

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225
and via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting February 20, 2024

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., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ and via Microsoft Teams video conferencing.

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 Hammonton Gazette*; 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

Commissioner Dase offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern. A moment of silence was held for former Mayor of Hamilton Township Lorraine Granese.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING February 6, 2024

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the February 6, 2024 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Atlantic County Utilities Authority update by Matthew DeNafo, President.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 FINAL READING Ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 1-2024 amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 5:15 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 5:15 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59 Grant application and acceptance for the State Community Partnership and Family Court Grant funding

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the State Community Partnership and Family Court Grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$654,836.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60
Grant application and acceptance
for the E-rate Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company for the E-rate Program for an amount not to exceed \$177,750.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61
Grant application and acceptance
for the Edward Byrne Memorial
Justice Grant

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice through the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant for a funded amount of \$79,321.00, a County in-kind match of \$3,411.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$82,732.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62
Grant application and acceptance
for the 2024 Per Capita State
Library Aid funds

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, State Library for the 2024 Per Capita State Library Aid funds for an amount not to exceed \$117,932.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63
Professional services agreement
for the provision of
environmental consultant
services

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various firms for the provision of environmental consultant services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the period commencing January 16, 2024 and terminating January 15, 2025 or until the conclusion of any ongoing projects.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64
Supplementing Resolution No.
701 (12-19-23), a professional
services agreement to add a
vendor to provide substance
abuse services for the 12-Hour
and 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver
Resource Center (IDRC)
Programs

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion supplementing Resolution No. 701 adopted on December 19, 2023, a professional services agreement to add John Straughn as a vendor to provide substance abuse services for the 12-Hour and 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) Programs at no additional cost commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65
Professional services agreement to provide pharmaceutical consulting services for Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Pharma-Care, Inc. to provide pharmaceutical consulting services for Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an amount not to exceed \$30,200.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66
Amending Resolution No. 330 (6-20-23), a competitive contract for the operation of Family Success Centers to reflect a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 330 adopted on June 20, 2023, a competitive contract with Center for Family Services for the operation of Family Success Centers to reflect a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for a net increase of \$39,208.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$599,322.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67
Amending Resolution No. 565 (10-17-23), a competitive contract for the operation of a Family Success Center to reflect a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 565 adopted on October 17, 2023, a competitive contract with AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the operation of a Family Success Center to reflect a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for a net increase of \$20,441.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$322,250.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68
Renewal bid contract for the provision of uniforms for the members of the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Action Uniforms for the provision of uniforms for the members of the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$94,500.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69
Renewal bid contract for the provision of uniforms for the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Management

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Action Uniforms for the provision of uniforms for the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Management for an amount not to exceed \$73,200.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70
Change order contract for the resurfacing of Old Tilton Road (CR 687) in Egg Harbor Township and the City of Pleasantville

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for the resurfacing of Old Tilton Road (CR 687) in Egg Harbor Township and the City of Pleasantville for a net increase of \$120,329.49 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,873,282.49.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71
Lease agreement for use of facilities to conduct 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a lease agreement with Haluwasas, Inc. for the use of facilities to conduct 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) Programs for an amount not to exceed \$32,250.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72
Amending Resolution No. 434 (8-2-22), a shared services agreement for snow removal and street sweeping services

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 434 adopted on August 2, 2022, a shared services agreement with the City of Margate for snow removal and street sweeping services for a net increase of \$1,800.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$8,900.00 for the term commencing December 1, 2021 and terminating November 30, 2028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73
Amending Resolution No. 63 (2-7-23), an opioid contract for the Bridge Hospital Emergency Room Drug Rehabilitation Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 63 adopted on February 7, 2023, an opioid contract with AtlantiCare for the Bridge Hospital Emergency Room Drug Rehabilitation Program to extend the term date to December 31, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74
Interlocal agreement for the provision of grant writing services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA), through its consultant, Triad Associates, for the provision of grant writing services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75
Alternate method contract for the provision of various medical services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Capital Health for the provision of various medical services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$51,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with JNESO authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA for a four (4) year period, which shall be retroactive to January 1, 2022 and conclude on December 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77
Alternate method contract to provide legal services for areas of labor law

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Testa, Heck, Testa & White, PA to provide legal services for areas of labor law for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the term March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 78
Agreement for library goods and services

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with various vendors for library goods and services for an amount not to exceed \$685,000.00 for the period commencing March 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79
Alternate method contract to act as interim special counsel to provide legal services for certain land use matters

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with various firms to act as interim special counsel to provide legal services for certain land use matters for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the term commencing March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 80
Appointment to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Basant K. Gupta to the Atlantic County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board for a term to expire on July 31, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81
Resolution supporting the Hamilton Township Board of Education's pursuit of funds for rehabilitation of the Duberson School property

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in support of the Hamilton Township Board of Education's pursuit of funds for the rehabilitation of the Duberson School property (Sponsors: Amy L. Gatto and John W. Risley, Jr.).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 82
Resolution urging New Jersey Coastal Coalition communities to use new alert system

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a resolution urging New Jersey Coastal Coalition communities to use new alert system (Sponsor: Amy L. Gatto).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 83
Resolution in honor of
Diana Rutala upon her
retirement**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in honor of Diana Rutala upon her retirement.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from February 7, 2024 through February 20, 2024.

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the Egg Harbor Township flashing beacon project. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Commissioner Parker congratulated Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the baseball field groundbreaking. He announced the Hamilton Township Bike Path West project is moving forward.

Commissioner Coursey stated ACCC may not have a baseball team this year. Commissioner Parker responded.

Commissioner Risley thanked all the individuals who donated to the baseball field to make it possible. He highlighted the three plus one program at ACCC.

Commissioner Bertino reported the Agriculture Development Board hosted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) who informed the local farmers about the new regulations and permit process for wells.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:53 p.m.

Tony Kucharski, resident of Absecon, appreciated the ACUA's presentation but he is very concerned about the significant odor and air pollution, especially overnight. ACUA President Matt DeNafo responded.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 6:05 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Parker requested mobile phones for the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board