

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
July 19, 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 Balles and the flag salute was led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino (via Webex), Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley (via Webex, arrived at 4:10 pm) and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey and Fitzpatrick.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
July 5, 2022**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 5, 2022 minutes.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 416*
Appointment of Facilities
Management Division Director**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to appoint Christopher Palermo as the Atlantic County Director for the Division of Facilities Management effective August 1, 2022.

Interview

Appointment of Christopher Palermo as Facilities Management Division Director effective August 1, 2022 (Resolution No. 416).

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

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Interview

Appointment of Douglas DiMeo as County Engineer effective July 1, 2022 (Resolution No. 417).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 418* Appointment of the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees	Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to appoint Flora M. Castillo to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2026.
Interview	Appointment of Flora M. Castillo to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2026 (Resolution No. 418). The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.
RESOLUTION NO. 393 Amending Resolution No. 12 (1-14-20), No. 130 (3-29-22) and No. 325 (6-21-22), a grant agreement for the FY'20 Annual Transportation Plan	Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 12 adopted on January 14, 2020, Resolution No. 130 adopted on March 29, 2022 and Resolution No. 325 adopted on June 21, 2022, a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY'20 Annual Transportation Plan to include the Jimmie Leeds Road Section 1 Improvements Project in the amended application in the amount of \$7,035,238.00. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.
RESOLUTION NO. 394 Grant application and acceptance for the New Jersey Youth Corps Program	Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the New Jersey Youth Corps Program in the amount up to \$364,000.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.
MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 395 TO 398	Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 395 to 398.
RESOLUTION NO. 395 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum \$475,972.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG COVID19 CV1 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 396 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$5,331,323.58 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Emergency Rental Assistance Program II.
RESOLUTION NO. 397 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$2,108,082.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, CDBG COVID19 CV2 2020.
RESOLUTION NO. 398 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$3,000,000.00 from the United States Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

*Not in numerical order

RESOLUTION NO. 399
Amending Resolution No. 274
(5-18-21), a professional services
agreement to provide material
testing services for various dam
and transportation infrastructure
related projects

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 274 adopted on May 18, 2021, a professional services agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. to provide material testing services for various dam and transportation infrastructure related projects for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 for a one-year period commencing June 1, 2021 and terminating May 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 400
Professional services contract for
specific engineering projects

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a professional services contract with Remington and Vernick Engineers for specific engineering projects for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for a one-year period commencing from notice of award.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 401
Renewal competitive contract for
the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act Out of School
Youth Program

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a renewal competitive contract with Ideal Institute of Technology for the continued provision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out of School Youth Program for an amount not to exceed \$834,000.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 402
Bid contract for the parking lot
expansion at the Atlantic County
Animal Shelter

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Shore Top Construction Corp. for the parking lot expansion at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for the total sum not to exceed \$209,726.65 for the period commencing from notice of award to December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 403
Bid contract to provide lock
repair service and parts at
various locations

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Huber Locksmiths, Inc. to provide lock repair service and parts at various locations throughout Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$175,350.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 404
Amending Resolution No. 69
(2-15-22), a contract for shelter
and food services for the
homeless during a Code Blue
declaration

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 69 adopted on February 15, 2022, a contract with the Parish of St. Monica for shelter and food services for the homeless during a Code Blue declaration in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 for the term commencing October 15, 2021 and terminating March 15, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 405
Shared services agreement to place Atlantic County youth when needed at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Facility

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a shared services agreement with Morris County to place Atlantic County youth when needed at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Facility for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and continue on an as-needed basis for a period of a one-year term.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 406
Agreement for operation of the Juvenile Detention Program at Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the Juvenile Justice Commission for operation of the Juvenile Detention Program at Harborfields Juvenile Detention Center in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,972.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 407
Internship agreement to allow students to participate in the Environment and Public Health Program field training

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an internship agreement with Rutgers University, New Jersey Experiment Station's Office of Continuing Professional Education to allow students to participate in the Environment and Public Health Program field training at no cost for the term commencing July 18, 2022 and terminating July 17, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 408
Contract for the provision of dental services for Atlantic County residents

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a contract with Rutgers, State University of New Jersey for the provision of dental services for Atlantic County residents at the J.H. Cronin Dental Center and the University Dental Center for an amount not to exceed \$107,500.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 409
Renewal intergovernmental services agreement for the provision of support services to the State

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a renewal intergovernmental services agreement with the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts for the provision of support services to the State 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 410
Intergovernmental sub-grant agreements for Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention Services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to authorize intergovernmental sub-grant agreements with various Atlantic County municipalities for Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention Services for a total of all contracts not to exceed \$40,617.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating March 14, 2023.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked why the City of Estell Manor did not receive funding. Brian Wilson, Atlantic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator responded.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 411
Interlocal services agreement for the provision of energy training programs under the Atlantic City Electric Initiative

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the provision of energy training programs under the Atlantic City Electric Initiative for the Workers in Sustainable Energy Program (WISE) and Get Into Energy Program (GIE) for an amount not to exceed \$27,019.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 412
Interlocal services agreement for the Summer Youth Employment Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the Summer Youth Employment Program for an amount not to exceed \$15,430.00 for the period commencing April 29, 2022 and terminating September 30, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 413
Shared services agreement for security services within the Folsom School District

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a shared services agreement between the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office and the Folsom Board of Education for security services within the Folsom School District for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023, revenue generating.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 414
EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for County owned real and personal property at various County properties

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize an extraordinary unspecifiable services (EUS) contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for County owned real and personal property at various County properties in an amount not to exceed \$15,262.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 415
Contract to administer the Clean Communities Program

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a contract with Atlantic County Utilities Authority to administer the Clean Communities Program for an amount not to exceed \$113,162.88 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 416
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ABSENT: Risley.

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NAYS: None.

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 419 TO 421

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 419 to 421.

RESOLUTION NO. 419
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board

Reappointment of Subrata Chowdhury, Vonnie Clark, Michael Cool, Cynthia M. Domino, Gabriel J. Donio, Celeste Fernandez and Levi Fox to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for terms to expire on July 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 420
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission

Reappointment of Stephen C. Fiedler and Michael A. Hogan to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for terms to expire on July 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 421
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board

Reappointment of Sally Mahon, Ed.D. to the Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board for a term to expire on July 1, 2025.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 422 AND 423

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 422 and 423.

RESOLUTION NO. 422
Roadway solicitation event in Buena Vista Township

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by East Vineland Volunteer Fire Company at the intersection of Tuckahoe Road (CR 557) and Landis Avenue (CR 540) in the Township of Buena Vista on Friday, August 5, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 423
Roadway solicitation event in Egg Harbor Township

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Bertino announced that Commissioner Risley, the Chair of the Public Health and Environment Committee, was unable to deliver the Committee report due to audio difficulties. Commissioner Bertino reported, on behalf of Commissioner Risley, that in reviewing the resolution sponsored by Commissioner Fitzpatrick, the Committee has decided not to consider the resolution.

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 July 6, 2022 to July 19, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:53 p.m.

Joan Brennan, resident of Northfield, expressed her concern regarding the traffic the proposed Camden Diocese Assisted Living development behind Meadowview Nursing Home will create. Michelle Post, reporter for The Press, asked will the Diocese purchase the land from the County.

There being no further comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:10 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Parker welcomed the NAACP National Convention to Atlantic City and announced that U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris was a guest speaker. He stated any conventions in our County is a benefit to us all.

Commissioner Gatto recognized Commissioner Risley's efforts with the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD) becoming financially stable. She announced that Gilda's Club held their Dragon Boat Festival at Lake Lenape and it was a successful event. Kudos to everyone for a job well done. The Mt. Carmel Festival in Hammonton was great. She announced that the first week in August most towns will be celebrating National Night Out.

Chairwoman Kern reported the new National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline hotline started on July 16, 2022. Anyone having suicidal thoughts or experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis can call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org.

Commissioner Balles inquired about the center bollards being down on the bike path in Egg Harbor Township.

Facilities Director Jerry Griffin thanked everyone for his 19 years of County employment. The Board wished Mr. Griffin well on his upcoming retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board