

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting
July 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Kern at 4:00 p.m., Standard Time, on the above-mentioned date, via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting to address a specific urgent matter was not provided, because it could not be provided in enough time due to short notice of a State LEAP Fund Grant for the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County and the grant needs to be accepted by the County Executive on or before July 11.

The Board of Commissioners provided notice and otherwise attempted to notify the public about this meeting on July 9, 2024 in the following manner: posted online with The Press of Atlantic City, radio outlets were notified, posted on the bulletin boards at the County Office Building in Atlantic City, the Stillwater Building in Northfield, and the Clerk's Office in Mays Landing, posted on the County website and the Board of Commissioners webpage, and on County social media platforms; and on July 10, 2024, a hard copy of the meeting notice was published in the Hammonton Gazette.

PRAYER, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MEETING WITHOUT ADEQUATE NOTICE

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion for the Commissioners to vote to authorize this meeting without adequate notice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 381
Emergency resolution authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services to administer LEAP grant funding to offset costs associated with adjudicating State Police summonses originating in municipalities not participating in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to authorize the emergency resolution authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services to administer LEAP grant funding to offset costs associated with adjudicating State Police summonses originating in municipalities not participating in the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Judge Michael Blee provided remarks and explained the grant funding. He thanked all involved in the LEAP grant program.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:13 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:13 p.m.

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 4:14 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board