

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 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:05 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 Balles offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino (via Teams), Byrnes, Dase, Gatto (via Teams until 4:58 p.m.), Parker (arrived at 4:06 p.m.), Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING April 2, 2024

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the April 2, 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. ABSENT: Coursey.

PRESENTATION

In remembrance of former County Executive Richard "Dick" Squires (Resolution No. 199).

RESOLUTION NO. 199* In remembrance of former County Executive Richard "Dick" Squires

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in remembrance of former County Executive Richard "Dick" Squires.

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

PRESENTATION

Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Atlantic County (Resolution No. 200).

RESOLUTION NO. 200* Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Atlantic County

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Atlantic County (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

Prosecutor Bill Reynolds provided an overview of the Victims' Rights Office and announced the upcoming resource fair.

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

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

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt on final reading an ordinance establishing a mid-block crosswalk on Moss Mill Road (County Route 561 Alternate) in the Township of Galloway.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:28 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:28 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.

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

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final reading an ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning alcohol use and special events involving alcohol within Atlantic County Parks.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:29 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:29 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. 174
Resolution determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$12,115,000 general obligation bonds of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, and providing for its sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$12,115,000 general obligation bonds of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, and providing for its sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the New Jersey Transportation Infrastructure Bank Financing Program.

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. 175
Grant application and acceptance for the 2022 Section 5310 Grant funding**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Transit Corporation through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act and the American Rescue Plan Act for the 2022 Section 5310 Grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$81,144.00 for the period commencing January 20, 2020 and terminating June 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. 176
Grant application and acceptance for the FFY23 Stop Violence Against Women Act**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the FFY23 Stop Violence Against Women Act for a funded amount of \$74,592.00, a County in-kind match of \$25,068.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$99,660.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 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. 177
Grant application and acceptance for the FFY23 Victims of Crime Act

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the FFY23 Victims of Crime Act for a funded amount of \$692,995.00, a County in-kind match of \$173,396.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$866,391.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 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. 178
Adopting New Jersey Department of Transportation Contractor Prequalification Class Codes as the County's own prequalification regulations for all public works construction contracts valued at more than \$5,000,000.00

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Risely seconded a motion adopting New Jersey Department of Transportation Contractor Prequalification Class Codes as the County's own prequalification regulations for all public works construction contracts valued at more than \$5,000,000.00.

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. 179
Amending Resolution No. 586 (11-14-23), a grant for the County Opioid Epidemic Innovation Grant

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 586 adopted on November 14, 2023, a grant from the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the County Opioid Epidemic Innovation Grant for a net increase of \$25,212.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$151,271.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 180
Amending Resolution No. 419 (8-15-23), a grant to support continued COVID-19 response and enhance local health department infrastructure

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 419 adopted on August 15, 2023, a grant from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) to support continued COVID-19 response and enhance local health department infrastructure to extend the term date to June 30, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$2,466,412.00.

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. 181
Amending Resolution No. 61 (2-20-24), a grant for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant to adjust the salary

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 61 adopted on February 20, 2024, a grant 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 to adjust the salary for a funded amount of \$79,321.00, a County in-kind match of \$3,758.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$83,079.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 182
Grant application and acceptance to enhance the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) to enhance the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit for a funded amount of \$112,500.00, a County in-kind match of \$37,500.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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. 183
Amending Resolution No. 626 (11-21-23), a professional services agreement to provide addiction recovery services

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 626 adopted on November 21, 2023, a professional services agreement with Angels in Motion NJ to provide addiction recovery services for a net increase of \$25,212.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$151,271.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating on 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. 184
Amending Resolution No. 718 (12-19-23), an alternate method contract to provide software maintenance to the Transportation Unit

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 718 adopted on December 19, 2023, an alternate method contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. d/b/a Tripspark Technologies to provide software maintenance to the Transportation Unit for a net increase of \$30.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$69,305.00 for the term starting 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. 185
Interlocal agreement to provide bidding and construction management services for the Stillwater Complex Pavement Restoration Phase III

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide bidding and construction management services for the Stillwater Complex Pavement Restoration Phase III for an amount not to exceed \$17,143.00 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. 186
Amending Resolution No. 569 (10-17-23), an interlocal agreement to bid and manage CDBG funds for ADA improvements to the Hammonton Library

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 569 adopted on October 17, 2023, an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to bid and manage CDBG funds for ADA improvements to the Hammonton Library for a net increase of \$56,683.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$81,369.00 for the term commencing November 1, 2023 and terminating on October 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. 187
Amending Resolution No. 529
(9-19-23), a shared services
agreement to place Atlantic
County youth at the Ocean
County Juvenile Detention
Center**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 529 adopted on September 19, 2023, a shared services agreement with Ocean County to place Atlantic County youth at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center for a net increase of \$9,112.50 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$168,425.00 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. 188
Interlocal agreement to bid and
manage construction of the
interior renovations to the
Atlantic County Animal Shelter**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to bid and manage construction of the interior renovations to the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 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.

UPDATE

Sheriff Joe O'Donoughue provided an update on Resolution No. 182 regarding the K-9 program for the Sheriff's Office.

**RESOLUTION NO. 189
EUS contract to purchase a
storage tank pollution liability
policy, including terrorism
coverage for the County's four
above ground fuel storage tanks.**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a storage tank pollution liability policy, including terrorism coverage, through Crum and Forster for the County's four above ground fuel storage tanks for an amount not to exceed \$2,445.00 for the period of March 11, 2024 to March 11, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 190
Resolution accepting the
assignment of an agreement for
the replacement of Moss Mill
Road culverts (G-108 and PR-10)**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion accepting the assignment of an agreement from W. J. Castle, P.E. and Associates, P.C. to Childs Engineering Corporation for the replacement of Moss Mill Road culverts (G-108 and PR-10) and to extend the term date to October 16, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 191
Amending Resolution No. 75
(2-20-24), an alternate method
contract for the provision of
medical treatment services
rendered to the inmate
population at the Atlantic County
Justice Facility**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 75 adopted on February 20, 2024, an alternate method contract with Capital Health for the provision of medical treatment services rendered to the inmate population at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for a net increase of \$38,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 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, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
192 TO 195**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 192 to 195.

RESOLUTION NO. 192
Appointment to the Local
Advisory Council on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse

Appointment of William R. Reynolds, Esquire to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 193
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Advisory Commission on
Women

Reappointment of Millie Tate to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 194
Reappointments to the Atlantic
County Improvement Authority

Reappointment of Roy M. Foster and Robert Gross to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2029.

RESOLUTION NO. 195
Reappointments to the Atlantic
County Emergency Management
Advisory Board

Reappointment of Vincent J. Jones, III, Stan Carr, Jim Eden, Michael Fedorko, Adalberto Lopez and Patrick F. Snyder to the Atlantic County Emergency Management Advisory Board for a term to expire on May 1, 2025.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
196 to 198

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 196 to 198.

RESOLUTION NO. 196
Roadway Solicitation event in
Galloway Township

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Oceanville Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 at the intersection of Pitney Road (CR 634) and E. Great Creek Road in the Township of Galloway on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 197
Roadway Solicitation event in
Northfield

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Northfield Little League at the intersection of Tilton Road (CR 563), Mill Road (CR 662) and Shore Road (CR 585) in the City of Northfield on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 198
Roadway Solicitation event in
Absecon

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Absecon Green Team at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm and Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199
In remembrance of former
County Executive Richard
“Dick” Squires

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Risely moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in remembrance of former County Executive Richard “Dick” Squires.

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. 200
Recognizing National Crime
Victims’ Rights Week in Atlantic
County

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion recognizing National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Atlantic County (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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 April 3, 2024 through April 16, 2024.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD Commissioner Parker provided an update from the Library Advisory Commission regarding the HVAC renovations and installation of a butterfly garden. Education and Schools Committee met with InSite Health that proposed virtual counseling for the schools. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Commissioner Balles helped to replace old rails at the Boling Cemetery with the Veterans Advisory Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Commissioner Risley requested an update on the Centralized Dispatch and on the closure of Port Republic Bridge. County Administrator DelRosso and County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Balles asked if the study has been completed for the regionalized jail. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:13 p.m.

Jared Lombardi, resident of Egg Harbor Township, inquired about the allocation of the Opioid Settlement Fund. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Anne Phillips, resident of Brigantine, stated the Governor is still pushing for offshore wind and the Board has been silent.

Brooks Garrison, resident of Brigantine, spoke about the economic impact of offshore wind projects to Atlantic County.

Sherri Lilienfield, resident of Margate, quoted from the BOEM report that “there is no collective impact on global warming as a result of offshore wind projects.”

Margaret Reale, resident of Margate, talked about the national security issues and wind turbine syndrome that relate to the offshore wind turbines.

Gina Smaniotto, resident of Cumberland County, asked how the money will be spent regarding Resolution No. 179. County Administrator DelRosso, Chairwoman Kern, Commissioner Parker and Commissioner Dase responded.

John Armato, resident of Buena Vista Township, reported that most Opioid Settlement money goes to treatment instead of prevention. The money needs to be used to help more people.

Marybeth Feeney, resident of Sicklerville, stated there is nothing good from offshore wind projects.

Tom Jones, resident of Brigantine, asked if the Board has made a statement for or against the project. Construction is close to starting. Chairwoman Kern and Commissioner Dase responded.

Charlene Natale, resident of Margate, inquired if the County will provide funding for lawsuits to fight the Offshore Wind companies.

Veronica Iezzi, resident of Longport, wants to know who the citizens should go to in regard to offshore wind. Chairwoman Kern and Commissioner Balles responded.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern recognized Commissioner staff member, Brenda Taube at her last Board meeting.

Chairwoman Kern also attended the Field of Dreams opening day ceremony which was very heartwarming. Happy Passover to those who celebrate.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board