

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 April 2, 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 Risley offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

A moment of silence was held for former County Executive Richard Squires.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Coursey, Gatto (via Teams arrived at 4:27 pm), Parker (via Teams arrived at 4:10 pm), Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Dase.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING March 26, 2024

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the March 26, 2024 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Update on Atlantic Cape Community College by Dr. Barbara Gaba, President.

RESOLUTION NO. 173* Resolution recognizing April 2024 as Community College Month

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion recognizing April 2024 as Community College Month (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 FIRST READING Ordinance establishing a mid- block crosswalk on Moss Mill Road (County Route 561 Alternate) in the Township of Galloway

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to introduce on first reading an ordinance establishing a mid-block crosswalk on Moss Mill Road (County Route 561 Alternate) in the Township of Galloway.

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.

*Not in numerical order

ORDINANCE NO. 3
FIRST READING
Ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning alcohol use and special events involving alcohol within Atlantic County Parks

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to introduce on first reading an ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning alcohol use and special events involving alcohol within Atlantic County Parks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152
Grant application and acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Community Traffic Safety Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Community Traffic Safety Programs for an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 153
Grant application and acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Distracted Driving Programs

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Distracted Driving Programs for an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 154
Grant application and acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Impaired Driving Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Impaired Driving Programs for an amount not to exceed \$229,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 155
Grant application and acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Non-Motorized Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Non-Motorized Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 156
Grant application and acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Occupant Protection Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Occupant Protection Programs for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 157
Amending Resolution No. 129
(3-29-22), a grant for the Local
Arts Programs

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 129 adopted on March 29, 2022, a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for the Local Arts Programs for an amount not to exceed \$1,101,966.00 and to extend the term date to December 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 158
Renewal competitive contract for
the provision of physical,
occupational and speech therapy
services to the residents of
Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Rehab Professional Services, Inc. for the provision of physical, occupational and speech therapy services to the residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an amount not to exceed \$245,000.00 for the term commencing April 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 159
Bid contract for the provision of
electrical supplies

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Cooper Friedman Electric Supply Company, Inc. for the provision of electrical supplies for an amount not to exceed \$163,065.80 for the period commencing April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 160
Bid contract to furnish and
deliver non-perishable food
requirements to the Department
of Human Services

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver non-perishable food requirements to the Department of Human Services for an amount not to exceed \$36,656.15 for the period commencing March 17, 2024 and terminating March 16, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 161
Change order for the resurfacing
of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 561),
Section 1 in the Township of
Galloway

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing change order No. 1 and final, a contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 561), Section 1 in the Township of Galloway for a net decrease of \$156,936.20 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,640,063.80.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 162
Change order for the Lake
Lenape Slide Gate Rehabilitation
Project

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing Change order No. 1, a contract with R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. for the Lake Lenape Slide Gate Rehabilitation Project for a net increase of \$112,766.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$850,266.00 and to extend the term date to April 30, 2024.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 163 AND 164

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution No. 163 and 164.

**RESOLUTION NO. 163
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$706,089.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HOME FY23.

**RESOLUTION NO. 164
Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,160,741.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CDBG FY23.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 165
Memorandum of understanding for the operation of a Local Workforce System**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board, the One Stop Career Center Partners and the Chief Elected Official for the operation of a Local Workforce System for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 30, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 166
Lease agreement for the New Jersey Department of Labor to collocate with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board at 2 South Main Street in the City of Pleasantville**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a lease agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury for the New Jersey Department of Labor to collocate with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board at 2 South Main Street in the City of Pleasantville for an amount not to exceed \$3,311,993.00 for the term commencing April 1, 2024 and terminating March 31, 2029.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167
Resolution authorizing a subrecipient agreement for the Brigantine Promenade refurbishment**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a subrecipient agreement between the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the implementation of the Boardwalk Preservation Fund Grant Program for the Brigantine Promenade refurbishment for a funded amount of \$1,185,837.50, a County cash match of \$62,412.50 and a total program amount not to exceed \$1,248,250.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 168
Resolution in support of the submission of a project for grant funding for the development of a new K9 training academy facility**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion in support of the submission of a project for grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grant Program for the development of a new K9 training academy facility.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 169
Resolution in support of
requesting federal funding to
establish an Aviation Academy at
the National Aerospace Research
and Technology Park

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion in support of requesting federal funding to establish an Aviation Academy to provide comprehensive and diverse aviation related training at the National Aerospace Research and Technology Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170
Resolution in support of the
establishment of a Dental
Hygienist Training Program at
the Atlantic Cape Community
College

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion in support of the establishment of a Dental Hygienist Training Program at the Atlantic Cape Community College.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 171
Roadway Solicitation event
in Brigantine

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Brigantine PBA Local 204 at the intersection of Atlantic-Brigantine Boulevard (CR 638) and Harbor Beach Boulevard in the City of Brigantine on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN
CONSIDERATION PENDING
THE CONCLUSION OF THE
COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adjourn consideration of Resolution No. 172 pending the conclusion of the comment period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 172

NOT CONSIDERED (4-2-24): Resolution opposing the adoption of Wharton State Forest visiting vehicle use map (Sponsor: James A. Bertino).

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:47 pm.

Susan Lazarchick, resident of Hamilton Township, thanked the Commissioners for holding this resolution until the public comment period ends on April 8, 2024. She asked if this map has been presented to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Board.

Jaclyn Rhoads, Pinelands Preservation Alliance Assistant Executive Director, stated that map will benefit visitors, law enforcement and emergency vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO. 173
Resolution recognizing April
2024 as Community College
Month

Moved to top of the agenda. Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion recognizing April 2024 as Community College Month (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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 and Gatto.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from March 27, 2024 through April 2, 2024.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE
BOARD**

Commissioner Risley announced that Carey Italiano was hired as the new Executive Director of the South Jersey Economic Development District. Former Executive Director Lou Joyce will stay on for a smooth transition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles requested updates on the Lakes Creek Bridge project, the flashing beacons project and guardrail installation at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue and Steelmanville Road. County Administrator DelRosso and County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Gatto inquired about the new traffic lights at the intersection of Cologne Avenue and Route 30 and will follow up with the State DOT. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:14 p.m.

Jason Howell, Pinelands Preservation Alliance member, stated a visitor map is very important and invited the Commissioners to tour the Wharton State Forest.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:18 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey recognized the passing of former County Executive Richard Squires who was a pleasure to work with and requested a resolution for his family.

Commissioner Risley stated Richard Squires did great work for the County and its veterans.

Commissioner Bertino provided remarks on behalf of Richard Squires.

Chairwoman Kern recognized April as Autism Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board