#### ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Stillwater Building** 

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

Minutes of Meeting May 7, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER** 

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:01 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 Parker offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern. A moment of silence was held for Frank Campo, Rabbi Gordon Gellar and Commissioner Coursey.

**ROLL CALL** 

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino (via Teams), Byrnes, Dase (arrived at 4:05pm), Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING April 16, 2024 Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the April 16, 2024 minutes.

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

**PRESENTATION** 

Recognizing the Egg Harbor Township PAL Robotics Team.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4** FIRST READING Ordinance consenting to Ordinance No. 6 of 2024 of the City of Somers Point entitled "An Ordinance enacted under authority of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 regulating the parking of vehicles on certain streets and portions thereof; amending and supplementing the Somers Point **Municipal Code Chapter 250** Vehicles and Traffic, Article 1, Section 250-24.1, Schedule 1A and repealing all ordinances heretofore adopted, the provisions of which are inconsistent herewith"

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2024 consenting to Ordinance No. 6 of 2024 of the City of Somers Point entitled "An Ordinance enacted under authority of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 regulating the parking of vehicles on certain streets and portions thereof; amending and supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article 1, Section 250-24.1, Schedule 1A and repealing all ordinances heretofore adopted, the provisions of which are inconsistent herewith."

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. 5 FIRST READING Ordinance consenting to Ordinance No. 2122-2023 of the Township of Galloway entitled "An Ordinance repealing and revising portions of Section 319-35 Bus Stops"

RESOLUTION NO. 201 Amending Resolution No. 511 (9-19-23), a grant for the Community COVID-19 Response grant

RESOLUTION NO. 202
Grant application and

acceptance for the Personal

**Assistance Services Program** 

RESOLUTION NO. 203 Grant agreement for the FY 2025 Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program

RESOLUTION NO. 204 Amending Resolution No. 431 (8-15-23), a grant to accept Innovations Funding to include the grant award number

RESOLUTION NO. 205
Grant application and acceptance for the Veterans'
Transportation Assistance
Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 5-2024 consenting to Ordinance No. 2122-2023 of the Township of Galloway entitled "An Ordinance repealing and revising portions of Section 319-35 Bus Stops."

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.

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 511 adopted on September 19, 2023, a grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the Community COVID-19 Response grant to extend the term date to August 30, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the Personal Assistance Services Program for an amount not to exceed \$44,208.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant agreement with the South Jersey Transportation Authority for the FY 2025 Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for a funded amount of \$113,600.00 and a County in-kind match of \$28,400.00 and a total program amount not to exceed 142,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 through 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.

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 431 adopted on August 15, 2023, a grant from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission to accept Innovations Funding to include the grant award number for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for a one-year period from January 1, 2024 through 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.

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Veterans' Transportation Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 206 Grant application and acceptance for the 2023-2024 Primary and General Election Day grant Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections for the 2023-2024 Primary and General Election Day grant for an amount not to exceed \$95,870.83 for the term commencing June 2023 through March 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. 207 Grant application and acceptance for the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Program Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit applying for the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for a NJ JARC funded amount of \$220,000.00, LTPF funded amount of \$220,000.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$440,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 208 Professional services agreement to establish the 2024-2025 appraisal services pool Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing professional services agreements with various firms to establish the 2024-2025 appraisal services pool for an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the period commencing April 16, 2024 and terminating April 15, 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. 209 Professional services agreement for the provision of land planning services for Atlantic County Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with PS&S, LLC for the provision of land planning services for Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 from notice of award 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. 210 Competitive contract for discharge planning and reentry services for inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services for discharge planning and reentry services for inmates of the Atlantic County Justice for a period commencing May 1, 2024 through 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. 211 Bid contract to provide fire sprinkler head replacement, fire equipment inspections and miscellaneous repair Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Rich Fire Protection to provide fire sprinkler head replacement, fire equipment inspections and miscellaneous repair for an amount not to exceed \$117,740.00, 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. 212**

**Change order contract for traffic** signalization at the intersection of Pomona Road (CR 575) and Vera King Farris Drive in Galloway **Township** 

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2 and final, a contract with Arthur R. Henry, Inc. for traffic signalization at the intersection of Pomona Road (CR 575) and Vera King Farris Drive in Galloway Township for a net decrease of \$57,735.65 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,293,945.80.

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. 213**

Change order contract for the **2022 Drainage Improvement Project** 

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with South State, Inc. for the 2022 Drainage Improvement Project to extend the term date to May 30, 2024 at no additional 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. 214** Change order contract for the 2022 Highway Improvement Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the 2022 Highway Improvement Program to extend the term date to June 30, 2024 at no additional 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. 215** Alternate method contract for the provision of election day test

support, pre-election testing of voting machines and electronic poll books

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the provision of election day test support, pre-election testing of voting machines and electronic poll books for an amount not to exceed \$311,148.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 216** EUS contract to purchase a policy which will reduce the named storm wind deductible

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a policy which will reduce the named storm wind deductible for an amount not to exceed \$40,944.00.

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. 217** EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County **Animal Shelter**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for an amount not to exceed \$2,586.00.

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. 218 Alternate method contract for** the provision of mental health services to youth at Harborfields

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of mental health services to youth at Harborfields for an amount not to exceed \$32,864.00 for the period 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. 219 Business associate agreement to be included with the 2024/2025 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) grant Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a business associate agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services and the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services to be included with the 2024/2025 Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) grant 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. 220
Resolution to comply with requirement for a Standardized Board Resolution to be filed with the 2024-2025 PASP grant by the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to comply with the Department of Human Services' requirement for a Standardized Board Resolution to be filed with the 2024-2025 PASP grant by the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services.

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. 221 Consent to assignment of architectural agreements for the facilities management warehouse and the Animal Shelter noise reduction projects Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing the consent to assignment of architectural agreements from Becica Associates, LLC to Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S) for the facilities management warehouse and the Animal Shelter noise reduction projects.

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. 222 Amending Resolution No. 716 (12-19-23), an interlocal agreement for the new generator at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 716 adopted on December 19, 2023, an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) to award the contract to Hughes Electric Company for the new generator at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter for a net increase of \$473,600.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$525,440.00 for a term commencing from notice to proceed 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. 223
Public donor agreement to provide an in-kind contribution of services

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a public donor agreement with Atlantic County Women's Center d/b/a Avanzar to provide an in-kind contribution of services for an amount not to exceed \$69,058.76 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 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. 224 Emergency contract to address a sink hole and conduct repairs within the street of Smithville Port Republic Road (CR 610) in Port Republic Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Landberg Construction, LLC to address a sink hole and conduct repairs within the street of Smithville Port Republic Road (CR 610) in Port Republic for an amount not to exceed \$59,100.00 for services to be completed by May 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225 Amending Resolution No. 91 (2-21-23), an agreement to support workforce development initiatives Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 91 adopted on February 21, 2023, an agreement with Atlantic City Electric and the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board to support workforce development initiatives to extend the term date to December 31, 2026 at no additional 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. 226 Alternate method contract for the provision of temporary nursing staffing at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with AllShifts for the provision of temporary nursing staffing at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an amount not to exceed \$307,369.25 for a one-year 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 227 Interlocal agreement for the continuation of the Community Shuttle Services along the Route 54/40 Corridor between Richland and Hammonton Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the South Jersey Transportation Authority for the continuation of the Community Shuttle Services along the Route 54/40 Corridor between Richland and Hammonton for an amount not to exceed \$350,471.47 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. 228 Intergovernmental agreement to provide Detention Diversion Coordinator services Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to provide Detention Diversion Coordinator services funded through the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 229 Intergovernmental agreement to provide the Family Crisis Intervention Unit Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to provide the Family Crisis Intervention Unit funded through the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for an amount not to exceed \$151,144.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 230 Intergovernmental agreement to provide a HEDS Electronic Monitoring Program

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to provide a HEDS Electronic Monitoring Program funded through the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for an amount not to exceed \$65,222.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 231 Intergovernmental agreement for the Enhanced Outcome Based Supervision Support Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Atlantic County Division of Probation for the Enhanced Outcome Based Supervision Support Program for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 232 Agreement for the Community Engagement Committee funded through the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice.

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with the Youth Advocate Program for the Community Engagement Committee funded through the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for an amount not to exceed \$14,820.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

## RESOLUTION NO. 233 Professional services agreement for the provision of psychological evaluation and treatment for adolescent sex offenders

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Maldonado–Britt & Associates, LLP for the provision of psychological evaluation and treatment for adolescent sex offenders for an amount not to exceed \$15,750.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 234 Shared services agreement to place Atlantic County youth at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with Ocean County to place Atlantic County youth at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$474,500.00 for a term commencing May 2, 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.

#### MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 235 TO 238

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 235 to 238.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$3,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Mental Health Administrator CY2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 236 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$975,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Summer Youth Employment Program 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 237 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,735.50 from New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund, Atlantic County Insurance Commission Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 238 Chapter 159 Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$4,600,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Public Safety, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 22-25.

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. 239 AND 240 Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 239 and 240.

RESOLUTION NO. 239
Reappointments to the Atlantic
County Utilities Authority Board

Reappointment of Andrew G. Berenato, III, Laura A. Pfrommer and Judy M. Ward to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Board for a term to expire on May 1, 2029.

RESOLUTION NO. 240 Reappointments to the Atlantic County Planning Advisory Board Reappointment of Charles Broomall, Geroge H. Kyle, Dennis McDonough and Charles Pritchard to the Atlantic County Planning Advisory Board for a term to expire on May 1, 2027.

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. 241 TO 248 Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 241 to 248.

RESOLUTION NO. 241 Roadway Solicitation Event in the City of Pleasantville

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Pleasantville Junior Jokers Football Team at the intersection of Delilah Road (CR 646) and Main Street (CR 585) in the City of Pleasantville on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 242 Roadway Solicitation Event in the Township of Egg Harbor Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 243 Roadway Solicitation Event in the Township of Buena Vista

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Milmay Volunteer Fire Company at the intersection of Tuckahoe Road (CR 557) and Millville-Mays Landing Road (CR 552) in the Township of Buena Vista on Friday, June 21, 2024 from 9 am to dusk and Friday, July 12, 2024 from 9 am to dusk.

RESOLUTION NO. 244 Roadway Solicitation Event in the Township of Egg Harbor Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 at the intersection of English Creek Avenue (CR 575) and West Jersey Avenue in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 245 Roadway Solicitation Event in** the Township of Galloway

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Pomona Volunteer Fire Company No. 3 at the intersection of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 633) and Pomona Road (CR 575) in the Township of Galloway on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 246 Roadway Solicitation Event in** the Township of Egg Harbor

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Egg Harbor Township Kiwanis Club at the intersection of English Creek Avenue (CR 575) and West Jersey Avenue in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 247 Roadway Solicitation Event in** the City of Absecon

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Absecon/Galloway Rotary Club at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) and Mill Road (CR 651) in the City of Absecon on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 248 Roadway Solicitation Event in** City of Egg Harbor

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Egg Harbor City Fire Department on the 100 Block of Philadelphia Avenue in the City of Egg Harbor on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 4 pm to 7 pm and Friday, August 23, 2024 from 4 pm to 7 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. 249** Resolution recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month (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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 250 Resolution urging Spirit Airlines** to reconsider relocation of the **Spirit Airlines crew base** 

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion urging Spirit Airlines to reconsider relocation of the Spirit Airlines crew base (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.

AND PETITIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS Written communications and petitions were received by this office from April 17, 2024 through May 7, 2024.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD** 

There were no reports of special committees of the board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Commissioner Parker reported Egg Harbor Township residents and the mayor have safety concerns about the bike path. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:50 p.m.

Brigantine Mayor Vince Sera provided information and a resolution from the City of Brigantine and asked the Board for help to unite the County against the offshore wind projects.

Brooks Garrison, resident of Brigantine, stated Defend Brigantine Beach stands together with other grassroots organizations to fund lawsuits against the offshore wind projects. He provided an update on the lawsuits to enforce the DEP approvals.

Brigantine Councilman Dennis Haney stated to industrialize the ocean will cause rates to increase because the companies are based overseas.

Brigantine Councilman Paul Lettieri reported the solar power cannot be sold fast enough in the State of New Jersey and rate payers will be responsible for costs.

Sherri Lilienfield, resident of Margate, mentioned tourism will be affected by the turbines and they are not helping the environment.

Northfield Councilwoman Carolyn Bucci said the City of Northfield relies on tourism and is concerned about the economy.

Jackie DeLaurio, resident of Margate, announced the scallop industry is already suffering and the windmills are causing health concerns.

Eileen Barker, resident of Atlantic City, stated the government benefits from the wind turbines and the project is not in the best interest of the County.

Linda Bakos, resident of Northfield, is concerned about the fishing industry and has questions about navigating around the turbines in a boat.

Carolyn Rush, resident of Cape May County, asked if any stakeholders were given an opportunity in changing the name of the Veterans Cemetery.

Anne Phillips, resident of Brigantine, believes the Board has been dismissive of the offshore wind issues and should make a decision.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:37 p.m.

Chairwoman Kern replied the Board supports the legislators, has passed resolutions regarding offshore wind and it is in Committee review.

Commissioner Balles asked Mayor Sera if Exelon (Atlantic City Electric) has made a position on offshore wind project.

Commissioner Dase requested to sit on the Committee meeting.

Commissioner Risley provided his opinion on this topic.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern announced the County has launched the new website.

Commissioner Balles wished a Happy Mother's Day.

Commissioner Parker wished a Happy Teacher's Appreciation and Happy Nurses Week.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena Clerk of the Board