

**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  
August 16, 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 Dase, followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

**ROLL CALL**

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), Parker (via Webex), Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Bertino.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 2, 2022**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the August 2, 2022 minutes.

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

**PRESENTATION**

Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act update for Atlantic Cape Community College by President Dr. Barbara Gaba.

Update provided by the Atlantic County Prosecutor William Reynolds following "Written Communications and Petitions."

**RESOLUTION NO. 474\*  
Appointment of Department Head  
for Atlantic County Regional  
Planning and Economic  
Development**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to appoint Ranae L. Fehr as Department Head for Atlantic County Regional Planning and Economic Development, effective August 1, 2022.

**INTERVIEW**

Ranae L. Fehr for the position of Department Head for Regional Planning and Economic Development.

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. 446  
Amending Resolution No. 250  
(5-17-22), a grant application and  
acceptance for the Job Access  
Reverse Commute Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 250 adopted on May 17, 2022, a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit for the Job Access Reverse Commute Program for an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 with a County cash match in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$320,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

\*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. 447**  
**Amending Resolution No. 688**  
**(12-21-21), a grant application**  
**and acceptance for the Local**  
**Efficiency Achievement Program**  
**(LEAP) County Coordinator**  
**Fellowship Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 688 adopted on December 21, 2021, a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant to extend the term date only at no additional cost for a term commencing July 1, 2022 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. 448**  
**Grant application and acceptance**  
**for the SFY 2022 Operation**  
**Helping Hand Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the SFY 2022 Operation Helping Hand Grant for an amount not to exceed \$123,809.50 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 449**  
**Grant application for Innovations**  
**funding**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations funding for the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission/Juvenile Detention Alternate Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for a one period from January 1, 2023 through 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.

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND**  
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.**  
**450, 451 AND 472**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 450, 451 and 472.

**RESOLUTION NO. 450**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$177,000.00 from the State of Pennsylvania, Office of the Attorney General, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 451**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$290,438.64 from BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement Account 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 472\***  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$364,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, New Jersey Youth Corps 22-23.

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. 452**  
**Amended professional services**  
**agreement from the 2015-2016**  
**pool**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend a professional services agreement with an architect, engineer, designer and other professional consultants from the 2015-2016 pool to extend the term date only until August 31, 2023 at no additional cost.

\*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. 453**  
**Amended professional services agreements from the 2017-2018 pool**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend professional services agreements with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2017-2018 pool to extend the term date only until August 31, 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. 454**  
**Amended professional services agreements from the 2019-2020 pool**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend professional services agreements with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2019-2020 pool to extend the term date only until August 31, 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. 455**  
**Amended professional services agreements from the 2020-2021 pool**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend professional services agreements with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2020-2021 pool to extend the term date only until August 31, 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. 456**  
**Amended professional services agreements from the 2021-2022 pool**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend professional services agreements with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2021-2022 pool to extend the term date only until August 31, 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. 457**  
**Professional services agreements to establish the 2022-2023 pool on an as needed basis for the Atlantic County Division of Facilities Management**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize professional services agreements with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants to establish the 2022-2023 pool on an as needed basis for the Atlantic County Division of Facilities Management for an aggregate total not to exceed \$750,000.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 458**  
**Professional services agreement to establish a 2022-2023 pool of vendors**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a professional services agreement with various land surveying companies to establish a 2022-2023 pool of vendors for an aggregate total not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the period commencing September 6, 2022 and terminating September 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. 459**  
**Competitive contracts for the provision of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act In-School Youth Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize competitive contracts with various providers for the provision of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act In-School Youth Program for an amount not to exceed \$348,000.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 460**  
**Bid contract for the reconstruction of Farragut Avenue (CR 660) in Mays Landing**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Landberg Construction, LLC for the reconstruction of Farragut Avenue (CR 660) in Mays Landing for an amount not to exceed \$349,433.58 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. 461**  
**Bid contract for the 2021 State Aid Highway Improvement Program (HIP)**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the 2021 State Aid Highway Improvement Program (HIP) for an amount not to exceed \$1,188,000.50 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. 462**

WITHDRAWN (8-12-22): Amending Resolutions No. 181 adopted on April 7, 2020 and No. 668 adopted on December 7, 2021, a lease agreement with Egg Harbor Leasing, LLC to occupy office space located at 6821 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township for a Child Advocacy Center for a net increase of \$46,070.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$548,295.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 463**  
**Amending Resolution No. 315 (6-1-21), an equipment use agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mosquito Control Commission**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 315 adopted on June 1, 2021, an equipment use agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mosquito Control Commission to extend the term date only to December 31, 2022 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. 464**

WITHDRAWN (8-9-22): Alternate method contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. d/b/a TripSpark Technologies for software maintenance used by the Atlantic County Transportation Unit for an amount not to exceed \$58,387.50.

**RESOLUTION NO. 465**  
**EUS contract for the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. for the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond for an amount not to exceed \$1,166.00 for the period beginning August 31, 2022 and expiring August 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. 466**  
**Interlocal services agreement for the provision of an Adult Basic Education Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the provision of an Adult Basic Education Program for an amount not to exceed \$49,534.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 467**  
**Interlocal services agreement for the provision of a Supplemental Learning Lab Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the provision of a Supplemental Learning Lab Program for an amount not to exceed \$80,350.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 468**  
**Interlocal services agreement to bid and manage various County capital projects**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic County Improvement Authority to bid and manage various County capital projects for an amount not to exceed \$93,445.00 for a term commencing upon Commissioner approval and terminating on 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. 469**  
**Memorandum of Understanding for purposes of the redesign and reconstruction of the Trestle Bridge over the Great Egg Harbor River**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Township of Hamilton for purposes of the redesign and reconstruction of the Trestle Bridge over the Great Egg Harbor River.

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. 470**  
**Resolution authorizing an agreement regarding development of an Aviation Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Academy at the Atlantic City International Airport**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with the Atlantic County Economic Alliance regarding development of an Aviation Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Academy at the Atlantic City International Airport.

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. 471**  
**Bid contract for renovations and rehabilitation to the Warren E. Fox Nature Center at the Estell Manor Park**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with M.B. Markland Contracting Co. for renovations and rehabilitation to the Warren E. Fox Nature Center at the Estell Manor Park for an amount not to exceed \$537,678.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 472**  
**Chapter 159**

Moved to the top of the agenda: Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$364,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, New Jersey Youth Corps 22-23.

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. 473**  
**Change order contract for security guard services to Atlantic County**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize change order no. 1, a contract with Security Guard, Inc. T-A Tri-County Security for security guard services to Atlantic County to extend the term date only to September 30, 2022 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. 474**  
**Appointment of Department Head for Atlantic County Regional Planning and Economic Development**

Moved to the top of the agenda: Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to appoint Ranae L. Fehr as Department Head for Atlantic County Regional Planning and Economic Development effective August 1, 2022.

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. 475**  
**Roadway solicitation event in Northfield**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Northfield Volunteer Fire Company #1 at the intersection of Tilton Road (CR 563), Mill Road (CR 662) and Shore Road (CR 585) in the City of Northfield on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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 Gatto inquired as to the upcoming deadline for the Lake Lenape Dam \$4.6 million federal grant and any pending items required.

Commissioner Balles announced that he serves on a subcommittee of the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board which will address Veterans issues and the proposed clinic. The Committee will be meeting at the end of the month with U.S. Senators Menendez and Booker, Congressman Van Drew and State Senators Polistina and Testa. He reported that the Criminal Justice Advisory Board will be meeting on August 25, 2022 to discuss the presence of dogs in schools to protect children.

Commissioner Parker announced that applications for the 2023 State Arts and History grants are now available through the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. To assist organizations with applications, the County is sponsoring two free workshops in August and September.

**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 August 3, 2022 to August 16, 2022.

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the lights at the firehouses. He also requested the County address the numerous potholes on Zion Road between South Mt. Airy and North Mt. Airy Avenues.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick inquired about the County's plans for September 11<sup>th</sup> events.

**PRESENTATION**

Update by Atlantic County Prosecutor William Reynolds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 5:37 p.m.

Douglas Satterfield, resident of Galloway extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a gala on October 28, 2022 to raise funds for "Guardian Angels for Life" to assist pregnant young women.

Joshua Smith, resident of Galloway, requested the Board rescind Resolution No. 123 of 2020 regarding the Second Amendment. He also presented a sample resolution supporting Atlantic County being a "Sanctuary County" for women's rights over their own bodies.

There being no further comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:50 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Parker reminded everyone the food distributions are still occurring because people are in need. The next food distribution is on September 2, 2022 in Hammonton and September 9, 2022 in Mizpah. Construction on the Muslim cemetery in Egg Harbor Township is going well along with the McKee City Park in honor of Colonel McKee.

Commissioner Kern wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. She stated school will be opening soon and asked that everyone be careful of school children walking and school buses.

**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 5:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris  
Clerk of the Board