

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 July 2, 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 Balles offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING June 18, 2024

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the June 18, 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.

GUARANTY ORDINANCE NO. 1 FINAL 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 Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:05 p.m. There being no public 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey and Dase.

ORDINANCE NO. 7
FINAL 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 Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final 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.

Chairwoman Kern opened the public hearing for comments at 4:06 p.m. There being no public 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coursey and Dase.

RESOLUTION NO. 325
Grant application and acceptance for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) grant for an amount not to exceed \$255,428.00 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. 326
Grant application and acceptance for the Clean Communities Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Clean Communities Program for an amount not to exceed \$166,581.61 for the term commencing January 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. 327
Grant application and acceptance for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents’ Transportation Assistance Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents’ Transportation Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,221,655.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and terminating December 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. 328
Resolution to execute and file a spending plan for the 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion to execute and file a spending plan for the 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement Program with the Department of Environmental Protection for an amount not to exceed \$251,100.00.

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. 329
Grant application and acceptance for the LIHEAP CWA Administration Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the LIHEAP CWA Administration Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,810.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 330
Grant application and acceptance
through the Human Services
Advisory Council Continuation
grant

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families through the Human Services Advisory Council Continuation grant for a funded amount of \$65,095.00, for a County in-kind match of \$7,026.35 for a total program amount not to exceed \$72,121.35 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. 331
Grant application and acceptance
for the Sexual Assault Response
Team/ Forensic Nurse Examiner
Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the Sexual Assault Response Team/ Forensic Nurse Examiner Program for a funded amount of \$195,202.00, with a County in-kind amount of \$48,801.00 and for a total program amount not to exceed \$244,003.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 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. 332
Grant application and acceptance
for the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act - Youth Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,474,296.00 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. 333
Grant application and acceptance
for the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act - Adult and
Dislocated Worker Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act - Adult and Dislocated Worker Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,106,144.00 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. 334
Grant application and acceptance
for the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act Data Reporting
and Analysis Allocation Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Data Reporting and Analysis Allocation Program in an amount not to exceed \$12,971.00 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. 335
Grant application and acceptance
for the PY 2024 WorkFirst New
Jersey Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2024 WorkFirst New Jersey Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,644,184.00 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. 336
Professional services agreement to
establish a pool of medical
providers for the provision of
medical services to inmates at the
Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various vendors to establish a pool of medical providers for the provision of medical services to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 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. 337
Professional services agreement for
the provision of material testing
services for various dam and
transportation infrastructure
related projects

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. for the provision of material testing services for various dam and transportation infrastructure related projects in an amount not to exceed \$284,723.00 for a one-year period commencing June 1, 2024 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. 338
Renewal competitive contract for
an Out-of-School Youth Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Ideal Institute of Technology for an Out-of-School Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 339
Renewal competitive contracts for
the provision of a Workforce
Innovation and Opportunity Act
In-School Youth Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with various providers for the provision of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act In-School Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$348,745.00 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. 340
Competitive contract for the
provision of a WorkFirst New
Jersey To-Work Activities
Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with DB Grant Associates, Inc. for the provision of a WorkFirst New Jersey To-Work Activities Program in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 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. 341
Bid contract to provide window maintenance, repair and new installation at various County locations

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Jersey Architectural Door and Supply, Inc. to provide window maintenance, repair and new installation at various County locations in an amount not to exceed \$431,625.00 for the two-year period commencing July 1, 2024 through 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. 342
Bid contract to furnish, deliver and install a commercial electric dishwasher at the Central Kitchen

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Thomas United, Inc. to furnish, deliver and install a commercial electric dishwasher at the Central Kitchen in an amount not to exceed \$197,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating May 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. 343
Bid contract for the replacement of the Eighth Street Bridge (BV-02) over Pennypot Stream in Folsom

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the replacement of the Eighth Street Bridge (BV-02) over Pennypot Stream in Folsom in an amount not to exceed \$1,915,498.45 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating on June 5, 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. 344
Bid contract for the replacement of the Weymouth Road (CR 559) Bridge (HML-18) over Sculls Run and Bridge (HML-19) over Little Mill Stream

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Richard E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc. for the replacement of the Weymouth Road (CR 559) Bridge (HML-18) over Sculls Run and Bridge (HML-19) over Little Mill Stream in an amount not to exceed \$4,313,806.79 for the term commencing from notice of award until June 5, 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. 345
Renewal bid for the provision of miscellaneous office supplies

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with W. B. Mason for the provision of miscellaneous office supplies for a total amount not to exceed \$204,127.80 through 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 346
Bid contract for the reconstruction of the Estell Manor Salt Barn

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Dutchman Contracting, LLC for the reconstruction of the Estell Manor Salt Barn in the amount not to exceed \$299,602.00 for the term commencing from notice of award until 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. 347
Agreement with Children’s
Specialized Hospital for the
provision of special child health
services in Atlantic County

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with Children’s Specialized Hospital for the provision of special child health services in Atlantic County in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 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. 348
Alternate method contract for the
County Option Hospital Fee
Program

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Eyman Associates, P.C. for the County Option Hospital Fee Program in an amount not to exceed \$133,000.00 for the term commencing on 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. 349
Shared services agreement for the
housing of Atlantic County
juveniles at the Bergen County
Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion approving a shared services agreement with Bergen County for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center.

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. 350
Sourcewell National Cooperative
contract with National Auto Fleet
Group for the purchase of two (2)
Ford Transit Cargo Vans

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing participation in the Sourcewell National Cooperative contract with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of two (2) Ford Transit Cargo Vans in an amount not to exceed \$110,410.00 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating on December 31, 2024.

Creed Pogue, resident of Estell Manor, explained the purpose of cargo vans for the Board of Elections.

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. 351
Memorandum of agreement for the
provision of Sheriff patrol services

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion approving a memorandum of agreement with the Atlantic County Sheriff’s Office and Stockton University for the provision of Sheriff patrol services in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for the term commencing January 15, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Sheriff O’Donoghue provided an explanation of the agreement with Stockton University.

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. 352
Interlocal services agreement for
an Adult Basic Education Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for an Adult Basic Education Program in an amount not to exceed \$96,197.00 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. 353
Interlocal services agreement for a Supplemental Learning Lab Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College for a Supplemental Learning Lab Program in an amount not to exceed \$96,638.00 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. 354
Resolution authorizing participation of the County of Atlantic in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan Cross-Acceptance process

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing participation of the County of Atlantic in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan Cross-Acceptance process.

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. 355
Governing body certification of the annual audit

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the governing body certification of the annual audit.

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. 356 AND 357

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 356 and 357.

RESOLUTION NO. 356
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of year 2024 in the sum of \$1,137,504.24 from New Jersey Transit, SCDRTAP 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 357
Chapter 159

Insert into the budget of year 2024 in the sum of \$75,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, LEAP County Coordinator 23-24.

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. 358 TO 362

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 358 to 362.

RESOLUTION NO. 358
Appointment to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Appointment of Georgett Shelton to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 359
Appointment to the Library Advisory Commission

Appointment of Joshua Cervone to the Library Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 360
Appointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board

Appointment of Pamela Cooper, MA, MBA, Ph.D. to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 361
Appointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board

Appointment of Eric C. Berlin, MIS to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 362
Reappointment to the Solid Waste Advisory Council

Reappointment of John Houck to the Solid Waste Advisory Council for a term to expire on January 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 363
Resolution urging NJ Transit to designate a bus stop for use at the new veterans clinic (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and Andrew W. Parker III)

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion urging NJ Transit to designate a bus stop for use at the new veterans clinic (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and Andrew W. Parker III).

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 June 19, 2024 through July 2, 2024.

Commissioner Balles stated some of the new flashing beacons are blocked by tree limbs.

Commissioner Parker questioned the letter received from Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind regarding a public hearing. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to request information from the NJ DEP on a public hearing regarding offshore wind permits.

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

Commissioner Parker received calls regarding the potential schedule changes for County employees. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Commissioner Parker reported that there is no funding source for the counties for the new Code Red legislation. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Commissioner Byrnes stated the bill is being amended because it will affect many inside and outside workers across our County. Commissioner Bertino responded.

Commissioner Balles requested a resolution in support of NJAC opposing the bill.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Gatto reported Roads and Bridges Committee hosted a stakeholder meeting to align redevelopment work in the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the Wharton State Forest Vehicle Use map. Commissioner Bertino responded.

Commissioner Balles also asked for an update on the bridge projects in Egg Harbor Township. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Gatto inquired about the Lake Lenape Dam Committee meeting again. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:39 p.m.

Eric Berlin, resident of Egg Harbor Township and recently appointed to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board, stated if the Board had any questions, please reach out.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:41 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Gatto recognized a boy scout in the audience attending the meeting for his communication merit badge.

Commissioner Risley thanked the Board and office staff for dinner sent to his home.

Chairwoman Kern recognized National Blueberry Month and wished a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Bertino announced it is a very short blueberry season this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board