

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

August 6, 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.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino (via Teams), Byrnes, Dase, Gatto (via Teams), Parker, Risley (via Teams arrived at 4:01 p.m.) and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
July 10, 2024**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 10, 2024 minutes.

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
July 16, 2024**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the July 16, 2024 minutes.

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

**MOTION TO MOVE
RESOLUTION NO. 433 TO THE
TOP OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 433 to the top of the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 433
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice Advisory
Board**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to appoint Iyana James, LSW to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to expire on April 1, 2025.

Judge Mark Sandson provided an update on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the services offered by Jewish Family Service to the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County.

Iyana James spoke regarding recidivism rates at the court.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 395
Grant application and acceptance for FY'25 Section 5311 Grant funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit and the United States Department of Transportation for FY'25 Section 5311 Grant funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act for a funded amount of \$570,844.50, a County cash match in the amount of \$190,281.50 and for a total program amount not to exceed \$761,126.00 for the term 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 and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 396
Grant submission for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a grant submission of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program for a total amount not to exceed \$1,833,235.90.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 397
Professional services agreement for the consulting physician for Communicable Disease and Bioterrorism Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Dr. Christopher Lucasti, D.O. for the consulting physician for Communicable Disease and Bioterrorism Program for an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating August 31, 2025.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 398 TO 401

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 398 to 401.

RESOLUTION NO. 398
Amending Resolution No. 328 (6-20-23), a professional services agreement from the 2021-2022 pool of architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants

Amending Resolution No. 328 adopted on June 20, 2023 a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2021-2022 pool to extend the termination date until August 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

RESOLUTION NO. 399
Amending Resolution No. 401 (8-1-23), a professional services agreement from the 2019-2020 pool of architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants

Amending Resolution No. 401 adopted on August 1, 2023 a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2019-2020 pool to extend the termination date until August 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

RESOLUTION NO. 400
Amending Resolution No. 402 (8-1-23), a professional services agreement from the 2020-2021 pool of architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants

Amending Resolution No. 402 adopted on August 1, 2023 a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2020-2021 pool to extend the termination date until August 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

RESOLUTION NO. 401
Amending Resolution No. 403 (8-1-23), a professional services agreement from the 2022-2023 pool of architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants

Amending Resolution No. 403 adopted on August 1, 2023 a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2022-2023 pool to extend the termination date until August 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 402
Amending Resolution No. 404 (8-1-23), a professional services agreement from the 2023-2024 pool of architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 404 adopted on August 1, 2023 a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2023-2024 pool to extend the termination date until August 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 403
Competitive contract for the provision of a WorkFirst New Jersey To-Work Activities Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City for the provision of a WorkFirst New Jersey To-Work Activities Program for 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 and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 404
Amending Resolution No. 108 (3-7-23), a competitive contract for the provision of physical, occupational and speech therapy services to residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 108 adopted on March 7, 2023 a competitive contract with Rehab Professional Services, Inc. for the provision of physical, occupational and speech therapy services to residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a net increase of \$24,027.99 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$514,027.99 for the term commencing April 1, 2023 and terminating on March 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 405
Amending Resolution No. 643 (11-23-21), an addendum to the license and concession agreement concerning the operation of food and catered event facilities located at the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course and Lake Lenape East to offer vendor credits

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 643 adopted November 23, 2021, an addendum to the license and concession agreement with McFadden Catering, Inc. concerning the operation of food and catered event facilities located at the John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course and Lake Lenape East to offer vendor credits in an amount not to exceed \$16,608.05.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 406
Bid contract to provide welding maintenance and repair

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Thomas Company, Inc. to provide welding maintenance and repair for the total sum not to exceed \$194,965.00 for the period commencing August 1, 2024 and terminating July 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 407
Bid contract to provide maintenance and repairs on the kitchen equipment for Atlantic County

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Marlee Contractors, LLC to provide maintenance and repairs on the kitchen equipment for Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the period commencing from August 1, 2024 and terminating July 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 408
Bid contract for HVAC Central Plant upgrades at the main jail building and jail annex

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC Central Plant upgrades at the main jail building and jail annex for the total sum not to exceed \$2,321,600.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating on December 1, 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. 409
Bid contract for HVAC upgrades at the 2B-Civil Courthouse in Atlantic City

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC upgrades at the 2B-Civil Courthouse in Atlantic City for a total sum not to exceed \$1,678,600.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating on 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. 410
Bid contract for HVAC Central Plant upgrades at the 2A-Civil Courthouse in Atlantic City

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC Central Plant upgrades at the 2A-Civil Courthouse in Atlantic City for the total sum not to exceed \$3,383,600.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating on 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. 411
Bid contract to furnish and deliver custodial supplies for the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with various vendors to furnish and deliver custodial supplies for the Atlantic County Cooperative for the total sum not to exceed \$408,170.66 for the term commencing upon notice of award 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. 412
Bid contract for the resurfacing of Aloe Street in the Township of Galloway

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Aloe Street in the Township of Galloway for the total sum not to exceed \$1,197,700.00 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: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 413
Change order contract for the signalization of several locations in Atlantic City, Ventnor City, Margate City and Longport Borough

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 6 and final, a contract with L. Feriozzi Concrete Company for the signalization of several locations in Atlantic City, Ventnor City, Margate City and Longport Borough for a net increase of \$162,770.61 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$11,694,504.08 to extend the term date until 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. 414
Amending Resolution No. 54 (2-6-24), a contract for additional repairs to the Dorset Avenue Bridge in the City of Ventnor

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 54 adopted on February 6, 2024 a contract with South State, Inc. for additional repairs to the Dorset Avenue Bridge in the City of Ventnor for a net increase of \$25,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$356,750.00.

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. 415
Change order contract for the replacement of Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) in Egg Harbor Township

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with South State, Inc. for the replacement of Lakes Creek Bridge (EH-29) in Egg Harbor Township for a net increase of \$57,656.19 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$7,957,699.19.

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. 416
Public donor agreement to provide in-kind contribution of services for shelter and counseling services

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a public donor agreement with Atlantic County Women's Center d/b/a Avanzar to provide in-kind contribution of services for shelter and counseling services for an amount not to exceed \$69,058.76 for a term commencing July 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. 417
Alternate method contract for the provision of an Overdose Fatality Review Team

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Atlantic Prevention Resources for the provision of an Overdose Fatality Review Team 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. 418
Memorandum of understanding for
a Chief Elected Official

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing memorandum of understanding with Atlantic County officials and the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a Chief Elected Official for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 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. 419
Emergency contract for the
emergency reconstruction of
Bridge M-39 at Columbia Road
over Hammonton Creek in Mullica
Township

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Walters Marine Construction, Inc. for the emergency reconstruction of Bridge M-39 at Columbia Road over Hammonton Creek in Mullica Township for an amount not to exceed \$356,312.00 for the term commencing from notice of award 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. 420
Interagency Services Agreement
for the construction of a new dam
spillway and related improvements
at Lake Lenape

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an Interagency Services Agreement with the Township of Hamilton to reestablish a Dam Advisory Committee for the construction of a new dam spillway and related improvements at Lake Lenape.

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. 421
Agreement for the provision of
FaxScan kiosks at various library
branches

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with Televend Services, Inc. for the provision of FaxScan kiosks at various library branches for the term commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating May 31, 2025, revenue generating.

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. 422
Shared services agreement for
security services within the Folsom
School District

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion approving a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office and the Folsom School Board of Education for security services within the Folsom School District for a term commencing July 1, 2024 through and including June 30, 2025, revenue generating.

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. 423
TO 432

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles second a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 423 to 432.

RESOLUTION NO. 423
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$44,208.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, PASP 24-25.

RESOLUTION NO. 424 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$113,600.00 from the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program 24-25.
RESOLUTION NO. 425 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$890,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, TANF Innovation Funding 24-25.
RESOLUTION NO. 426 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$42,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, SHIP 24-25.
RESOLUTION NO. 427 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$128,520.00 from the Wellbeing & Equity Innovations, Community Based Violence Interruption Program 2024.
RESOLUTION NO. 428 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$17,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Transportation 24-25.
RESOLUTION NO. 429 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$177,000.00 from the State of Pennsylvania, Office of the Attorney General, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program 2024.
RESOLUTION NO. 430 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$50,000.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Continuum of Care FY 24.
RESOLUTION NO. 431 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$120,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Innovations Funding 2024.
RESOLUTION NO. 432 CHAPTER 159	Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$81,144.00 from the New Jersey Transit, 2022 Section 5310 2020-2025.
	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. 434 AND 435	Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 434 and 435.
RESOLUTION NO. 434 Appointment to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women	Appointment of Samera Bishop, Cassandra S. Boston-Taliaferro and Evelyn M. Perez to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 2027.
RESOLUTION NO. 435 Reappointment to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission	Reappointment of Dan Crum to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for a term to expire on July 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. 436 Roadway solicitation event in the City of Northfield	Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Northfield Volunteer Fire Company at the intersection of Tilton Road (CR 563), Shore Road (CR 585) and Mill Road (CR 662) in the City of Northfield on Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm.

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 July 17, 2024 through August 6, 2024.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Parker provided an update on HVAC and other projects at the Atlantic County libraries.

Commissioner Gatto stated the Mays Landing Library will only be open for the early voting location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Administrator DelRosso spoke about the proposed transition of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center into a veterans home.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:56 p.m.

Marlene Watts, resident of Egg Harbor Township, would like to start a program to keep mothers and children together at sober living facilities.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:05 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairwoman Kern wished a Happy National Night Out and thanked all first responders.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board