ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
April 6, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE, PRAYER AND FLAG SALUTE

A moment of silence was held in honor of Middlesex Commissioner Kenneth Armwood. The prayer and flag salute were led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Gatto (arrived at 4:06 p.m.) and Kern. ABSENT: Dase and Risley.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING February 16, 2021

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the February 16, 2021 minutes.

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

INTERVIEW

Robert Previti, Ed.D. to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 194 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 194 to the top of the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 194*
Appointment to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Robert Previti, Ed.D. to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire November 1, 2025.

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

COVID-19 UPDATES

Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Public Health Officer.

***Not in numerical order**

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NOS. 197 AND 198 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to move Resolution Nos. 197 and 198 to the top of the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 198*
Commending Patricia Diamond and her staff for exceptional service, leadership, commitment and community outreach

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion commending Patricia Diamond and her staff for exceptional service, leadership, commitment and community outreach (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and Maureen Kern).

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

PRESENTATION

Update for Atlantic Cape Community College by Dr. Barbara Gaba, President.

RESOLUTION NO. 197*
Recognizing April 2021 as Community College Month

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion recognizing April 2021 as Community College Month.

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

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 200 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 200 to the top of the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 200*
Resolution in support of Atlantic City PBA Local 24

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion in support of Atlantic City PBA Local 24 (Sponsors: Ernest D. Coursey and Frank X. Balles).

Atlantic City Deputy Police Chief James Sarkos, currently serving in the position of Officer in Charge, thanked the Commissioners for supporting this measure. He stated that the Atlantic City Police Department has a great working relationship with Atlantic County Government and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department.

Joyce Mollineaux, resident of Atlantic City and President of the Atlantic City Police Advisory Board, stated that the Police Advisory Board forwarded a letter to NJ Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver requesting the State abide by Title 40A 14-129 and elevate a member of the Atlantic City Police Department to Chief of Police.

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

***Not in numerical order**

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2
FIRST 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 introduce on first 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.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2
FINAL READING
An ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 2-2021 amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 5:07 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:07 p.m.

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

MOTION TO TABLE
RESOLUTION NO. 85
2021 Atlantic County Budget

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Gatto and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 177
Amending Resolution No. 466 (8-27-19), a grant agreement for Section 5311 funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 466 adopted on August 27, 2019, a grant agreement with New Jersey Transit and the United States Department of Transportation for Section 5311 funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act to extend the termination date of December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 178
Grant acceptance for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Communications Workers of America (CWA)

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Communications Workers of America (CWA) in an amount not to exceed $15,624.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179
Grant acceptance for the Universal Service Fund CWA Administration Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorize a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Universal Service Fund CWA Administration Program in an amount not to exceed $10,416.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 30, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 180
Professional services agreement for the provision of library goods and services and supplies

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a professional services agreement with various vendors for the provision of library goods and services and supplies for the total aggregate sum not to exceed $708,735.00 during the period commencing March 1, 2021 and terminating February 28, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 181
Professional services agreement for alcoholism treatment services

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a professional services agreement with various providers for alcoholism treatment services for a total for all contracts of $588,253.00 for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 182
Amending Resolution No. 584 (11-17-20), a bid contract for the signalization of several locations in Ventnor and Margate

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 584 adopted on November 17, 2020, a bid contract with L. Feriozzi Concrete Company for the signalization of several locations in Ventnor and Margate for the total sum not to exceed $9,726,019.25, for the term starting on November 1, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 183
Amending Resolution No. 78 (2-2-21), a bid contract for the replacement of the Nacote Creek Bridge (PR7) in Port Republic

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 78 adopted on February 2, 2021, a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the replacement of the Nacote Creek Bridge (PR7) in Port Republic for the total sum not to exceed $11,862,427.10.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184
Bid contract for providing installation of fencing at Lake Lenape Park East and a two-year miscellaneous fence maintenance and repair

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a contract with All Vinyl Fencing for providing installation of fencing at Lake Lenape Park East and a two-year miscellaneous fence maintenance and repair for the total sum not to exceed $102,589.50 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Gatto and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 185
Change Order for thermoplastic material used for road line stripping

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to approve Change Order No. 1, contract with Swarco Industries, LLC for thermoplastic material used for road line stripping to extend the term date until July 1, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186
Change order for the resurfacing of Delilah Road, Section 1B and p/o 1C in the Township of Egg Harbor

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to approve Change Order No. 2, and final contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of Delilah Road, Section 1B and p/o 1C in the Township of Egg Harbor to extend term date until July 15, 2020 and for a total amendatory contract amount of $1,332,059.61.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187
Amending Resolution No. 441 (9-29-20) lease agreement to lease space located at 5218 Atlantic Avenue, Mays Landing for the special needs of the Atlantic County Board of Elections related to the November 3, 2020 general election

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 441 adopted September 29, 2020, a lease agreement with 5218 Property, LLC to lease space located at 5218 Atlantic Avenue, Mays Landing for the special needs of the Atlantic County Board of Elections related to the November 3, 2020 general election to extend the term date for an additional amount not to exceed $100,302.00 for a term now ending on June 30, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 188
Amending Resolution No. 329 (6-4-19), a contract has been acquired to provide hospice services at Meadowview

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 329 adopted June 4, 2019, a contract with AtlantiCare Hospice and Palliative Services has been acquired by LHCG CXLIV, LLC dba AtlantiCare Hospice to provide hospice services at Meadowview for a period commencing August 1, 2019 and terminating July 31, 2020 at no cost to the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189
License agreement concerning installation and maintenance of traffic calming improvements within the right of way of Ventnor Avenue (CR 629) at Washington Avenue

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a license agreement with the City of Margate concerning installation and maintenance of traffic calming improvements within the right of way of Ventnor Avenue (CR 629) at Washington Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190
Shared services agreement for the purchase of an aerator for use at the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) for the purchase of an aerator for use at the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course for an amount not to exceed $45,000.00**.**
The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Gatto and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 191
National cooperative agreement for the lease and maintenance of various county vehicles

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into a national cooperative agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease and maintenance of various county vehicles in an amount not to exceed $1,700,000.00 for the period commencing on March 1, 2021 and terminating on February 28, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192
Resolution in support of Cumberland County's application for shared services funding through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support of Cumberland County's application to the State Department of Community Affairs for shared services funding through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant in the amount of $250,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193
Resolution in support of Estell Manor's application for shared services funding through the LEAP Implementation Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support of Estell Manor's application to the State Department of Community Affairs for shared services funding through the LEAP Implementation Grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 194
Appointment to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees

Moved to the top of the agenda: Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Robert Previti, Ed.D. to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire November 1, 2025.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 195 AND 196

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 195 and 196.

RESOLUTION NO. 195
Roadway solicitation event in Galloway Township

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Oceanville Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 at the intersection of Pitney Road (CR 634) and Great Creek Road in Galloway Township on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 196
Roadway solicitation event in Absecon

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by American Legion Post 28 at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in Absecon on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 197
Recognizing April 2021 as Community College Month

Moved to the top of the agenda Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion recognizing April 2021 as Community College Month.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 198
Resolution commending Patricia Diamond and her staff for exceptional service, leadership, commitment and community outreach

Moved to the top of the agenda: Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion commending Patricia Diamond and her staff for exceptional service, leadership, commitment and community outreach (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and Maureen Kern).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199
Resolution imploring Governor Murphy to require funding and advanced payment by the State of New Jersey to Atlantic County for any and all costs of early voting requirements imposed upon Atlantic County by the State of New Jersey

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution imploring Governor Murphy to require funding and advanced payment by the State of New Jersey to Atlantic County for any and all costs of early voting requirements imposed upon Atlantic County by the State of New Jersey (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and Maureen Kern).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 200
Resolution in support of Atlantic City PBA Local 24

Moved to the top of the agenda: Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion in support of Atlantic City PBA Local 24 (Sponsors: Ernest D. Coursey and Frank X. Balles).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 201
Resolution in support of the Asian American Pacific Islander Community

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support of the Asian American Pacific Islander Community (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 202
Resolution supporting the development of offshore wind farms in federal waters off the coast of Atlantic County, New Jersey

Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a resolution supporting the development of offshore wind farms in federal waters off the coast of Atlantic County, New Jersey (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

Doug O'Malley, State Director for Environment New Jersey, a statewide environmental advocate group representing 80,000 citizen and activist members, conveyed his support of the resolution and both the leadership of Atlantic County Government and the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 203
Resolution declaring April 2021 "National County Government Month"

Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution declaring April 2021 "National County Government Month" (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 204
TABLED 4-6-21: Resolution supporting the Greater Atlantic City Chamber and opposing NJDEP land use regulations

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 205
Resolution in support of Senate Bill 3522 to create a local board of trustees to manage the local part of the Public Employment Retirement System

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution in support of Senate Bill 3522 to create a local board of trustees to manage the local part of the Public Employment Retirement System (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Gatto reported there will be a resolution forthcoming regarding the support of a federal grant application for the Lake Lenape Dam.

Commissioner Balles thanked County Administrator DelRosso for providing internet connectivity to the Disabled American Veterans staff to aid veterans in completing online applications.

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 March 17, 2021 to April 6, 2021.

Commissioner Bertino informed the Board of the passing of former Hammonton Mayor/Councilman Ralph Morano.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 6:25 p.m. There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 6:25 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 Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board