

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 2, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman John Risley 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, Vice Chairman Risley 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 Parker and the flag salute was led by Vice Chairman Risley.

ROLL CALL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
July 19, 2022**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 19, 2022 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act update for Atlantic County Institute of Technology by Superintendent Dr. Phillip Guenther.

**RESOLUTION NO. 424
Grant application and
acceptance for the Community
Development Block Grant
Program and HOME Investment
Partnership Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,836,812.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 425
Amending Resolution No. 468
(9-7-21), a professional services
agreement to establish the 2021-
2022 pool**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 468 adopted on September 7, 2021, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants to establish the 2021-2022 pool for a net increase of \$500,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,250,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2021 and terminating August 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 426
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 Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend 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 for a net increase of \$150,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$3,897,680.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 427
Renewal competitive contract for
the operation of a Family Success
Center

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a renewal competitive contract with Center for Family Services for the operation of a Family Success Center for an amount not to exceed \$560,114.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating on June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 428
Bid contract to provide
improvements at the Lake
Lenape Dam Powerhouse in the
Township of Hamilton

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. to provide improvements at the Lake Lenape Dam Powerhouse in the Township of Hamilton for an amount not to exceed \$737,500.00 for the term commencing from notice of award until December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 429
Bid contract for floor mat rental
and cleaning services to various
locations in Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Health Mats Company for floor mat rental and cleaning services to various locations in Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$68,046.56 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 430
Lease agreement for the use of a
portion of the Atlantic County
Office building for the Boggs
Center on Developmental
Disabilities for its Positive
Behavior Support in Schools
Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to authorize a renewal lease agreement with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, for the use of a portion of the Atlantic County Office building for the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities for its Positive Behavior Support in Schools Program for the period commencing April 1, 2022 and terminating March 31, 2027, revenue generating.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 431
Amending Resolution No. 387
(7-5-22), a contract for the
provision of hospice services at
Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 387 adopted on July 5, 2022, a contract with various providers for the provision of hospice services at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to include The Ardent Team d/b/a NJ Health Hospice and Palliative Care at no additional cost for the period commencing August 1, 2022 and terminating July 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 432
Alternate method contract to help eliminate the backlog of documents to be within the statutory requirements at the Atlantic County Clerk's office

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with NewVision Systems to help eliminate the backlog of documents to be within the statutory requirements at the Atlantic County Clerk's office for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the term commencing August 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, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 433
Intergovernmental services agreement whereby Atlantic County will house up to 85 female inmates from Burlington County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with Burlington County whereby Atlantic County will house up to 85 female inmates from Burlington County for the period commencing June 15, 2022 and terminating June 14, 2024, revenue generating.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 434
Interlocal services agreement for the provision of snow removal and street sweeping services in the City of Margate

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with the City of Margate for the provision of snow removal and street sweeping services along Ventnor Avenue and Jerome Avenue for an amount not to exceed \$7,100.00 per year for the term of seven years commencing December 1, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 435
Resolution authorizing acceptance of a firefighting vehicle to be assigned to the Atlantic County Fire Academy

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize the acceptance of a firefighting vehicle from the City of Margate Fire Department to be assigned to the Atlantic County Fire Academy at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 436
Resolution assigning a military surplus vehicle for use during disasters and emergency response

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize the assignment of a military surplus vehicle to Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Department for use during disasters and emergency response at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 437
Resolution assigning a military surplus vehicle for use during disasters and emergency response

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize the assignment of a military surplus vehicle to Egg Harbor Township Emergency Medical Services for use during disasters and emergency response at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 438 Resolution supporting Atlantic County as a Stigma Free Community	Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to support Atlantic County as a Stigma Free Community. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.
MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 439 AND 440	Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 439 and 440.
RESOLUTION NO. 439 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$37,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) 2022.
RESOLUTION NO. 440 Chapter 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$60,000.00 from the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Rowan Medicine COVID-19 Vaccination Program 2022. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.
RESOLUTION NO. 441 Resolution approving a memorandum of agreement to reopen the contract to increase certain salaries	Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between AFSCME 3408 and the County of Atlantic to reopen the contract to increase certain salaries for the timeframe of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.
MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 442 TO 445	Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 442 to 445.
RESOLUTION NO. 442 Appointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board	Appointment of Jesse Kurtz to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2025.
RESOLUTION NO. 443 Appointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board	Appointment of Anthony A. Lanzilotti as First Alternate to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2025.
RESOLUTION NO. 444 Appointment to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Appointment of Roxanne E. Terramagra for full membership to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to expire on January 31, 2023.
RESOLUTION NO. 445 Appointment to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Appointment of Mary Jo Bernardo as First Alternate to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2025. The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Kern and Risley. NAYS: None.
REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES	There were no reports of special committees of the Board.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fitzpatrick requested the County partner in a lawsuit with the Center for Climate Integrity suing big oil companies for environmental damages because of climate change. Commissioner Fitzpatrick also mentioned a pilot program for an alternate method to raise money to fund road repairs.

Commissioner Parker announced that Atlantic County Cultural and Affair Office has received \$218,000.00 in State grant funding.

Commissioner Balles requested postponing the first Meeting in August next year to accommodate the “National Night Out” events throughout the County.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from July 20, 2022 to August 2, 2022.

Commissioner Gatto provided an update on the road construction at the Route 30 and Cologne Avenue intersection. Construction should begin early fall. Commissioner Gatto asked County Administrator DelRosso to provide an update on the opioid settlement and she thanked the Commissioner’s staff and Administration for the newly incorporated closed captioning of the Board’s meetings.

Commissioner Parker read a thank you note from Tiffany Garlic for the County’s assistance with her accessing natural gas for her home.

Commissioner Dase stated he had received calls from municipalities regarding the delay of tax bills and asked the County Administrator why the delay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public for comment at 5:14 p.m.

Mary Slomine, resident of Margate, requested the Commission to revisit Resolution No. 357-2022 supporting women’s right to sovereignty over their own bodies.

Marlene McPherson, resident of Atlantic City echoed Mary Slomine’s request.

Carolyn Rush, resident of Cape May County, would also like the Board of Commissioners to review and support Resolution No. 357. Ms. Rush also inquired about the COVID hazard pay for Meadowview Nursing Home and she will ask the officials of her home County to join climate change lawsuit.

Dale Archie, resident of Pleasantville, invited Commissioner Kern to attend a Pleasantville Council Meeting. He also inquired as to a speed reduction on Tilton Road in Pleasantville.

Tim Jones, resident of Pleasantville, announced that an ordinance was passed in Pleasantville to rescind the sewer concession deal with a private equity firm and inquired as to federal funding for infrastructure improvements. He also mentioned that he would like a bike rack at the Stillwater Building and more around the County.

Carolyn Rush, resident of Cape May, inquired as to Resolution No. 357-2022, sponsored by Caren Fitzpatrick and asked would it be reconsidered by the Board. She commended Commissioner Fitzpatrick regarding the lawsuit against big oil.

There being no further comments, Vice Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:32 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey announced the passing of Bishop John Gandy's brother, Claude Gandy and asked everyone to keep the family in prayer. He also announced that the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) still has funding available to help those who need assistance with rent and/or utility bills.

Commissioner Balles asked everyone to keep the Mott family in their thoughts and prayers as they recently lost their daughter, Carling Shea Mott in a tragic bicycle accident in New York City.

Vice Chairman Risley stated his appreciation to Commissioners Dase and Gatto for their tenacity regarding the Route 30/Cologne Avenue intersection.

Commissioner Kern noted that August is National Immunization Awareness Month and National Back to School Month.

Vice Chairman Risley reported that the County is still providing COVID-19 vaccine shots.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board