

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
September 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**

The prayer was offered by Commissioner Balles. Chairwoman Kern held a moment of silence for former Buena Borough Councilwoman Rosalie Baker followed by the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
September 6, 2022**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 508
Grant acceptance for the Medical
Reserve Corps. (MRC) COVID-
19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain
and Equip (RISE) Award**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Medical Reserve Corps. (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip (RISE) Award for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period commencing December 1, 2022 and terminating September 15, 2023.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
509 AND 510**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 509 and 510.

**RESOLUTION NO. 509
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$3,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Mental Health Administrator CY 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 510
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2022 the sum of \$39,825.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Youth Services Coordinator 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 511
Amending Resolution No. 92
(3-1-22), a professional services
agreement to increase the
contract cost amount for legal
services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 92 adopted on March 1, 2022, a professional services agreement for legal services with McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney and Carpenter, LLC at hourly rates of \$450 per hour for partners, \$300 per hour for associates to increase an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 512
Professional services agreement
for the purchase of lumber
supplies under the National
County Purchasing Alliance
contract

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with 84 Lumber Co. for the purchase of lumber supplies under the National County Purchasing Alliance contract for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the time period commencing upon notice of award and terminating on April 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 513
Memorandum of Agreement
(MOA) with the International
Association of Machinists and
Aerospace Workers AFL-CIO
(Nurse Supervisors) and
authorizing a formal written
collective bargaining agreement
incorporating the terms of the
MOA

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers AFL-CIO (Nurse Supervisors) and authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA for a four (4) year period commencing January 1, 2022 through and including December 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 514
Bid contract to furnish and
deliver one 2022 or newer cargo
van

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Holman Commercial Vehicles, LLC to furnish and deliver one 2022 or newer cargo van for the total sum not to exceed \$58,374.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 515
Bid contract for body and fender
repairs to Atlantic County
vehicles (light/passenger vehicles)

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Pro-Line Collision, Inc. for body and fender repairs to Atlantic County vehicles (light/passenger vehicles) for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 516
Bid contract to provide
preventative maintenance and
emergency repairs on Atlantic
County chillers

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Core Mechanical, Inc. to provide preventative maintenance and emergency repairs on Atlantic County chillers for an amount not to exceed \$71,600.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 with an option to renew for an additional one year period.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 517
Amending Resolution No. 544
(10-5-21), a consent to
assignment agreement
concerning the County's lease for
a portion of the property located
at the New York Avenue Parking
Garage**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 544 adopted on October 5, 2021, a consent to assignment agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority and Jemal's Atlantic City, LLC concerning the County's lease for a portion of the property located at the New York Avenue Parking Garage with payment being made to the management company Joyce Parking, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$209,250.00 for a term commencing on March 1, 2021 and terminating on February 29, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: Balles.

**RESOLUTION NO. 518
Amending Resolution No. 414
(7-19-22), an EUS contract to
obtain flood insurance for
County owned real and personal
property at various County
properties**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 414 adopted on July 19, 2022, an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for County owned real and personal property at various County properties for a corrected amount not to exceed \$15,646.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 519
Cooperative bid contract to
purchase electricity for Atlantic
County facilities**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a cooperative bid contract with Constellation/New Energy to purchase electricity for Atlantic County facilities for an amount not to exceed \$526,813.61 for the period commencing September 1, 2022 and ending September 1, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 520
Interlocal services agreement for
the provision of a Workers in
Sustainable Energy Program
(WISE) and Get Into Energy
Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for the provision of a Workers in Sustainable Energy Program (WISE) and Get Into Energy Program for an amount not to exceed \$60,830.00 for the period commencing August 8, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 521
Resolution authorizing the
expansion of the Atlantic County
Workforce Development Board's
membership complement**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the expansion of the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board's membership complement from 32 to 36 members.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 522
Grant application and
acceptance for the FFY22
Federal Homeland Security
Program grant**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the FFY22 Federal Homeland Security Program grant for an amount not to exceed \$237,755.35 for the term commencing September 1, 2022 and terminating July 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 523
Governing body certification of the annual audit

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the governing body certification of the annual audit.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 524
Appointment to the Atlantic County Emergency Management Advisory Board

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Bruce K. DeShields to the Atlantic County Emergency Management Advisory Board for a term to expire on May 1, 2023.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Fitzpatrick attended the NJAC Board of Directors meeting and announced the State is allocating \$15 million in the budget for a maternal mortality program. Additionally, the Workforce Development Board has a new program for the chronically unemployed that will reimburse employers for their wages initial training costs.

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 September 7, 2022 to September 20, 2022.

Commissioner Coursey commended County Administrator DelRosso for the prompt response to the family of an injured inmate.

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the status of the beacon lights for the Egg Harbor Township firehouses. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:38 p.m.

County Prosecutor Reynolds explained the cargo van (Resolution No. 514) will be used to serve the mental health population in crisis negotiation situations. He also commented on the incident involving the County jail inmate and that charges have been announced.

Jimmy DiNatale, of Egg Harbor Township, reported he attended the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) on September 15, 2022 and is very concerned about the bid proposal with Waste Management. The greenest way to remove trash will be by train.

There being no further comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:00 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey discussed the increase in State health benefits costs that will affect County and municipal employees. He asked if the County is looking into a cheaper way to service employees. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Chairwoman Kern asked everyone to be mindful of the hurricane season and to use Ready-atlantic.org for helpful tips to prepare for weather emergencies.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board