

# 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 May 21, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, in the Stillwater Building located at 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ and via Microsoft Teams video conferencing.

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairwoman Kern announced that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said Act, has been published in *The Press of Atlantic City* and mailed to *The Hammonton Gazette*; posted on the bulletin boards at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building, 201 Shore Road, Northfield and the County Clerk's Office in Mays Landing.

### PRAYER, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Byrnes offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

Chairwoman Kern asked to keep Commissioner Coursey in their prayers.

### ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING May 7, 2024

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the May 7, 2024 minutes.

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

### PRESENTATION

Public Health 2024 Community Health Assessment Survey by Kara Janson, Public Health Division Director.

### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2 FIRST READING Bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements for fiscal year 2024 by and for the Atlantic Cape Community College

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Bond Ordinance No. 2-2024 bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements for fiscal year 2024 by and for the Atlantic Cape Community College; appropriating \$3,882,899 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,882,899 bonds or notes of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for financing such appropriation, the principal of and interest on the aggregate principal amount of which will be entitled to state aid, pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1971.

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

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 3  
FIRST READING  
Supplemental capital ordinance  
providing for various county-wide  
HVAC improvements and  
stormwater improvements**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Capital Ordinance No. 3-2024 supplemental capital ordinance providing for various county-wide HVAC improvements and stormwater improvements, in and for the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and appropriating \$13,892,607.74 therefor from grant proceeds received pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to pay for the cost thereof.

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

**GUARANTY ORDINANCE NO. 1  
FIRST READING  
Guaranty ordinance of the County  
of Atlantic, State of New Jersey  
fully, unconditionally and  
irrevocably securing the payment  
of the principal of and interest on  
County guaranteed revenue bonds  
or project notes (Aviation Park  
Project-Phase II)**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Guaranty Ordinance No. 1-2024 guaranty ordinance of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey fully, unconditionally and irrevocably securing the payment of the principal of and interest on County guaranteed revenue bonds or project notes (Aviation Park Project – Phase II) to be issued by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the purpose of providing additional security therefor, consenting to such financing and determining certain other matters in connection therewith.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4  
FINAL 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 Risley moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.”

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:17 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:17 p.m.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 5  
FINAL 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”**

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.”

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:18 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:18 p.m.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 6  
FIRST READING  
Ordinance revising speed limits  
along Old New York Road (CR  
575/610) in the City of Port Republic  
and Township of Galloway**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 6-2024 an ordinance revising speed limits along Old New York Road (CR 575/610) in the City of Port Republic and Township of Galloway.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 251**  
**Renewal grant application and acceptance for the Youth Services Coordinator grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care for the Youth Services Coordinator grant for an amount not to exceed \$42,612.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 252**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force grant**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice through the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office for the Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force grant for an amount not to exceed \$177,00.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 253**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for an amount not to exceed \$185,893.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 254**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the Tanning Facilities Registration and Inspection Project**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Tanning Facilities Registration and Inspection Project for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 255**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the Medical Reserve Corps State Territory and Tribal Nations Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC Strong) grant**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Medical Reserve Corps State Territory and Tribal Nations Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC Strong) grant for an amount not to exceed \$34,700.00 for the period commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating May 31, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 256**  
**Grant application and acceptance**  
**for the Childhood Lead Exposure**  
**Prevention grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention grant for an amount not to exceed \$262,500.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 257**  
**Competitive contract for the Gun**  
**Violence Prevention Program**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Atlantic Prevention Resources for the Gun Violence Prevention Program for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 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: Bertino, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.  
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 258**  
**Competitive contract for the Gun**  
**Violence Prevention Program for**  
**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Atlantic Prevention Resources for the Gun Violence Prevention Program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades for an amount not to exceed \$85,700.00 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: Bertino, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.  
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 259**  
**Competitive contract for the**  
**provision of HEDS Case**  
**Management**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a competitive with Jewish Family Services for the provision of HEDS Case Management for an amount not to exceed \$174,200.00 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 260**  
**Competitive contract for the**  
**provision of a HEDS Step Down**  
**Program**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of a HEDS Step Down Program in an amount not to exceed \$102,000.00 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 261**  
**Alternate method contract for the**  
**provision of spinal treatment**  
**services to inmates at the Atlantic**  
**County Justice Facility**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Premier Orthopaedic Associates for the provision of spinal treatment services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 262**

**Resolution to comply with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care's requirement for a Standardized Board Resolution to be filed for the Youth Services Coordinator, Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council grant renewal**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a resolution to comply with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care's requirement for a Standardized Board Resolution to be filed for the Youth Services Coordinator, Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council grant renewal.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 263**

**Business associate agreement between the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care and Atlantic County Government to be included with the grant renewal for the Youth Services Coordinator, Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a business associate agreement between the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of the Children's System of Care and Atlantic County Government to be included with the grant renewal for the Youth Services Coordinator, Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council grant.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 264**

**Intergovernmental agreement for the provision of technical assistance on soil conservation projects**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District for the provision of technical assistance on soil conservation projects for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 265**

**Interlocal services agreement for the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program for an amount not to exceed \$104,244.63 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 266**

**Amending Resolution No. 310 (6-7-22), an intergovernmental services agreement for the purchase, installation and operation of flashing traffic signal equipment at various locations along the County right of way**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 310 (6-7-22), an intergovernmental services agreement with various municipalities for the purchase, installation and operation of flashing traffic signal equipment at various locations along the County right of way to extend the term date until February 2, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 267**

**Renewal shared services agreement for snow removal and lawn maintenance at the Galloway Township branch of the Atlantic County Library System**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal shared services agreement with the Township of Galloway for snow removal and lawn maintenance at the Galloway Township branch of the Atlantic County Library System for amount not to exceed \$10,950.00 for the term commencing May 1, 2024 and terminating April 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 268**  
**Subcontract for the provision of**  
**environmental intervention in**  
**response to childhood lead**  
**exposure investigations**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a subcontract with the City of Atlantic City for the provision of environmental intervention in response to childhood lead exposure investigations for an amount not to exceed \$80,500.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 269**  
**Renewal interlocal services**  
**agreement for the provision of**  
**security services at the Pleasantville**  
**branch of the Atlantic County**  
**Library System**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal interlocal services agreement with the City of Pleasantville for the provision of security services at the Pleasantville branch of the Atlantic County Library System to extend the term date of the agreement one year to expire on April 30, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the 2024-2025 renewal term.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 270**  
**Resolution to allow payments for**  
**vacation time not taken by Central**  
**Municipal Court Prosecutors**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a resolution to allow payments for vacation time not taken by Central Municipal Court Prosecutors for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for unused sessions of vacation time for the 2023 term.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND**  
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 271**  
**TO 274**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 271 to 274.

**RESOLUTION NO. 271**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,757,774.89 from the BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 272**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$79,321.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, FY 22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 23-24.

**RESOLUTION NO. 273**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$185,893.00 from the Department of Justice, FY 23 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

**RESOLUTION NO. 274**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$270,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Statewide Respite 2024.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 275 TO 276**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 275 to 276.

**RESOLUTION NO. 275  
Roadway Solicitation Event in the Township of Egg Harbor**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Egg Harbor Township High School Softball Booster Club at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 276  
Roadway Solicitation Event in the Township of Galloway**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Bayview Volunteer Fire Company #4 at the intersection of Jimmie Leeds Road (CR 633) and Pitney Road (CR 634) in the Township of Galloway on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 8 am to 4 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 277  
Resolution in support of the NARTP funding request to develop an Advanced Air Mobility Test Range**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion supporting the NARTP funding request to develop an Advanced Air Mobility Test Range (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from May 8, 2024 through May 21, 2024.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Parker announced the EHT PAL college signing day on June 8, 2024 and Ideal Institute will be hosting a luncheon with Centenary University on May 22, 2024.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Risley would like Atlantic County to celebrate the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026.

Commissioner Dase added this year the Township of Galloway is celebrating 250 years with several events planned.

Commissioner Parker congratulated the recent ACCC graduates.

Chairwoman Kern wished Commissioner Gatto congratulations on being inducted into the Oakcrest High School Community Wall of Fame.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:37 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:37 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chairwoman Kern wished a Happy Memorial Day and announced the County's annual event at the Veterans' Cemetery in Estell Manor on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena  
Clerk of the Board