

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 20, 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 Gatto offered the prayer followed by the flag salute led by Chairwoman Kern.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Byrnes (via Teams), Coursey (via Teams arrived at 4:10 p.m.), Dase, Gatto, Parker (via Teams), Risley and Kern. ABSENT: None.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING August 6, 2024

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the August 6, 2024 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

State Development and Redevelopment Plan by Donna Rendeiro, Executive Director State Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 437 Amending Resolution No. 122 (3-26-24), a professional services agreement to reallocate funds for alcohol and drug prevention education and treatment services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 122 adopted on March 26, 2024 a professional services agreement with various contractors to reallocate funds for alcohol and drug prevention education and treatment services at no additional cost.

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. 438 Amending Resolution No. 95 (3-5-24), a professional services agreement to increase the amount of temporary nursing services to Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Division of Public Health

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 95 adopted on March 5, 2024 a professional services agreement with various vendors to increase the amount of temporary nursing services to Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Division of Public Health for a net increase of \$625,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,625,000.00 for the term commencing February 1, 2024 and terminating January 31, 2025.

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. 439
Competitive contract for the provision of court security at the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for the provision of court security at the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$502,000.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating August 31, 2025.

Sheriff O'Donoghue provided remarks about the security contract.

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. 440
Bid contract for roadway improvements at English Creek Avenue (CR 575) in Egg Harbor Township

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for roadway improvements at English Creek Avenue (CR 575) in Egg Harbor Township for the total sum not to exceed \$1,397,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating July 25, 2025.

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. 441
Bid contract for the resurfacing of Egg Harbor Road (CR 561) and (CR 602) in Hammonton

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Egg Harbor Road (CR 561) and (CR 602) in Hammonton for the total sum not to exceed \$1,548,800.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating July 25, 2025.

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. 442
Renewal bid contract for supplemental plumbing maintenance and repairs

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Northeast Plumbing Services, LLC for supplemental plumbing maintenance and repairs for the total sum not to exceed \$336,000.00 for the term commencing June 1, 2024 and terminating May 31, 2025.

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. 443
Change order contract for preventative maintenance for Atlantic County vehicles

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Providence Auto Group, LLC for preventative maintenance for Atlantic County vehicles for a net increase of \$6,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$47,000.00.

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. 444
Amending Resolution No. 480 (9-5-23), a lease agreement for warehouse space to be utilized by the Atlantic County Division of Facilities

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 480 adopted on September 5, 2023 a lease agreement with S&T Realty, LLC for warehouse space to be utilized by the Atlantic County Division of Facilities for a total amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the term commencing August 15, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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. 445
Amending Resolution No. 599 (11-14-23), an alternate method contract to provide proprietary billing and electronic medical record software at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 599 adopted on November 14, 2023, an alternate method contract with PointClickCare Technologies, Inc. to provide proprietary billing and electronic medical record software at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a net increase of \$5,041.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$76,025.08 for the term commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating August 31, 2024.

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. 446
National County Purchasing Alliance agreement for the purchase of lumber supplies

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a National County Purchasing Alliance agreement with 84 Lumber Company for the purchase of lumber supplies in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 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, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 447
Alternate method contract for the provision of election tabulation

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the provision of election tabulation for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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. 448
Amending Resolution No. 46 (1-21-20), an EUS contract to provide cable television to the residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 46 adopted on January 21, 2020, an EUS contract with Allbridge, LLC to provide cable television to the residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a net increase of \$7,500.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$112,500.00 for the term commencing February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2025.

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. 449
Contract for the provision of hospice services at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a contract with various providers for the provision of hospice services at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at no cost.

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. 450
Bid contract for the resurfacing of
Brigantine Avenue, Sections 2B
and 2C in the City of Brigantine**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with L. Feriozzi Company for the resurfacing of Brigantine Avenue, Sections 2B and 2C in the City of Brigantine for the total sum not to exceed \$1,742,177.19 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating July 31, 2025.

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. 451
CHAPTER 159**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$706,317.34 from the BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement Account 2022.

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. 452
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce Development
Board**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to appoint Kimberly Perez to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

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. 453
Roadway solicitation event in Egg
Harbor Township**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Egg Harbor Township High School Baseball Booster Club at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in Egg Harbor Township on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from August 7, 2024 through August 20, 2024.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

There were no reports of special committees of the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Parker commented on concerns received from officers at the jail.

Commissioner Coursey requested a resolution in support of improving safety on the Route 322 corridor in West Atlantic City.

Commissioner Risley attended the ACUA mid-year review meeting and the offshore wind meeting held by Congressman VanDrew and Brigantine Mayor Sera. He also presented the 4H Youth awards at the annual fair.

Commissioner Balles requested the location of the Family and Community Development mailbox and the Board of Elections mailbox be in two separate locations to reduce confusion.

Commissioner Coursey received a call regarding the damaged election ballot box in front of the County Office Building in Atlantic City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:22 p.m.

Nick Proccacini, President of Corrections union, stated the jail is experiencing employment issues.

There being no further public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:26p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

County Administrator DelRosso requested a resolution in support of creating a VA home at Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A lengthy discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board