

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
June 15, 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING May 4, 2021 Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the May 4, 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.

PRESENTATION NJAC Foundation Scholarship to the 2021 recipients.

COVID-19 UPDATES Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Public Health Officer.

Michelle Post, reporter for The Press, asked why isn’t it enough having the disease considered being vaccinated? Human Services Department Head Pat Diamond responded.

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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 265 FIRST READING Budget amendment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9 Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading the budget amendment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 322
Grant application and
acceptance for the COVID-19
Vaccination Supplemental
Funding Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Program 2021-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending 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. 323
Amending Resolution No. 275
(6-16-20) a professional
services agreement to provide
addiction recovery services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 275 adopted on June 16, 2020, a professional services agreement with the Hope All Day Foundation, Inc. to provide addiction recovery services for an additional amount of \$126,059.00 for an amended total of \$252,118.00 for the period now ending 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. 324
Bid contract for HVAC
systems upgrade to resident
dining hall and kitchen at the
Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Kisby-Lees Mechanical, LLC T/A Kisby-Shore Corp. for HVAC systems upgrade to resident dining hall and kitchen at the Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in an amount not to exceed \$792,864.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 325
Bid contract furnish and
deliver miscellaneous office
supplies to members of the
Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with W.B. Mason Company to furnish and deliver miscellaneous office supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$181,182.91 through the period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 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, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 326
Bid contract to furnish and
deliver non-perishable food to
the Department of Human
Services

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to enter into a bid contract with Sysco Philadelphia and U.S. Foods to furnish and deliver non-perishable food to the Department of Human Services for the total sum not to exceed \$14,603.64 for the period commencing from notice of award through February 28, 2022 to 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 327
Renewal lease agreement
concerning occupancy of
County owned premises
located at 25 Dolphin Avenue
(D Building – first floor)
Northfield**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize a renewal lease agreement with the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc., d/b/a Alzheimer’s Association and Alzheimer’s Association/Delaware Valley Chapter, concerning occupancy of County owned premises located at 25 Dolphin Avenue (D Building – first floor) Northfield for a consideration in the amount of \$1.00 for a term commencing on July 1, 2021 and terminating on June 30, 2023.

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. 328
Amending Resolution No. 556
(11-14-17), an
intergovernmental agreement
concerning design,
construction and maintenance
of a bike path within a portion
of the right-of-way of
Philadelphia Avenue**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 556 adopted on November 14, 2017 an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Egg Harbor concerning design, construction and maintenance of a bike path within a portion of the right-of-way of Philadelphia Avenue for the term now ending May 17, 2023.

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. 329
Interlocal agreement
to provide project
management services for the
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
Program ADA improvements
to the One Stop Career
Center**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide project management services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program ADA improvements to the One Stop Career Center in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the period commencing on June 18, 2021 and terminating on June 17, 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. 330
Shared services agreement to
provide three (3) Class III
Special Law Enforcement
Officers to serve as Armed
Security Officers**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Special Services School District and the Atlantic County Vocational School District for the Atlantic County Sheriff’s Office to provide three (3) Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve as Armed Security Officers for an additional one (1) year period for the term 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. 331
Amending Resolution No. 111
(2-16-21), an emergency
contract for the purchase of
frozen meals and shelf stable
meals to the Atlantic County
Division of Intergenerational
Services Nutrition Program
participants**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 111 adopted on February 16, 2021 an emergency contract with Iacofano Group, LLC for the purchase of frozen meals and shelf stable meals to the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services Nutrition Program participants to extend the termination date to September 30, 2021 and transfer \$36,430.09 from the Atlantic City Elderly portion of the funding to the Older Americans Act portion of the funding.

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. 332
EUS contract to purchase a storage tank pollution liability with terrorism policy through Ironshore for the County's six underground storage tanks

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Glenn Insurance, Inc. to purchase a storage tank pollution liability with terrorism policy through Ironshore for the County's six underground storage tanks.

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. 333
EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for County owned real and personal property

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for County owned real and personal property.

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. 334
Contract for the provision of dental services for Atlantic County residents

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a contract with Rutgers State University of New Jersey for the provision of dental services for Atlantic County residents for an amount not to exceed \$107,500.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.

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. 335
Agreement to establish interoperability radio communications with Atlantic County using the Atlantic County 800 MHZ radio network

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management to establish interoperability radio communications with Atlantic County using the Atlantic County 800 MHZ radio network.

Michelle Post, reporter for The Press, asked is this an update to the physical radios? Public Safety Department Head Mike Fedorko responded.

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. 336
Acceptance of deeds/easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley 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, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gatto.

RESOLUTION NO. 337
Grant acceptance for the
Local Efficiency Achievement
Program (LEAP) funds to
promote the establishment of
the Central Municipal Court
of Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a grant acceptance award of \$150,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote the establishment of the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 338
Resolution establishing a
Special Meeting to consider
the proposed amended
County Budget and setting the
time, place and purpose for
the meeting

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to authorize a resolution establishing a Special Meeting to consider the proposed amended County Budget and setting the time, place and purpose for the meeting.

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. 339
Resolution proclaiming June
2021 as “LGBTQ+ Pride
Month” in Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize a resolution proclaiming June 2021 as “LGBTQ+ Pride Month” in Atlantic County (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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 of the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gatto expressed her thanks to the Commissioner’s staff and Workforce Development Executive Director Francis Kuhn for continuing to help constituents with unemployment issues. Commissioner Dase added it’s nice for people to speak to a human to empathize with their situation.

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the down beach traffic signal project and the reconstruction of Tilton Road. Regional Planning and Economic Development Department Head John Peterson responded.

Commissioner Gatto requested a status report of the New York Avenue Bridge. Regional Planning and Economic Development Department Head John Peterson responded.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Coursey requested a resolution supporting the Atlantic City Library as an early voting site in District One.

Commissioner Risley discussed the County’s news release regarding the County’s very strong AA bond rating. We should be very proud of the County’s bond rating.

WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS

Commissioner Coursey reminded everyone of the Atlantic County Institute of Technology graduation service on Thursday at the Sandcastle Stadium at 6 p.m. Pleasantville graduation is also on Thursday at 2 pm.

Commissioner Gatto announced that the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame is honoring the 2020 and 2021 recipients. Also on Thursday, the Atlantic County Bar Association will be installing Rebecca Lafferty as President.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:50 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:51 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern invited everyone to wear blue on Friday in recognition of Men's Health Awareness Week and she extended a Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

Commissioner Coursey asked if the County is closed in honor of the Juneteenth holiday. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board