

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 6, 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 Bertino, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
November 15, 2022**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the November 15, 2022 minutes.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Recognizing Pleasantville Jr. Jokers JV Football team as the 2022 Atlantic County Junior Football League Champions.

Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) 2023 Budget by Rick Dovey, President.

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 4
FINAL READING
Bond ordinance providing for
election equipment and related
improvements, by and in the
County of Atlantic, State of New
Jersey**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 4-2022 providing for election equipment and related improvements, by and in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$3,600,000 therefor and authorizing \$3,420,000 bonds or notes of the County to finance part of the costs thereof.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:40 p.m.

Superintendent of Elections Maureen Bugdon spoke in favor of the Ordinance and explained the necessity of new election equipment.

Steve Jones, resident of Mays Landing, expressed his concern regarding the integrity of electronic voting machines.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:46 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 667
Amending Resolution No. 477
(9-6-22), a cost reimbursement
agreement for the Brigantine
Avenue Sections 2A and 2B
project

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 477 adopted on September 6, 2022, a cost reimbursement agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Brigantine Avenue Sections 2A and 2B project for a net increase of \$670,375.20 and a total amendatory amount of \$3,484,857.55.

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. 668
Grant application and
acceptance for the FFY 2021
Overdose Data to Action –
Operation Helping Hand grant

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the FFY 2021 Overdose Data to Action – Operation Helping Hand grant for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2022 and terminating August 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. 669
Grant application for the FY23
Annual Transportation Plan

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY23 Annual Transportation Plan for an amount not to exceed \$6,828,550.00.

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.
670 AND 671

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 670 and 671.

RESOLUTION NO. 670
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$303,757.55 from BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement Account 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 671
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$25,450.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Child Passenger Safety Program - Cares for Kids 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 672
Amending Resolution No. 690
(12-21-21), a professional services
agreement for the 2022
engineering services pool for dam
and transportation infrastructure
projects

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 690 adopted on December 21, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants for the 2022 engineering services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects to extend the termination 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. 673
Professional services agreement for the provision of veterinarian services for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various veterinarians and veterinary offices for the provision of veterinarian services for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 674
Professional services agreement for the provision of an Employee Assistance Program

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC for the provision of an Employee Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending 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. 675
Professional services agreement for the 2023 engineering services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various consultants for the 2023 engineering services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects for an amount not to exceed \$7,156,668.15 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 676
Professional services agreement for the provision of bond counsel services

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Archer and Greiner, P.C. for the provision of bond counsel services for an amount not to exceed \$37,225.00 for a period commencing January 1, 2023 and ending 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. 677
Professional services agreement for the provision of financial advisor services for 2023 bond sales

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with ACACIA Financial Group, Inc. for the provision of financial advisor services for 2023 bond sales for an amount not to exceed \$17,375.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 678
Renewal competitive contract for the provision of senior center site manager services and furnishing of Kosher meals for the Herman Pogachefsky Senior Center site in Atlantic City

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Beron Jewish Older Adult Services for the provision of senior center site manager services and furnishing of Kosher meals for the Herman Pogachefsky Senior Center site in Atlantic City for an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 679
Renewal competitive contracts to provide nutrition site management at various locations throughout Atlantic County

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing renewal competitive contracts with Caring, Inc. and Milton and Betty Katz JCC to provide nutrition site management at various locations throughout Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$530,813.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 680
Competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 100% funding

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 100% funding for an amount not to exceed \$558,885.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 681
Competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 50% funding

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing competitive contract sub-grant agreements for Older Americans Act Area Plan Services FY 2023 at 50% funding for an amount not to exceed \$601,158.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring on 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. 682
Bid contract to provide deer carcass removal and disposal

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Kelly Winthrop, LLC to provide deer carcass removal and disposal for an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 for the two-year period commencing December 1, 2022 through November 30, 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. 683
Bid contract for the resurfacing of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 561), Section 1 in Galloway Township

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 561), Section 1 in Galloway Township for an amount not to exceed \$1,797,000.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 684
Bid contract for the 2022 drainage improvement project of various roads

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the 2022 drainage improvement project of various roads for an amount not to exceed \$941,066.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 685
Change order no. 2, a contract
for the resurfacing of Third
Street, Sections 1A and 1B in the
Town of Hammonton

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of Third Street, Sections 1A and 1B in the Town of Hammonton to extend the term date until May 27, 2023 for a net increase of \$22,894.07 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,100,113.85.

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. 686
Acceptance of deeds/easements in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 687
Memorandum of Understanding
for the provision of nutrition site
management and janitorial
services at the Brigantine
Congregate Senior Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Brigantine Municipal Government for the provision of nutrition site management and janitorial services at the Brigantine Congregate Senior Center for an amount not to exceed \$44,928.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 688
Memorandum of Understanding
to establish the South Jersey
Workforce Collaborative
Regional Plan

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Workforce Development Board to establish the South Jersey Workforce Collaborative Regional Plan covering a time frame commencing November 1, 2022 through and including December 31, 2026.

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. 689
Memorandum of Agreement for
services under the Older
Americans Act

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Community Mediation Services, Inc. for services under the Older Americans Act for an amount not to exceed \$68,811.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 690
Intergovernmental services
agreement for the provision of
dental services for Atlantic
County residents at the J. H.
Cronin Dental Center

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with Rutgers, State University of New Jersey for the provision of dental services for Atlantic County residents at the J. H. Cronin Dental Center for an amount not to exceed \$60,500.00 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, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 691
Alternate method contract for the purchase of new voting machines by the Atlantic County Superintendent of Elections

Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the purchase of new voting machines by the Atlantic County Superintendent of Elections for an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.00.

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. 692
Lease purchase agreement for a greens mower for use at the John F. Gaffney Greentree Golf Course

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a lease purchase agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a greens mower for use at the John F. Gaffney Greentree Golf Course for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

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. 693
Contract for the provision of cardiac treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a contract with Deborah Heart and Lung Center for the provision of cardiac treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 694
Designating the Administrator of the Atlantic County 12-hour and 48-hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion designating the Atlantic County Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, Substance Abuse Services Unit as the Administrator of the Atlantic County 12-hour and 48-hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center for the term commencing January 1, 2023 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. 695
Resolution requesting a transfer in the 2022 budget in accordance with the provision of N.J.S. 40A:4-58

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles 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. 696
Appointment of Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Tara Silipena as Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners for a three-year term, effective January 1, 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.

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 697 AND 698

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 697 and 698.

RESOLUTION NO. 697
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory Board

Appointment of Gloria M. Bolton to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 698
Reappointments to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory Board

Reappointment of Michael C. Bibb, J.D. and Douglas R. Satterfield to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2026.

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. 699
Resolution setting the date, time
and place of the annual 2023
reorganization meeting of the
Atlantic County Board of County
Commissioners

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion setting the date, time and place of the annual 2023 reorganization meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners.

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. 700
Resolution in support of a Mental
Health Court

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion in support of a Mental Health Court (Sponsor: Amy L. Gatto and Maureen Kern).

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

Commissioner Fitzpatrick asked if the County could provide a stipend to help employees with health benefits contributions. County Administrator Del Rosso responded.

Commissioner Gatto asked if construction started at the Route 30 and Cologne Avenue intersection. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fitzpatrick inquired about contributions made to the National Aviation Research and Technology Park. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from November 16, 2022 to December 6, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:26 p.m.

County Clerk Joe Giraldo thanked the Board for their support on the new voting machines.

There being no further comment, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:27 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern recognized National Influenza Vaccination week and announced she is stepping down as Chairwoman.

Commissioner Dase announced the undefeated Galloway Township Renegade Varsity football team won a championship and will honor them soon.

Commissioner Coursey welcomed Christin Petrosch the new employee in the Commissioner's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board