

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 June 4, 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 Dase offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of D-Day.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING May 21, 2024

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the May 21, 2024 minutes.

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

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

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Bond Ordinance No. 2-2024, a 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:05 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:05 p.m.

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

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

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Capital Ordinance No. 3-2024, a 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 278
Grant application and acceptance
for FFY 24 Emergency
Management Performance Grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Performance/Federal Emergency Management Agency for Federal Fiscal Year 24 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Emergency Management Agency Assistance for funding in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, subject to a County In-Kind match of \$55,000.00 and for total program amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 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. 279
Grant application and acceptance
for the New Jersey Youth Corps
Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the New Jersey Youth Corps Program for an amount not to exceed \$529,140.00 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. 280
Amending Resolution No. 355 (7-
11-23), a grant for the County
Health Infrastructure Funding
(CHIF)**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 355 (7-11-23), a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health for the County Health Infrastructure Funding (CHIF) to accept additional funding in the amount of \$615,513.00 and for a total amount not to exceed \$1,223,770.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 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. 281
Amending Resolution No. 351 (7-11-23), a grant for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents' Transportation Assistance Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 351 (7-11-23), a grant from New Jersey Transit for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents' Transportation Assistance Program to carry over funds in the amount of \$19,046.24 and for a total amount not to exceed \$1,137,501.24 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 282
Grant application and acceptance for the Local Public Health Overdose Fatality Review Team FY 2025

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Local Public Health Overdose Fatality Review Team FY 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 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. 283
Amending Resolution No. 227 (5-7-24), a grant to include the 5311/Innovations grant funding and the English Creek-Tilton Road Community Shuttle

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 227 (5-7-24), a grant from New Jersey Transit for the Job Access/Reverse Commute Program to include the 5311/Innovations grant funding and the English Creek-Tilton Road Community Shuttle for a net increase amount of \$150,000.00 and for a total amount not to exceed \$500,471.47 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. 284
Bid contract for medical supplies for the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with various vendors for medical supplies for the Atlantic County Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$439,221.18 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating May 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. 285
Change order contract for resurfacing of Tilton Road (CR 563), Section 7 in the Townships of Hamilton and Galloway

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a change order no. 2 contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Tilton Road (CR 563), Section 7 in the Townships of Hamilton and Galloway for a net increase of \$93,056.78 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$2,210,875.36 and to extend the termination date to September 2, 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. 286
Change order contract for the Green Bank Bridge (M-01) mechanical and electrical repairs in the Township of Mullica

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a change order no. 2 and final contract with South State, Inc. for the Green Bank Bridge (M-01) mechanical and electrical repairs in the Township of Mullica for a net increase of \$2,798.79 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$300,998.79 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating July 5, 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. 287
Bid waiver agreement to purchase an undercover vehicle for confidential and undercover investigations by the Prosecutor's Office: Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a bid waiver agreement with Shore Toyota to purchase an undercover vehicle for confidential and undercover investigations by the Prosecutor's Office: Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force for an amount not to exceed \$42,576.10.

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. 288
Equipment use agreement for mosquito control related activities

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an equipment use agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mosquito Control Commission for mosquito control related activities at no cost for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 289
Agreement for an internship program with Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with Arkansas State University for an internship program with Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management at no cost to the county for the period commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating October 1, 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. 290
Renewal alternate method contract to provide outreach services for the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal alternate method contract with Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape May Counties to provide outreach services for the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$171,400.00 for a 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. 291
Alternate method contract for the Opt for Help and Hope Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with AtlantiCare/John Brooks Recovery Center for the Opt for Help and Hope Program for an amount not to exceed \$299,999.70 for the term commencing May 6, 2024 and terminating February 28, 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. 292
Alternate method contract for the Operation Helping Hands Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with AtlantiCare/John Brooks Recovery Center for the Operation Helping Hands Program for an amount not to exceed \$77,890.25 for the term commencing May 1, 2024 and terminating August 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. 293
Interlocal agreement to provide construction management services for the Stillwater roof replacement project

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide construction management services for the Stillwater roof replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 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. 294
Interlocal agreement with the City of Absecon for the resurfacing of New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) from New Road to Michigan Avenue

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal agreement with the City of Absecon for the resurfacing of New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) from New Road to Michigan Avenue for amount not to exceed \$105,500.00 for the term commencing June 4, 2024 and terminating June 4, 2026.

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. 295 TO 298

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 295 to 298.

RESOLUTION NO. 295
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$90,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, State Community Partnership – Program Management 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 296
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$151,144.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Family Court 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 297
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$128,856.00 from the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 298
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$413,692.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, State Community Partnership – Program Services 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. 299 AND 300

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 299 and 300.

RESOLUTION NO. 299
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Police Training Advisory Board

Reappointment of Chief Kevin Friel, Chief Gregory K. Ciambrone, Chief Steve Cunningham, Chief Robert Somers and Chief Fred Spano to the Atlantic County Police Training Advisory Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 300
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board

Reappointment of James Timothy Drew, Dan Brown and Max Slusher to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:19 p.m.

Chris Mozitis, club advisor to the Support the Troops Club at Mainland Regional High School introduced the two students and their project.

Emmett Lee presented the veterans' license plate project to recognize veterans' sacrifice and commitment to our state and country.

Mark Marrone presented the plate designs and asked for the Commissioners to support their project.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:29 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 301
Resolution authorizing a closed session requested by County Counsel regarding pending or anticipated litigation and/or contract negotiation in which the County is, or may become a party, requiring confidential communications**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a closed session requested by County Counsel regarding pending or anticipated litigation and/or contract negotiation in which the County is, or may become a party, requiring confidential communications.

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 RESUME THE MEETING

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to resume the meeting.

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 May 22, 2024 through June 4, 2024.

Commissioner Parker received a thank you note from a Friends of Education awardee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Risley reported the Public Health and Environment Committee met and prepared a draft resolution regarding the offshore wind projects. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bertino received information on behalf of the Solid Waste Oversight Committee regarding the lawsuit filed with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. ACUA President Matt DeNafo provided a brief overview.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Risley is in favor of the Board moving to a consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 6:10 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 6:10 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Gatto was proud to highlight Atlantic County as a great place to visit in a recent news story regarding the Kelce family.

Commissioner Balles announced the unveiling ceremony of a WWII veterans' monument on Thursday in Atlantic City.

Commissioner Dase acknowledged the 35th Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protest in China.

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 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board