  
**(10-18-22), an interlocal services**  
**agreement to provide bidding**  
**and construction management**  
**services for the roof replacement**  
**and garage expansion at the**  
**Hammonton Public Works**  
**Facility**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 580 adopted on October 18, 2022, an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide bidding and construction management services for the roof replacement and garage expansion at the Hammonton Public Works Facility for a net increase of \$1,935,100.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,976,050.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 724**  
**Renewal shared services**  
**agreement for the continued**  
**operation and management of the**  
**John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf**  
**Course**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the continued operation and management of the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course for an amount not to exceed \$58,000.00 per year plus incentive payments of 2% of the gross revenue earned per the terms of the Shared Service Agreement for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 725**  
**Alternate method contract to**  
**provide CivilServe SaaS software**  
**licenses for the Sheriff's**  
**Office**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide CivilServe SaaS software licenses for the Sheriff's Office for an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 for the term commencing August 1, 2022 and terminating July 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 726**  
**Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the New Jersey State PBA Local #243 (Sheriff's Rank & File) authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA for a five (5) year period commencing January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2027.

Andrew Freeto, resident of Margate and PBA Local #243 President, commended everyone for the successful negotiation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 727**  
**Agreement to grant a temporary construction easement across property designated as Block 703, Lot 8 to facilitate construction of a new spillway and other dam related improvements to the Lake Lenape Dam**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with the Township of Hamilton to grant a temporary construction easement across property designated as Block 703, Lot 8 to facilitate construction of a new spillway and other dam related improvements to the Lake Lenape Dam at no cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 728**  
**Competitive contract for the provision of medical, dental and mental health services to inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with CFG Health Systems for the provision of medical, dental and mental health services to inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$8,626,231.00 for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

Robert "Les" Paschall, CEO of CFG Health Systems, thanked the County for the opportunity to provide health care services.

Warden Kelly addressed the current health care standards and his confidence in CFG Health Systems.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 729**  
**Alternate method contract to serve as municipal prosecutors and municipal defenders in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with various attorneys to serve as municipal prosecutors and municipal defenders in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$545,000.00 for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 730**  
**Resolution approving various attorneys to serve as conflict municipal prosecutors and conflict municipal public defenders in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with various attorneys to serve as conflict municipal prosecutors and conflict municipal defenders to serve in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County, who will be utilized on an as needed basis and will receive payment of \$400 per session.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 731**  
**Appointment of Alternate Commissioner to the Atlantic County Insurance Commission**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion appointing Timothy Edmunds as an Alternate Commissioner to the Atlantic County Insurance Commission.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 732**  
**Amending Resolution No. 31 (1/30/18), a competitive contract for the provision of fire and security alarm monitoring, security surveillance, access control equipment installation and maintenance services**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 31 adopted on January 30, 2018, a competitive contract with Atlantic Coast Alarm, Inc. for the provision of fire and security alarm monitoring, security surveillance, access control equipment installation and maintenance services to extend the contract for a period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2023 with an amendatory amount not to exceed \$385,492.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$4,283,172.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 733**  
**Resolution requesting a cancellation of unexpended balances in the 2022 budget**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the cancellation of unexpended balances in the 2022 budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 734**  
**Chapter 159**

Moved to top of the agenda. Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum \$95,003.00 from the United States Department of Justice, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 735**  
**Appointment to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees**

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Ambrose Gray to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

**Interview**

Appointment of Ambrose Gray to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 736**  
**Appointment to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority**

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to appoint Joseph J. Giraldo to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2028.

**Interview**

Appointment of Joseph J. Giraldo to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND  
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.  
737 TO 740**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 737 to 740.

**RESOLUTION NO. 737  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Agriculture Development  
Board**

Appointment of John Peterson to the Atlantic County Agriculture Development Board for a term to expire on December 1, 2027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 738  
Reappointment to the Atlantic  
County Library Advisory  
Commission**

Reappointment of Jody Turner to the Atlantic County Library Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 739  
Reappointments to the Atlantic  
County Agriculture Development  
Board**

Reappointment of Jon Bitzer and Frank Schoenstein to the Atlantic County Agriculture Development Board for a term to expire on December 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 740  
Reappointment to the Atlantic  
County Construction Board of  
Appeals**

Reappointment of Robert A. Bruce, P.E. to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 741  
Resolution honoring the Clerk to  
the Board on her retirement**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion honoring Sonya G. Harris on her retirement.

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

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES**

Commissioner Parker congratulated the county libraries for receiving the Best of the Press Best Branch Library Award and announced the county animal shelter has relaxed adoption fees over the holidays.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Fitzpatrick announced the increased health benefit costs is currently being addressed by NJAC.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from December 7, 2022 to December 20, 2022.

Commissioner Balles reported safety concerns of the flooding on Mill Road Parkway overpass. County Administrator DelRosso and County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Gatto read communication with the NJ DOT regarding the Route 30 and Cologne Avenue project.

Commissioner Dase confirmed from local business owners that nothing has started at Route 30 and Cologne Avenue intersection.

Commissioner Parker announced the NJ Legislator Youth Council is seeking participants in a new program for ages 15-23.



Commissioner Coursey provided an update on the conditions of Stanley Homes Village.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 5:34 p.m.

David Goldstein, resident of Northfield, expressed concern with building on top of the Northfield burial ground. He thanked the Board for their public service.

Lynda V. Browne-Kidd congratulated Sonya Harris on her retirement.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:40 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Coursey wished everyone happy holidays.

Chairwoman Kern wished everyone happy holidays and reminded the next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena  
Clerk of the Board