

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
April 20, 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, 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, a moment of silence urging no violence in the nation and flag salute were led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Dase (Arrived at 4:03 p.m.), Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey*.

*Commissioner Coursey departed the meeting at 4:14 p.m., unable to join Webex successfully due to technical difficulties.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING
March 2, 2021

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 2, 2021 minutes.

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

COVID-19 UPDATES

Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Public Health Officer.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2 FINAL READING
An Ordinance amending and supplementing Bond Ordinance No. 3-2020 (providing for various pedestrian traffic signal improvements) finally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders (now Board of County Commissioners) on December 1, 2020, to increase the appropriation therein

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 2-2021 amending and supplementing Bond Ordinance No. 3-2020 (providing for various pedestrian traffic signal improvements) finally adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders (now Board of County Commissioners) on December 1, 2020, to increase the appropriation therein by \$580,750 and to increase the authorization of bonds or notes therein by \$553,096 to finance part of the additional costs thereof.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:15 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:15 p.m.

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

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 3

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a

FIRST READING

An Ordinance providing for various capital improvements for fiscal year 2021 by and for the Atlantic Cape Community College located within the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$4,800,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$4,800,000 bonds or notes of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

motion to introduce on first reading Bond Ordinance No. 3-2021 providing for various capital improvements for fiscal year 2021 by and for the Atlantic Cape Community College located within the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$4,800,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$4,800,000 bonds or notes of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for financing such appropriation, the principal of and interest on the aggregate principal amount of which will be entitled to state aid, pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1971.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3

FIRST READING

An ordinance amending County Code Chapter 73 entitled Fees concerning the Atlantic County Training Center fees for Police Training Academy to out-of-county law enforcement recruits

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 3-2021 amending County Code Chapter 73 entitled Fees concerning the Atlantic County Training Center fees for Police Training Academy to out-of-county law enforcement recruits.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4

FIRST READING

An ordinance establishing no-passing zones along Somers Point-Mays Landing Road (CR 559) in the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2021 establishing no-passing zones along Somers Point-Mays Landing Road (CR 559) in the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County.

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

MOTION TO TABLE

RESOLUTION NO. 85

2021 Atlantic County Budget

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to table Resolution No. 85, the 2021 Atlantic County Budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 206

Additional appropriations to the 2021 temporary budget

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing additional appropriations to the 2021 temporary budget pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A: 4-20.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 207

Amending Resolution No. 52 (2-4-20) Funds Exchange Program-Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the construction costs associated with Margate-Ventnor Bicycle Infrastructure project

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 52 adopted on February 4, 2020, a Funds Exchange Program-Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY'17 Transportation Trust Fund funding for the construction costs associated with Margate-Ventnor Bicycle Infrastructure project for a net increase of \$7,429.99 (net increase) and a total program amount of \$227,125.04.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 208

Grant application and acceptance for the Highway

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Highway

Traffic Safety Program grant Traffic Safety Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$43,500.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 209
Grant application for a Drug Recognition Expert Grant (DRE)** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorize a grant application from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a Drug Recognition Expert Grant (DRE) in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 210
Grant application for the Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorize a grant application from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic County Cares for Kids Diversity Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,450.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 211
Grant acceptance for participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate countywide activity funding** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for participation in the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate countywide activity funding in an amount not to exceed \$188,811.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 212
Renewal competitive contract for the provision of election ballot services for 2021 elections** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a renewal competitive contract with Royal Printing Service for the provision of election ballot services for 2021 elections in an amount not to exceed \$500,750.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 213
Renewal bid contract for the provision of helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance** Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a renewal bid contract with Allen Chorman & Son, Inc. for the provision of helicopter rental for mosquito surveillance in an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00 for the period commencing May 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 214 Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a

Bid contract to provide window cleaning services at various County buildings

motion to enter into a bid contract with Coastal Glass Building Solutions to provide window cleaning services at various County buildings in an amount not to exceed \$67,250.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 215
Bid contract to provide sanitizing services of various County buildings**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with various vendors to provide sanitizing services of various County buildings for the total sum not to exceed \$81,470.97 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 216
Bid contract to provide washer and dryer repair services at various locations**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with M.C.H. Equipment, Inc. to provide washer and dryer repair services at various locations for the total sum not to exceed \$105,000.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked is the number available of how much was spent on the previous contract? Facilities Management Director Griffin responded.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 217
Bid contract for the installation of a steel stairwell to access mechanical room at the Lake Lenape East Catering Hall**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with RNM Construction for the installation of a steel stairwell to access mechanical room at the Lake Lenape East Catering Hall for the total sum not to exceed \$65,625.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 218
Bid contract to provide lock repair services**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Huber Locksmiths, Inc., to provide lock repair services for the total sum not to exceed \$168,200.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 219
Bid contract to provide masonry maintenance and repairs to various Atlantic County locations**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Ocean Construction, LLC to provide masonry maintenance and repairs to various Atlantic County locations for the total sum not to exceed \$48,320.60 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll

call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 220
Bid contract for the State
Highway Improvement Project
on various roads

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with A.E. Stone, Inc., for the State Highway Improvement Project on various roads for the total sum not to exceed \$1,292,000.00 to do the work and/or supply the materials as set forth in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 221
Change order for the 2019
County Highway Improvement
Project of various roads

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a change order no. 1 and final, contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the 2019 County Highway Improvement Project of various roads in a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,989,261.15.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222
Interlocal agreement for the
proposed reconstruction and
elevation of a section of Shore
Road (CR 585)

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Absecon for the proposed reconstruction and elevation of a section of Shore Road (CR 585) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 223
Alternate method contract to
provide aerial and digital maps
of Atlantic County

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with Pictometry International Corporation to provide aerial and digital maps of Atlantic County in an amount not to exceed \$175,447.00 for the term commencing on February 1, 2021 and terminating January 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224
Alternate method contract to
lease undercover vehicles for
confidential and undercover
investigations for the Atlantic
County Prosecutor's Office

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with Vehicle Leasing Associates to lease undercover vehicles for confidential and undercover High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force investigations for the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2022.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked is there a buyout after the lease and is this the same procedure used for public works purchases? County Administrator DelRosso responded.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225
Resolution supporting an
application for funding for the
replacement of Lake Lenape
Dam

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a resolution supporting an application for funding for the replacement of Lake Lenape Dam.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll

call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 226
Amendment to the temporary
FY 2021 Capital Budget**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize an amendment to the temporary FY 2021 Capital Budget.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION
NOS. 227 TO 229**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 227 to 229.

**RESOLUTION NO. 227
Roadway solicitation event in
Absecon**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Absecon VFW 9462 at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 228
Roadway solicitation event in
Longport**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of Ventnor Avenue (CR 692) and 29th Avenue in Longport on Sunday, May 30, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 229
Roadway solicitation event in
Absecon**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Absecon Blue Devils at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) and Mill Road (CR 651) in Absecon on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, June 13, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

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

**MOTION TO REMOVE
RESOLUTION NO. 204
FROM THE TABLE**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to remove Resolution No. 204 from the table.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 204*
Resolution supporting
the Greater Atlantic City
Chamber and opposing
NJDEP land use regulations**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a resolution supporting the Greater Atlantic City Chamber and opposing NJDEP land use regulations (Sponsor: Richard R. Dase).

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, asked would it be better to invite the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to have a public hearing here rather than condemning the proposal out of hand? Mr. Pogue also asked are we truly denying sea level rise is going to happen? Should there be at least some consideration of that?

*Not in numerical order

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

RESOLUTION NO. 230
Resolution in support Atlantic Cape Community College's application to the New Jersey Offshore Wind Safety Training Challenge Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support Atlantic Cape Community College's application to the New Jersey Offshore Wind Safety Training Challenge Grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 231
Resolution recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Bertino reported that the Roads, Bridges and Dams Committee met. There are a variety of projects occurring around the County. Some of these projects were delayed due to the pandemic, permitting issues, etc. Commissioner Bertino stated he has received inquiries regarding the process in evaluating bridges that require repair. County Administrator DelRosso and County Engineer Shourds responded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles announced this week is National Volunteers Week. He commended and thanked all the volunteers throughout Atlantic County.

Commissioner Kern announced Thursday is Earth Day. She reported that the Atlantic County Utilities Authority is doing a tremendous job of extending Earth Day throughout the month with a variety of events.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from April 7, 2021 to April 20, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:35 p.m.

Facilities Management Director Griffin provided the answer to Mr. Creed's question regarding the contract with MCH (Resolution No. 224).

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:37 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 Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board