

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
March 26, 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 Bertino offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern. Chairwoman Kern recognized those involved in the Maryland bridge collapse.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
March 5, 2024**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 5, 2024 minutes.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1
FINAL READING
Bond Ordinance providing for
various 2024 capital
improvements and the acquisition
of various capital equipment by
and in the County of Atlantic**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 1-2024 providing for various 2024 capital improvements and the acquisition of various capital equipment by and in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$30,644,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$29,111,000 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:03 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:03 p.m.

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

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 1
FINAL READING
Capital Ordinance providing for
various capital improvements,
equipment and furnishings, in
and for the County of Atlantic**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Capital Ordinance No. 1-2024 providing for various capital improvements, equipment and furnishings, in and for the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$4,556,918 from the capital improvement fund and/or the capital surplus fund to pay for the cost thereof.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:04 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:04 p.m.

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

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 2
FINAL READING
Capital Ordinance providing for
various technology infrastructure
improvements at Atlantic Cape
Community College, in and for the
County of Atlantic**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Capital Ordinance No. 2-2024 providing for various technology infrastructure improvements at Atlantic Cape Community College, in and for the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$347,270.05 from the capital improvement fund and/or the capital surplus fund to pay for the cost thereof.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:04 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:04 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 84*
FINAL READING
2024 Atlantic County Budget**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt of final reading the 2024 Atlantic County Budget.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:06 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:06 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 85*
FINAL READING
Atlantic County Public Health
Agency Annual Budget Notice
2024**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Atlantic County Public Health Agency Annual Budget Notice 2024.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:06 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:06 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 86*
FINAL READING
Atlantic County Library Annual
Budget Notice 2024**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Atlantic County Library Annual Budget Notice 2024.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:07 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:07 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 88*
FINAL READING
Resolution to exceed the County budget appropriation limits and to establish a 2024 Cap Bank

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading a resolution to exceed the County budget appropriation limits and to establish a 2024 Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:07 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:07 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 91*
FINAL READING
Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2024

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2024.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:08 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:08 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 118
Resolution requesting a transfer in the 2023 budget

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a transfer in the 2023 budget in accordance with the provision of N.J.S. 40A:4-58.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 119
Grant application and acceptance for the FY 2024 County Environmental Health Act Grant

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the FY 2024 County Environmental Health Act Grant for a funded amount of \$239,481.00, a County in-kind match of \$165,685.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$405,166.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 120
Agreement to accept one Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) FY17 Flex 5310 grant funded vehicle

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing an agreement to accept one Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) FY17 Flex 5310 grant funded vehicle from New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 121
Grant application and acceptance for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025.

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

*Not in numerical order

RESOLUTION NO. 122
Amending Resolution No. 39
(2-6-24), a professional services
agreement for alcohol and drug
prevention education and
treatment services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 39 adopted on February 6, 2024, a professional services agreement with various contractors for alcohol and drug prevention education and treatment services for a net increase of \$15,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$631,468.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 123
Professional services agreement
for the provision of post-offer
pre-employment physicals and
associated diagnostic testing to
prospective employees

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with AtlantiCare Physician's Group and Health Med Associates, PC d/b/a Health Med Urgent Care for the provision of post-offer pre-employment physicals and associated diagnostic testing to prospective employees for an amount not to exceed \$46,719.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 124
Renewal competitive contract for
the provision of election ballot
services for the 2024 elections

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Royal Printing Service for the provision of election ballot services for the 2024 elections for a County portion of \$471,000.00, a municipal portion of \$298,500.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$769,500.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 125
Bid contract with Technology
International, Inc. for portable
traffic signals

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Technology International, Inc. for portable traffic signals for an amount not to exceed \$50,150.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 126
Renewal bid contract for the
provision of GPS home electronic
equipment and services for the
Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Satellite Tracking of People, LLC for the provision of GPS home electronic equipment and services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$43,125.00 for the term commencing May 1, 2024 and terminating April 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127
Bid contract to provide lock
repair services at various
Atlantic County buildings

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Huber Locksmiths, Inc. to provide lock repair services at various Atlantic County buildings for an amount not to exceed \$203,930.50 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating March 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128
Change order contract for the 2022 on-call maintenance resurfacing

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the 2022 on-call maintenance resurfacing for a net increase of \$53,400.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$936,400.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129
Change order contract for lock installation services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Huber Locksmiths, Inc. for lock installation services for a net increase of \$17,500.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$192,850.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130
Alternate method contract to add more law firms to the list of conflict municipal prosecutors and conflict public defenders to serve on an as needed basis in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract to add more law firms to the list of conflict municipal prosecutors and conflict public defenders to serve on an as needed basis in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County at \$400.00 per session for an amount not to exceed \$638,500.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131
Resolution authorizing the County to make purchases through the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing the County to make purchases through the State of New Jersey's Cooperative Purchasing Program for an amount not to exceed \$16,054,500.00 for the 2024 calendar year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 132
Interlocal services agreement to provide construction management services for the Mays Landing library HVAC upgrades and new generator installation

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide construction management services for the Mays Landing library HVAC upgrades and new generator installation for an amount not to exceed \$68,680.00 for the term commencing April 1, 2024 and terminating March 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 133
Amending Resolution No. 78 (2-20-24), a professional services agreement to the list of vendors for library goods and services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 78 adopted on February 20, 2024, a professional services agreement to add OverDrive, Inc. to the list of vendors for library goods and services at no additional cost 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 134
Business associate agreement to be included with the 2024/2025 State Health Insurance Assistance Program Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a business associate agreement between the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services and the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging to be included with the 2024/2025 State Health Insurance Assistance Program Grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 135
Resolution to comply for a standardized resolution to be filed with the 2024/2025 State Health Insurance Assistance Program Grant by the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a resolution to comply with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' requirement for a standardized resolution to be filed with the 2024/2025 State Health Insurance Assistance Program Grant by the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136
Cooperative agreement for the Title IV-D Child Support Warrant Reimbursement Program

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a cooperative agreement between the Division of Family Development, Office of Child Support Services and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for the Title IV-D Child Support Warrant Reimbursement Program for an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for the term commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137
License agreement regarding access to the ACE Right of Way located in Hamilton Township to install and maintain galvanized steel double gates

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a license agreement between the County of Atlantic, Atlantic City Electric (ACE) and the South Jersey Transportation Authority regarding access to the ACE Right of Way located in Hamilton Township to install and maintain galvanized steel double gates.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 138
Amending Resolution No. 40 (2-6-24), a professional services agreement for the provision of spinal treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 40 adopted on February 6, 2024, a professional services agreement with Premier Orthopaedic Associates for the provision of spinal treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for a net increase of \$49,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 139
EUS contract to purchase a
builder's risk policy which will
protect the County during the
construction of the new
warehouse on Dolphin Avenue in
Northfield

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a builder's risk policy through Swiss Re which will protect the County during the construction of the new warehouse on Dolphin Avenue in Northfield for an amount not to exceed \$7,820.91.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 140
Interlocal services agreement for
the administration of the 2023
Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) and Home
Investment Partnership Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,866,830.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating August 31, 2030.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141
License and hold harmless
agreement concerning non-
standard improvements to be
installed and maintained within
the County right of way of New
Jersey Avenue (CR 601)

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a license and hold harmless agreement with the City of Absecon concerning non-standard improvements to be installed and maintained within the County right of way of New Jersey Avenue (CR 601).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142
Amending Resolution No. 490
(9-5-23), a shared services
agreement for the provision of a
Public Health Workforce
Training Needs Assessment

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 490 adopted on September 5, 2023, a shared services agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Health for the provision of a Public Health Workforce Training Needs Assessment to extend the term date at no additional cost for the term commencing August 1, 2023 and terminating May 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143
Resolution authorizing the
transfer of ownership of a mobile
morgue trailer to the New Jersey
Office of the Chief State Medical
Examiner

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing the transfer of ownership of a mobile morgue trailer to the New Jersey Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 144
Resolution authorizing the
transfer of ownership of two
(2) mobile pro camera trailers to
the Atlantic City Police
Department

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing the transfer of ownership of two (2) mobile pro camera trailers to the Atlantic City Police Department at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 145
Agreement to conduct the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging's 2025-2027 Area Plan Needs Assessment survey

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with Stockton University's Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) to conduct the Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging's 2025-2027 Area Plan Needs Assessment survey for an amount not to exceed \$24,600.00 for the term commencing March 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146

WITHDRAWN (3-25-24): Memorandum of understanding with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a Chief Elected Official agreement.

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 147 AND 148

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 147 and 148.

RESOLUTION NO. 147
Appointment to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Appointment of Donna Savikas to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a full membership to expire on January 31, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 148
Reappointments to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Reappointment of Kristie Baker-Gardener, Michael Fedorko, Leonard Golden, Michael R. Kelly, Vincent R. Kirkland, Steven LaPorta, Amanda Leese, Monica McQueen, Lennon Moore, Jerome M. Page, Victoria Reigle, Mark H. Sandson, Christine Tartaro, Jason P. Wertzberger and Christine Zoda to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 1, 2025.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 149 AND 150

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 149 and 150.

RESOLUTION NO. 149
Roadway Solicitation event in Longport

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of Ventnor Avenue (CR 692) and 29th Avenue in the Borough of Longport on Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 150
Roadway Solicitation event in Absecon

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Absecon Blue Devils at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 8 am to 3 pm and Sunday, June 30, 2024 from 8 am to 12 pm.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 151
Resolution supporting the statewide prohibition on the sale of commercially raised dogs and cats in pet stores

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion supporting the statewide prohibition on the sale of commercially raised dogs and cats in pet stores (Sponsor: June Byrnes).

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS Written communications and petitions were received by this office from March 6, 2024 through March 26, 2024.

Commissioner Dase inquired about the emergency repair for a sinkhole on Old New York Road in Port Republic and why the bridge is closed. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Parker provided an update from special guests attending the Parks and Environment Advisory Board meeting. The Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board received grant funding to construct a history wall inside the Betterment Park building. Atlantic Prevention Resources is hosting a student art contest for ways to stay drug free.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Risley attended the Atlantic County Job Fair which was very successful and well represented. The Port Republic Bridge has received national recognition and will be honored in May.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:43 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:43 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Gatto recognized two local authors that are recently published and requested to highlight them in the Atlantic County Library System. The National UNICO dinner was held last weekend and honored Joe Flacco and Bob Capoferri. The annual Pasta dinner will raise funds for scholarships.

Chairwoman Kern congratulated Commissioner Byrnes on her first grandchild born today.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board