

# 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 18, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

### PRAYER, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

### ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino (via Teams arrived at 4:07 p.m.), Byrnes, Gatto (via Teams arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey and Dase.

A quorum was present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING June 4, 2024

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the June 4, 2024 minutes.

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

### 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) 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

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Guaranty Ordinance No. 1-2024, a 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: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey and Dase.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7**

**FIRST READING**

**An ordinance of the County of Atlantic amending provisions of Ordinance No. 6-2023, adopted on July 18, 2023, which added additional defined terms in Section 2 and added Section 6 “Hospital Closure” to address the Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital closure**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 7-2024, an ordinance of the County of Atlantic amending provisions of Ordinance No. 6-2023, adopted on July 18, 2023, which added additional defined terms in Section 2 and added Section 6 “Hospital Closure” to address the Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital closure.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 302**

**Subaward for a Community-Based Violence Interruption Program**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance of a subaward from Wellbeing and Equity Innovations funded by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General for a Community-Based Violence Interruption Program in the amount not to exceed \$128,520.00.

Prosecutor Reynolds provided an update on the Community-Based Violence Interruption Program.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 303**

**Grant application and acceptance for the Right to Know grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Right to Know grant in the amount not to exceed \$10,544.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.  
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 304**

**Amending Resolution No. 528 (10-4-22), a funds exchange program cost reimbursement agreement for FY’22 Transportation Trust Fund funding for the construction costs associated with Tilton Road, Section 7, resurfacing project in Hamilton and Galloway Townships**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 528 adopted on October 4, 2022, a funds exchange program cost reimbursement agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY’22 Transportation Trust Fund funding for the construction costs associated with Tilton Road, Section 7, resurfacing project in Hamilton and Galloway Townships for net increase in the amount of \$108,772.17 and a total program amount not to exceed \$2,265,013.57 for the term commencing on August 31, 2022 and terminating August 31, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 305**

**Grant application and acceptance for the continued operation of the Atlantic County Family Success Centers**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 351 adopted on July 11, 2023, a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the continued operation of the Atlantic County Family Success Centers in the amount not to exceed \$989,278.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.  
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 306**  
**Grant application and acceptance**  
**for the Universal Service Fund**  
**CWA Administration Program**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Universal Service Fund CWA Administration Program for the amount not to exceed \$11,207.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 307**  
**Amending Resolution No. 326 (6-**  
**20-23), a professional services**  
**agreement for material testing**  
**services to extend the term date**  
**only**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 326 adopted on June 20, 2023, a professional services agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. for material testing services to extend the term date until July 31, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 308**  
**Bid contract to provide the roof**  
**replacement at the Stillwater**  
**Building**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Grayson Contracting Company, Inc. to provide the roof replacement at the Stillwater Building for an amount not to exceed \$778,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating June 20, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 309**  
**Bid contract to provide a proposed**  
**transformer replacement at the**  
**Atlantic County Justice Facility**  
**and the Atlantic County Civil**  
**Courthouse**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Electri-Tech, Inc. to provide a proposed transformer replacement at the Atlantic County Justice Facility and the Atlantic County Civil Courthouse for an amount not to exceed \$255,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating July 20, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 310**  
**Bid contract for the provision of**  
**roof and sheet metal maintenance**  
**and repair services**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Thomas Company, Inc. for the provision of roof and sheet metal maintenance and repair services for an amount not to exceed \$158,135.00 for the period commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating May 31, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 311**  
**Bid contract for the provision of**  
**painting and pressure washing**  
**services at various County locations**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Cirignano Contracting, Inc. for the provision of painting and pressure washing services at various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$200,800.00 for the period commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating May 31, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 312**  
**Change order contract for the Phase III light fixture replacement at Inmate Cell Pods A, B, and C at the Atlantic County Justice Facility, Main Jail**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Electri-Tech, Inc. for the Phase III light fixture replacement at Inmate Cell Pods A, B, and C at the Atlantic County Justice Facility, Main Jail to extend the termination date until December 31, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 313**  
**Change order contract for replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge (PR-07) to extend the term date**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 3, a contract with South State, Inc. for replacement of Nacote Creek Bridge (PR-07) for a net increase of \$228,882.13 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$12,655,915.53 to extend the term date until June 28, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 314**  
**Amending Resolution No. 106 (3-5-24), a lease to reduce the total parking spaces located at the New York Avenue parking garage**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 106 adopted on March 5, 2024, a lease agreement with Jemal's Atlantic City, LLC and management company Joyce Parking, LLC to reduce the total parking spaces located at the New York Avenue parking garage for a net decrease of \$61,745.48 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$152,779.36 for the term commencing April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 315**  
**Amending the 2017 through 2023 Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant/HOME Investment Partnership Program in order to make available unused CDBG/HOME funds**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant/HOME Investment Partnership Program in order to make available unused CDBG/HOME funds.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 316**  
**Alternate method contract to provide software assurance and support for the DocuWare Imaging propriety software**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Initium Softworks, LLC d/b/a MTS Software Solutions, Inc. to provide software assurance and support for the DocuWare Imaging propriety software for an amount not to exceed \$37,602.56 for the one-year period commencing June 26, 2024 and terminating June 25, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 317**  
**Alternate method contract for use of their Bluecloud mobile application by the Atlantic County Library System**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with SirsiDynix for use of their Bluecloud mobile application by the Atlantic County Library System for an amount not to exceed \$8,388.76 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.  
NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 318**  
**EUS contract to obtain flood insurance for various County owned real and personal property**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to obtain flood insurance for various County owned real and personal property for an amount not to exceed \$20,767.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating July 1, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 319**  
**Renewal interlocal services agreement for the operation of the Community Library at Buena Regional High School**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal interlocal services agreement with the Board of Education of the Buena Regional School District for the operation of the Community Library at Buena Regional High School for an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 320 TO 321**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 320 to 321.

**RESOLUTION NO. 320**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$166,581.61 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities FY24.

**RESOLUTION NO. 321**  
**Chapter 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$66,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Office of Information Technology, Public Safety Answering Point (PASP) Upgrades and Consolidation 23-24.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 322**  
**Resolution urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication (Sponsor: Maureen Kern)**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution urging state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a newspaper's website or digital publication (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 323**  
**Resolution in support of Mainland Regional High School's Support the Troops Club (Sponsor: Maureen Kern)**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a resolution in support of Mainland Regional High School's Support the Troops Club (Sponsor: Maureen Kern).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 324**  
**Resolution recognizing James F. Ferguson upon his retirement**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a resolution recognizing James F. Ferguson upon his retirement.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from June 5, 2024 through June 18, 2024.

Commissioner Balles has received complaints about many serious crashes near the bike path intersections at West Jersey Avenue, Reega Avenue and Cates Road in Egg Harbor and Hamilton Townships. County Administrator DelRosso responded. Commissioner Risley requested data on the crashes.

Chairwoman Kern read a thank you letter from the Mayor of Port Republic to the County roads department.

Commissioner Parker highlighted the upcoming project at McKee City Betterment Park in Egg Harbor Township.

Commissioner Balles requested a resolution in support of a New Jersey Transit bus stop in front of the new veterans clinic in Northfield.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Parker and Commissioner Bertino attended a Hamilton Township Committee meeting and learned more about the reconstruction of the trestle bridge project that will eventually connect the bike path from Philadelphia to the shore.

Commissioner Parker wished a Happy Juneteenth, a celebration will be held at Gaskill Park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:06 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:06 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Balles was delighted to see construction started on the flashing beacon light projects.

Chairwoman Kern advised to take care of the vulnerable this week due to the heat warning.

Commissioner Byrnes reminded to watch for pedestrians because school is out of session.

Commissioner Parker congratulated all the recent graduates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena  
Clerk of the Board