

**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**

**October 19, 2021**

**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., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ and via Cisco Webex Video conferencing as a result of COVID-19.

**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*, *The Daily Journal*, *The Hammonton Gazette* and *The Hammonton News*; 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 and flag salute were led by Chairwoman Kern. A moment of silence was held in memory of former United States Secretary of State General Colin Powell and former Galloway Township Committeeman Frank Gargione.

**ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 7, 2021**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the September 7, 2021, minutes.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 10  
FINAL READING  
An ordinance to vacate and  
abandon an existing clear sight  
triangle easement at a property  
located at 3324 Bargaintown  
Road, identified as Block 5505,  
Lot 20, in Egg Harbor  
Township**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 10-2021, an ordinance to vacate and abandon an existing clear sight triangle easement at a property located at 3324 Bargaintown Road, identified as Block 5505, Lot 20, in Egg Harbor Township.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing at 4:05 p.m. There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public hearing at 4:05 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 554**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Sexual**  
**Assault Response Team/**  
**Forensic Nurse Examiner**  
**(SART/FNE) Grant Program**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Sexual Assault Response Team/ Forensic Nurse Examiner (SART/FNE) Grant Program in the amount of \$90,238.00 with a County in-kind match in the amount of \$22,560.00 for a total program amount not to exceed \$112,798.00 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 555**  
**Grant acceptance for the Child**  
**Advocacy Center Development**  
**Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Center Development Grant in the total amount not to exceed \$217,812.78 for the period commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 556**  
**Grant application for the State**  
**Community Partnership Funds**  
**and Family Court Services**  
**Funds**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the State Community Partnership Funds and Family Court Services Funds in an amount not to exceed \$519,939.00 for the term January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 557**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the 2021 Early**  
**Voting Election**  
**Reimbursement Grant**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections for the 2021 Early Voting Election Reimbursement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for the term commencing July 2, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 558**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the FFY21**  
**Federal Homeland Security**  
**Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the FFY21 Federal Homeland Security Program in an amount not to exceed \$230,563.97 for the term commencing October 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 559  
Grant acceptance for the  
Detection and Mitigation of  
COVID-19 in Confinement  
Facilities**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the Federal Center for Disease Control through the New Jersey Department of Health for the Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities in the total amount not to exceed \$248,052.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 560  
Federal Aid Cost  
Reimbursement Agreement for  
the costs associated with the  
resurfacing of Ocean Heights  
Avenue, Sections 4 and 5 in  
Egg Harbor Township and  
Hamilton Township**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding from the FY'21 Transportation Trust Fund for the costs associated with the resurfacing of Ocean Heights Avenue, Sections 4 and 5 in Egg Harbor Township and Hamilton Township in the amount of \$1,889,592.97 for the period commencing September 23, 2021 to September 23, 2024.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE  
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION  
NOS. 561 TO 563**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 561 to 563.

**RESOLUTION NO. 561  
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of \$55,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) FY20.

**RESOLUTION NO. 562  
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of \$113,600.00 from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, Subregional Transportation 21-22.

**RESOLUTION NO. 563  
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of \$111,835.17 from the State of New Jersey, Department of State, Division of Elections, April, May, June Election 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 564  
Amending Resolution No. 465  
(9-7-21), a professional services  
agreement from the 2018-2019  
pool**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 465 adopted on September 7, 2021, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2018-2019 pool to extend the term date until August 31, 2022 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 565  
Renewal bid contract to  
provide preventative  
maintenance on County  
vehicles**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Chapman Ford Sales, Inc. to provide preventative maintenance on County vehicles for the total sum not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the period commencing December 1, 2021 and terminating November 30, 2022.

Marcus King, President of Teamsters Local 331, stated we have working mechanics why are we leasing out work or can we hire additional mechanics. Greg Brookins responded.

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

**MOTION TO MOVE  
RESOLUTION NO. 576 TO  
THE TOP OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 576 to the top of the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 576\*  
Resolution in support of the  
proposed Veterans Affairs  
community based outpatient  
clinic in Northfield**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to support the proposed Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Northfield (Sponsor: Frank X. Balles).

John Berenato, from Health Care Realty Solutions, provided an overview of the proposed Clinic.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 566  
Bid contract for the provision  
of laundry management  
services at the Atlantic County  
Justice Facility**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for the provision of laundry management services at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for the total sum not to exceed \$169,500.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract for the period commencing November 1, 2021 and terminating October 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 567  
Change order no. 2, contract  
for public access along Motts  
Creek Road (CR 657) at  
Public Dock Road in  
Galloway Township**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a change order no. 2, contract with Command Co., Inc. for public access along Motts Creek Road (CR 657) at Public Dock Road in Galloway Township for a net increase in the amount of \$6,160.00 and to extend the term date until December 31, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 568  
Acceptance of  
Deeds/Easements from various  
grantors in accordance with  
Atlantic County Planning  
Standards**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize the 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, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 569  
Amending Resolution No. 245  
(5-4-21) to add to the State of  
New Jersey's Cooperative  
Purchasing Program  
authorized list of vendors**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 245 adopted on May 4, 2021, to add the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance and the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program authorized list of vendors at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 570  
Agreement to accept two  
congestion mitigation and air  
quality FY17 Flex 5310 grant  
funded vehicles**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an agreement to accept two congestion mitigation and air quality FY17 Flex 5310 grant funded vehicles from New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 571  
Amending Resolution No. 183  
(4-7-20), an interlocal services  
agreement for an Incumbent  
Worker Training Program for  
Medical Assistants**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 183 adopted April 7, 2020, an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board and Atlantic Cape Community College for an Incumbent Worker Training Program for Medical Assistants to extend the term date until December 31, 2021 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 572  
Intergovernmental services  
agreement for the provision of  
environmental health and  
hazardous response services  
within the jurisdiction of  
Atlantic City**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with the City of Atlantic City for the provision of environmental health and hazardous response services within the jurisdiction of Atlantic City for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE  
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION  
NOS. 573 TO 575**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 573 to 575.

**RESOLUTION NO. 573**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Galloway Township**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Bayview Volunteer Fire Company #4 at the intersection of Pitney Road (CR 634) and Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 633) in the Township of Galloway on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 574**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Egg Harbor Township**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company #1 at the intersection of English Creek Avenue (CR 575) and West Jersey Avenue in Egg Harbor Township on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 575**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Egg Harbor Township**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Egg Harbor Township High School Band Boosters at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in Egg Harbor Township on Saturday, December 11, 2021 and Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 576**  
**Resolution in support of the**  
**proposed Veterans Affairs**  
**community based outpatient**  
**clinic in Northfield**

Moved after Resolution No. 565. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to support the proposed Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinic in Northfield (Sponsor: Frank X. Balles).

John Berenato, from Health Care Realty Solutions, provided an overview of the proposed Clinic.

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

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL**  
**COMMITTEES**

There were no reports of special committees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**WRITTEN**  
**COMMUNICATIONS AND**  
**PETITIONS**

Commissioner Gatto noted the email received from NJAC Executive Director announcing Commissioner John Risley is the NJAC 2021 County Commissioner Hall of Fame Award recipient. Commissioner Gatto also stated that Drip and Scoop, a new business, partnered with ACIA and ACEA and has moved into Atlantic County.

Commissioner Balles announced the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Target in Somers Point.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:38 p.m.

Christine MacCotter, representing the Atlantic County Public Health Division nurses, stated that the nurses wanted to be heard. She outlined the work the nurses performed since the onset of COVID-19. Their offices never closed.

Mullica Township Mayor Kristi Hanselmann, expressed her concern regarding the current schedule for raising and closing the Greenbank Bridge. She provided a petition with 1400 signatures requesting the bridge be raised on demand. County Administrator DelRosso and Public Works Department Head Greg Brookins responded.

Gary Franklin, Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Company Chief, explained the necessity of the Green Bank Bridge being raised on demand as detailed by Mayor Hanselmann.

Mullica Township Committeeman Chris Silva stated he hoped this is a learning lesson and that decisions should be made together.

Michelle Post, reporter for The Press, requested an update on the political sign issue discussed at the last meeting. County Counsel Ferguson and County DelRosso responded.

Marcus King, President of Teamsters Local 331, stated the Union will meet with Administration to answer questions regarding the American Rescue Plan.

Audrey Cawhie, Atlantic County Animal Shelter attendant, stated that the Animal Shelter didn't close during the pandemic and worked very hard. They did not receive time-off.

Dan Crum, Atlantic County Environmental Health employee, stated that the Environmental Health Division worked during the whole time. County Administrator DelRosso.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:49 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There were no comments for the good of the order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris  
Clerk of the Board