ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
August 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:02 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

Chairwoman Kern requested a moment of silence for those that have lost their lives and their families this month including recently retired Police Officer Joseph Falcone of Egg Harbor Township, who tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident; Assemblymen Mazzeo whose mother passed on Friday; the people of Afghanistan, especially the women and children and the family of former Estell Manor Mayor John Battistini.

Chairwoman Kern led the prayer and flag salute.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Dase and Gatto.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING June 29, 2021 and July 6, 2021

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the June 29, 2021 and July 6, 2021 minutes.

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

NJ State Senator Vince Polistina welcomed everyone and reported that the address and telephone number of the legislative office has not changed.

PRESENTATION

Impact of COVID-19 on mental illness by Kathy Quish, Mental Health Administrator.

RESOLUTION NO. 430 Grant application and acceptance for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Project in the amount not to exceed $207,000.00 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 431
Grant application for Innovations Funding

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations Funding for the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission/Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative in an amount not to exceed $120,000.00 for a one-year period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 432 TO 434

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 432 to 434.

RESOLUTION NO. 432
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of $250,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Insurance Fraud 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 433
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of $54,500.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, New Jersey Youth Corps 20-21.

RESOLUTION NO. 434
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2021 the sum of $36,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Operation Helping Hand SY19.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 435
Bid contract for body and fender repairs to Atlantic County vehicles

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with GJ Auto Repair and Service, LLC and Bellmawr Collision Center, Inc. for body and fender repairs to Atlantic County vehicles for the total sum not to exceed $65,000.00 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 436
Bid contract for the resurfacing of Columbia Road (CR 693) – Sections 1B-1C in the Town of Hammonton

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with A.E. Stone, Inc. for the resurfacing of Columbia Road (CR 693) – Sections 1B-1C in the Town of Hammonton for the total sum not to exceed $1,467,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2021 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, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 437
Bid contract for Phase 3 of the Lake Lenape Park East renovations

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for Phase 3 of the Lake Lenape Park East renovations in Hamilton Township for the total sum not to exceed $4,850,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 438
Bid contract to provide emergency signal repairs at various County locations

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a bid contract with Delta Line Construction Company to provide emergency signal repairs at various County locations for the total sum not to exceed $98,000.00 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, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 439
Acquisition of additional right-of-way to accommodate resurfacing of Columbia Road, along Block 5702, Lot 11 and Block 5301, Lot 28 in the Town of Hammonton

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing acquisition of additional right-of-way to accommodate resurfacing of Columbia Road along Block 5702, Lot 11 and Block 5301, Lot 28 in the Town of Hammonton for total costs not to exceed $2,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 440
Intergovernmental services agreement regarding relocation of utilities in connection with replacement of County Bridge HML-66, New York Road, in Hamilton Township

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with the Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority regarding relocation of utilities in connection with replacement of County Bridge HML-66, New York Road across Gravelly Run in Hamilton Township in an amount not to exceed $225,000.00 for a term of six months.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 441
Shared services agreement for snow removal, street sweeping and lawn maintenance at the Galloway Township Library

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a shared services agreement with the Township of Galloway for snow removal, street sweeping and lawn maintenance at the Galloway Township Library for an amount not to exceed $10,950.00 for the term commencing May 1, 2021 and terminating April 30, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 442
Intergovernmental services agreement to provide laboratory testing services

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to authorize an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority to provide laboratory testing services for an amount not to exceed $35,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 443
Sub-grant agreement for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Project

Commissioner Fitzpatrick moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize a sub-grant agreement with the City of Atlantic City for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Project in an amount not to exceed $70,500.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 444
Transfer ownership of a pickup truck not needed for County use to the City of Estell Manor

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to authorize the transfer ownership of a pickup truck not needed for County use to the City of Estell Manor at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 445
Emergency contract for emergency signal repairs due to a vehicle accident and excavator accident

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorize an emergency contract with Delta Line Construction for emergency signal repairs due to a vehicle accident and excavator accident in an amount not to exceed $53,827.00 for the term beginning January 25, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 446
Emergency contract for an emergency temporary chiller for the County Office Building

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Multi Temp Mechanical for an emergency temporary chiller for the County Office Building in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 for the term beginning July 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 447
Amendments to the Atlantic County Radio Network agreement

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion authorizing amendments to the Atlantic County Radio Network agreement with the City of Linwood to authorize sublicense agreements including Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. as a provider of certain emergency services for the City at no cost effective as of June 1, 2021 for up to five years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 448
Amendments to the Atlantic County Radio Network agreement

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing amendments to the Atlantic County Radio Network agreement with the City of Northfield to authorize sublicense agreements including Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. as a provider of certain emergency services for the City at no cost effective as of June 1, 2021 for up to five years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 449
Alternate method contract for the purchase of electronic voting machines for early voting

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize an alternate method contract with Election Systems & Services, LLC for the purchase of electronic voting machines for early voting in an amount not to exceed $1,041,292.00 for the term commencing upon execution and terminates one year later.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 450
Agreement for the purchase of 400 electronic poll books required for early voting

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to authorize an agreement with Elections Systems & Services, LLC for the purchase of 400 electronic poll books required for early voting in an amount not to exceed $980,475.00 for the term commencing upon execution and terminates one year later.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 451
Resolution in memory of Reverend Ezekiel Graham Bey of Egg Harbor City

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion to support a resolution in memory of Reverend Ezekiel Graham Bey of Egg Harbor City (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Fitzpatrick, 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

County Treasurer Bonnie Lindaw reported that the County sold $28 million in bonds at the end of June which included $3,950,000,000 in State aid with the County College bonds. There were five bidders and Huntington Security was awarded the bid with a net interest cost of 1.76% for an eighteen year period of financing.

Commissioner Coursey announced that it was a wonderful weekend in Atlantic City. The weather was great for the Phish Concert; no issues other than heat. The car show was great and the air show is tomorrow.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from August 4, 2021 to August 17, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:05 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:05 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Risley stated Mayor Batastini served for many years, loved his community and certainly will be missed.

Commissioner Balles and Dase attended the retirement of Mayor Gary on Saturday in Port Republic. Fireworks and Port Pride Day will be next Saturday, August 21.

Chairwoman Kern reported the Jewish Family Services expansion of the food bank ribbon cutting ceremony. She wished everyone an early Happy Labor Day. Overdose Awareness Day is August 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonya G. Harris
Clerk of the Board