

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
May 4, 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 and flag salute were led by Chairwoman Kern.
- ROLL CALL** The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.
- A quorum was present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING March 16, 2021** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 16, 2021 minutes.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.
- MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 262 TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA** Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 262 to the top of the agenda.
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick (due to technical difficulties).
- RESOLUTION NO. 262* Resolution commending Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers Inc. in their effort to support the fight against Covid-19** Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion commending Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers Inc. in their effort to support the fight against Covid-19 (Sponsor: Maureen Kern and Frank X. Balles).
- The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick (due to technical difficulties).
- COVID-19 UPDATES** Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Public Health Officer.

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 3
FINAL 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**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:20 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:20 p.m.

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
FINAL 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 Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:22 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:22 p.m.

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

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:23 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:23 p.m.

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 Gatto seconded a motion to table Resolution No. 85.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 232
Grant application and acceptance for the National Rural Transit Community Rider Grant**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for the National Rural Transit Community Rider Grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period commencing upon notice of award and terminating 15 months thereafter.

*Not in numerical order

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 233
Amending Resolution No. 225
(5-19-20) a grant agreement
for a County Opioid Epidemic
Innovation Project Grant**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 225 adopted on May 19, 2020 a grant agreement with the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for a County Opioid Epidemic Innovation Project Grant to be used to re-open county recovery center and provide services to family members of opioid overdose death victims for a total program amount not to exceed \$252,118.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 234
Grant application for the
State Health Insurance
Program (SHIP)**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a grant application from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 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. 235
Grant application and
acceptance for the New Jersey
Youth Corps Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the New Jersey Youth Corps Program in an amount not to exceed \$425,000.00 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. 236
Grant agreement for FY 2022
Subregional Transportation
Planning Work Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant agreement with the South Jersey Transportation Authority for FY 2022 Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for funding in the amount not to exceed \$113,600.00, a County in-kind match of \$28,400.00 and a total program amount of \$142,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2021 through 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. 237
Grant application for the
Driving While Intoxicated,
Traffic Enforcement and
Education Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a grant application to the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Alcohol and Impaired Driving – Driving While Intoxicated, Traffic Enforcement and Education Program in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 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. 238
Agreement consenting to assumption of professional services agreements previously awarded for material testing services

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. consenting to assumption of professional services agreements previously awarded to Maser Consulting, P.A. for material testing services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 239
Amending Resolution No. 70 (2-2-21) a bid contract to remove pay-to-play language

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 70 adopted on February 2, 2021 a bid contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. to remove pay-to-play language.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240
Bid contract to furnish and deliver janitorial and custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver janitorial and custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$466,864.84 for the term commencing upon notice to proceed through February 28, 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. 241
Bid contract to furnish and deliver medical supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver medical supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$680,276.22 through the period commencing from notice of award and terminating March 31, 2022 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. 242
Bid contract to provide renovations of the exterior façade of the One Stop Career Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Garozza and Scimeca Construction, Inc. to provide renovations of the exterior façade of the One Stop Career Center in an amount not to exceed \$809,500.00 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. 243
Bid contract to provide concrete sidewalk installation at the Atlantic County Civil Court House in Atlantic City

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Byrd Dog Paving, LLC to provide concrete sidewalk installation at the Atlantic County Civil Court House in Atlantic City in an amount not to exceed \$175,044.38 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. 244
Change order for installation and repair of glass-window frames

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a change order no. 1 contract with Jersey Architectural Door and Supply, Inc. for installation and repair of glass-window frames to extend the term date in a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$180,990.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 245
Resolution authorizing the County to make purchases through the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize the County to make purchases through the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,062,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246
EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter in an amount not to exceed \$1,675.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247
EUS contract to purchase a policy which will reduce the named storm wind deductible

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a policy which will reduce the deductible from a named storm wind event to \$100,000.00 in an amount of \$37,409.45.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 248
EUS contract to provide Workforce Development consulting services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize an EUS contract with Pinarus Technologies to provide Workforce Development consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term commencing April 1, 2021 and terminating on March 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. 249
Alternate method contract to provide maintenance services for the Abacus and Administrative Systems for the Department of Family and Community Development

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with Unitronix Data Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance services for the Abacus and Administrative Systems for the Department of Family and Community Development in an amount not to exceed \$70,903.20 for the term 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. 250
Interlocal services agreement
for the administration of the
2020 Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) and the
2020 HOME Investment
Partnership Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the 2020 HOME Investment Partnership Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,891,602.00.

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. 251 TO 261**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 251 to 261.

**RESOLUTION NO. 251
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Disability Advisory
Board**

Appointment of Doortje M. Schipper to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term to expire October 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 252
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce
Development Board**

Appointment of Max Slusher to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. 253
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce
Development Board**

Appointment of Jon D. Schleifer to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 254
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice
Advisory Board**

Appointment of Victoria Reigle to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire April 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 255
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice
Advisory Board**

Appointment of The Honorable Marc Sandson J.S.C. (Ret.) to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire April 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 256
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice
Advisory Board**

Appointment of Steven LaPorta to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire April 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 257
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice
Advisory Board**

Reappointment of John McLernon, Jill Houck, Kristie Baker-Gardener, Mike Kelly, Vincent R. Kirkland, Amanda Leese, Lennon Moore Esq., Jerome M. Page, Eric Scheffler, Christine Tartaro and Christine Zoda to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for terms to expire April 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 258
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Improvement
Authority**

Reappointment of Edwin G. Blake to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire May 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 259
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Improvement
Authority

Reappointment of Robert J. Tarby Sr. to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire May 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 260
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Utilities Authority

Reappointment of Frederick B. Akers to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for a term to expire May 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 261
Roadway solicitation event in
Absecon

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Absecon-Galloway Rotary Club at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 262
Resolution commending
Southern Jersey Family
Medical Centers Inc. in their
effort to support the fight
against Covid-19

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion commending Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers Inc. in their effort to support the fight against Covid-19 (Sponsor: Maureen Kern and Frank X. Balles).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 263
Resolution recognizing May
2021 as Mental Health
Awareness Month

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a resolution recognizing May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 264
Resolution encouraging and
supporting Governor Phil
Murphy to eliminate
restrictions on the convention
industry and meeting venues
in Atlantic County

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion encouraging and supporting Governor Phil Murphy to eliminate restrictions on the convention industry and meeting venues in Atlantic County (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

Brian, resident of EHT asked Commissioner Fitzpatrick if you are running for assembly and have the ear of the current Assemblymen, why are you bringing this issue to the County instead of pushing the State representatives to act. If you are employed by MeetAC, how is this not a conflict of interest? Commissioner Fitzpatrick responded.

Joyce Mollineaux, resident of Atlantic City stated that everything would probably be open in July. However, we want something written so customers are able to book and reserve for next year. Commissioners Fitzpatrick, Gatto and Bertino responded.

Annette stated do you believe Governor Murphy is not following the best available info. Commissioner Fitzpatrick responded.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Commissioner Gatto reported that the Shared Services Committee met with the new Shared Services Coordinator Tim Kreischer. The Board requested receiving updates on a regular basis. Mr. Kreischer is conducting an inventory of all current shared services throughout the County. Commissioner Gatto suggested a website for others to leverage best practices and ideation for other things.

Commissioner Balles announced the Veterans Advisory Board will meet tomorrow with Congressman Van Drew for an update on the progress of the new Veterans Clinic in Northfield.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Fitzpatrick announced that Dave Rosenblatt of the DEP will be speaking regarding the DEP's plans and the 100-year flood situation on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending may register for the virtual presentation at acchamber.com.

Commissioner Gatto reported that the Lake Lenape Dam Grant was submitted on time. Kudos to everyone for the work contributed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from April 21, 2021 to May 4, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:34 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:34 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 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board