

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 6, 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 Byrnes offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern. A moment of silence was held for the honorable James Carney, Mayor Bruce Crowe and Dr. Juanita High.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Coursey, Dase (arrived via Teams at 4:11 p.m.), Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING January 16, 2024

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 16, 2024 minutes.

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

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION NO. 58 TO TOP OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 58 to the top of the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58* Resolution in remembrance of James "Jim" Carney

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in remembrance of James "Jim" Carney.

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

PRESENTATION

The New Jersey Coastal Coalition, Inc. Emergency Alert App by Tom Quirk, NJCC Executive Director.

*Not in numerical order

**ORDINANCE NO. 1
FIRST 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 introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 1-2024 amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course for the 2024 calendar year commencing on March 1, 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. 36
Amending Resolution No. 217
(5-2-23) a grant for the Atlantic-
Cape May Counties' Distracted
Driving Programs**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 217 adopted on May 2, 2023, a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Distracted Driving Programs for a net increase of \$29,417.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 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. 37
Grant application and
acceptance for the WorkFirst
New Jersey/TANF Innovation
Initiative Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the WorkFirst New Jersey/TANF Innovation Initiative Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,012,000.00 for the period commencing April 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. 38
Grant application and
acceptance for the Public Safety
Answering Point (PSAP)
Upgrades and Consolidation
Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Telecommunications for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Upgrades and Consolidation Program for an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 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. 39
Professional services agreement
for Alcohol and Drug Prevention
Education and Treatment
Services**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various vendors for Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education and Treatment Services for an amount not to exceed \$616,468.00 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. 40
Professional services agreement
for the provision of spinal
treatment services to inmates at
the Atlantic County Justice
Facility**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Premier Orthopaedic Associates for the provision of spinal treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period 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. 41
Amending Resolution No. 250
(5-16-23), a professional services
agreement for engineering design
services associated with the
replacement of Bungalow Park
Bridge (EHC-08), Egg Harbor-
Green Bank Road (CR 563) over
Indian Cabin Creek in Egg
Harbor City

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 250 adopted on May 16, 2023, a professional services agreement with French and Parrello Associates, PA for engineering design services associated with the replacement of Bungalow Park Bridge (EHC-08), Egg Harbor-Green Bank Road (CR 563) over Indian Cabin Creek in Egg Harbor City for a net increase of \$56,305.84 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$379,850.57.

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. 42
Competitive contract for the
provision of cleaning services for
the Atlantic County libraries and
the Cronin Dental Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Abel's Cleaning Agency, LLC for the provision of cleaning services for the Atlantic County libraries and the Cronin Dental Center for an amount not to exceed \$132,450.00 for a period commencing February 1, 2024 and terminating January 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. 43
Change order contract for the
proposed HVAC upgrades for
the IT/UPS room at Anthony
Canale Fire Training Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Kisby-Lees Mechanical, LLC t/a Kisby Shore Corporation for the proposed HVAC upgrades for the IT/UPS room at Anthony Canale Fire Training Center 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. 44
Change order contract for the
Green Bank Bridge mechanical
and electrical repairs in the
Township of Mullica

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with South State, Inc. for the Green Bank Bridge mechanical and electrical repairs in the Township of Mullica to extend the term date to July 5, 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. 45
Change order contract for the
2021 State Aid Highway
Improvement Program on
various county roads

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with South State Inc. for the 2021 State Aid Highway Improvement Program on various county roads for a net decrease of \$149,150.82 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,038,849.68.

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. 46
Change order contract for the
resurfacing of Tilton Road
(CR 563), Section 7 in the
Townships of Hamilton and
Galloway

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Arawak Paving Co. for the resurfacing of Tilton Road (CR 563), Section 7 in the Townships of Hamilton and Galloway to extend the term date to August 3, 2024 for a net increase of \$38,918.57 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$2,117,818.58.

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. 47
Amending Resolution No. 517
(9-20-22), a consent to
assignment agreement
concerning the County's lease for
a portion of the property located
at the New York Avenue Parking
Garage

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 517 adopted on September 20, 2022, a consent to assignment agreement with South Jersey Transportation Authority and Jemal's Atlantic City, LLC concerning the County's lease for a portion of the property located at the New York Avenue Parking Garage with payment being made to the management company Joyce Parking, LLC to extend the term date for an additional month from March 1, 2024 and terminating on March 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$5,890.00.

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. 48
Lease termination agreement
concerning the development and
operation of a Child Advocacy
Center located at 6821 Black
Horse Pike in Egg Harbor
Township

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a lease termination agreement with Egg Harbor Leasing, LLC concerning the development and operation of a Child Advocacy Center located at 6821 Black Horse Pike in Egg Harbor Township for an amount not to exceed \$62,385.00.

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. 49
Intergovernmental agreement to
transfer the titles and possession
of two vehicles that are no longer
in use to the Atlantic County
Utilities Authority

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to transfer the titles and possession of two vehicles that are no longer in use to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

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. 50
Cooperative bid contract to
provide plumbing services for
water conservation project
upgrades at the Atlantic County
Justice Facility

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a cooperative bid contract with McCloskey Mechanical to provide plumbing services for water conservation project upgrades at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$726,684.08 for the period commencing from March 1, 2024 and terminating on March 1, 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. 51
Intergovernmental agreement to
provide educational services at
Harborfields Detention Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Education to provide educational services at Harborfields Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$2,102,556.00 for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2026.

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. 52
Amending Resolution No. 227
(5-3-22), an agreement to accept
nine Congestion Mitigation and
Air Quality (CMAQ) FY17 Flex
5310 grant funded vehicles

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 227 adopted on May 3, 2022, an agreement to accept nine Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) FY17 Flex 5310 grant funded vehicles from New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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. 53
Acceptance of deeds/easements in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing 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, Byrnes, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 54
Amending Resolution No. 719
(12-19-23), a contract for
emergency span lock repairs to
Dorset Avenue Bridge in the City
of Ventnor

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 719 adopted on December 19, 2023, a contract with South State, Inc. for emergency span lock repairs to Dorset Avenue Bridge in the City of Ventnor for a net increase of \$140,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$331,750.00.

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. 55
Competitive contract for the
provision of a One Stop Operator
and career services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with DB Grant Associates, Inc. for the provision of a One Stop Operator and career services for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00 for the term commencing from notice of award 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. 56
Reappointment to the Solid
Waste Advisory Council

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the reappointment of John Heinz, Jr. to the Solid Waste Advisory Council for a term to expire on January 1, 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. 57
Resolution amending the Atlantic
County Board of County
Commissioner's public meeting
schedule

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioner's public meeting schedule to change the date of the second meeting in March.

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. 58
Resolution in remembrance of
James "Jim" Carney

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in remembrance of James "Jim" Carney.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS Written communications and petitions were received by this office from January 17, 2024 through February 6, 2024.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Byrnes thanked the County for a tour of the Human Services Department. She also started working with the Commission on Women and the Human Services Advisory Board.

Commissioner Parker stated Cultural and Heritage Affairs distributed grant money. Congratulations to three County libraries receiving Best of the Press, Galloway (Gold), Ventnor (Silver) and Mays Landing (Bronze). The Atlantic County Library Foundation adopted new by-laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS Commissioner Gatto requested a resolution to support the Hamilton Township Board of Education seeking funding to rehabilitate the Duberson School in Mays Landing. Commissioner Parker responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:10 p.m.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:10 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER County Administrator DelRosso explained Resolution No. 55 in more detail about privatizing the One Stop Operator. Twelve employees will be impacted by the change.

Chairwoman Kern announced the Animal Shelter is waiving adoption fees through February 16th. She also attended the MBCA State of Atlantic City event and was pleased with the plans of a city-wide Wi-Fi.

Commissioner Coursey stated Atlantic City will be adding two dog parks and more police and firefighters will be graduating from the academy.

Country Administrator DelRosso introduced Steve O'Connor, a new employee with Administration. Mr. O'Connor thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Commissioner Parker recognized Mr. O'Connor for discussing the cost-effective health benefit plans, the regional jail and management of opioid settlement funds. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the regionalized jail project.

Commissioner Parker thanked Mr. DelRosso for responding to the Lakes Creek Bridge issue and would like better communication to the municipalities. Commissioner Bertino responded.

Commissioner Balles suggested that there be a pre-construction meeting with the municipal officials within 30 days of beginning work.

Commissioner Gatto is pleased with the Public Works Department for their quick response to flooding on Pleasant Mills Road. She thanked everyone for their support in the recent passing of her father. She recognized February 14th as the 22nd anniversary of passing of Dr. Dennis Foreman, principal of Oakcrest High School.

Commissioner Balles inquired about the sink holes on Zion and Mill Roads. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board