

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

September 3, 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, Byrnes, Coursey (via Teams), Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. **ABSENT:** Bertino.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING August 20, 2024

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the August 20, 2024 minutes.

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

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Jay Steinmetz as Division Director of Roads and Bridges, effective September 3, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 472* Appointment of Division Director of Roads and Bridges

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Jay Steinmetz as Division Director of Roads and Bridges, effective September 3, 2024.

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

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Corey Richey as Division Director of Intergenerational Services, effective September 3, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 473* Appointment of Division Director of Intergenerational Services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Corey Richey as Division Director of Intergenerational Services, effective September 3, 2024.

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

***Not in numerical order**

INTERVIEW

Appointment of N. Lynne Hughes as County Counsel of the Law Department, effective September 3, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 474*
Appointment of County Counsel of
the Law Department**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of N. Lynne Hughes as County Counsel of the Law Department, effective September 3, 2024.

James Ferguson, retired County Counsel, provided remarks in favor of the appointment.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 454
Grant application and acceptance
for the SFY 2025 Operation
Helping Hand Grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the SFY 2025 Operation Helping Hand Grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 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, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bertino and Coursey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 455
Professional services agreement for
the 2024-2025 pool**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants for the 2024-2025 pool in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 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, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bertino and Coursey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 456
Amending Resolution No. 336 (6-
21-22), a competitive contract for
the provision of comprehensive
software maintenance for all
licensing and web hosting services
for the Atlantic County Clerk's
Land Document Recording System
and Database**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 336 adopted on June 21, 2022 a competitive contract with NewVision Systems Corporation for the provision of comprehensive software maintenance for all licensing and web hosting services for the Atlantic County Clerk's Land Document Recording System and Database with a net increase of \$46,937.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$595,942.00 and to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 457
Competitive contract for a TANF
Innovations Therapeutic Job
Readiness Program**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services of Atlantic County for a TANF Innovations Therapeutic Job Readiness Program for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the period commencing from notice of award through June 30, 2025.

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

***Not in numerical order**

RESOLUTION NO. 458
Renewal competitive contract for the operation of a Family Success Center in Hammonton

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the operation of a Family Success Center in Hammonton for an amount not to exceed \$312,450.00 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, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bertino and Coursey.

RESOLUTION NO. 459
Renewal competitive contract with Center for Family Services for the operation of a Family Success Center

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Center for Family Services for the operation of a Family Success Center for an amount not to exceed \$599,326.00 for the one year term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating on June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 460
Renewal bid contract to provide emergency signal repairs at various County locations

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Delta Line Construction Company to provide emergency signal repairs at various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$101,000.00 for the term commencing August 1, 2024 and terminating July 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 461
Bid contract for the resurfacing of Wrangleboro Road, Section 3 (CR 575) in Hamilton Township

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for the resurfacing of Wrangleboro Road, Section 3 (CR 575) in Hamilton Township for an amount not to exceed \$1,358,700.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating February 28, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 462
Change order contract for security services at various County buildings

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Security Guard, Inc. t/a Tri-County Security for security services at various County buildings to extend the termination date to October 31, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 463
Acceptance of Deeds/Easements in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an acceptance of Deeds/Easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 464
Acceptance of Deeds/Easements in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an acceptance of Deeds/Easements from various grantors in accordance with Atlantic County Planning Standards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 465

WITHDRAWN (8/29/24): Alternate method contract with AtlantiCare/John Brooks Recovery Center for the Operation Helping Hands Program for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 466
Intergovernmental services
agreement for the provision of
support services

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the New Jersey Judiciary Office of the Courts for the provision of support services for the term commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025, revenue generating.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 467
Shared services agreement for the
housing of Atlantic County
juveniles at the Camden County
Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with Camden County for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Camden County Juvenile Detention Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 468
Amending Resolution No. 371 (7-
16-24), a lease agreement to correct
the term date only

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 371 adopted on July 16, 2024 a lease agreement with B&B Parking, d/b/a Park Place Parking to reflect the correct term date as being July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 469
CHAPTER 159

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, FY 24 LEAP Atlantic County Central Municipal Court.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 470
AND 471

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 470 and 471.

RESOLUTION NO. 470
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce Development
Board

Appointment of Michael A. Palladino, Ph.D. to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 471
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory Board

Appointment of Jose M. Diaz to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 472
Appointment of Division Director of
Roads and Bridges

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Jay Steinmetz as Division Director of Roads and Bridges, effective September 3, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 473
Appointment of Division Director of
Intergenerational Services

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Corey Richey as Division Director of Intergenerational Services, effective September 3, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 474
Appointment of County Counsel of
the Law Department

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of N. Lynne Hughes as County Counsel of the Law Department, effective September 3, 2024.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 475
AND 476

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 475 and 476.

RESOLUTION NO. 475
Roadway solicitation event in the
Township of Egg Harbor

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Egg Harbor Township High School Lady Eagles Soccer Booster Club at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, October 5, 2024 and Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 476
Roadway solicitation event in the
Township of Egg Harbor

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 at the intersection of English Creek Avenue (CR 575) and West Jersey Avenue in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, November 16, 2024 and Sunday, November 17, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 477
Resolution supporting
Meadowview Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center being used as
a State-operated VA Memorial
Home (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles
and June Byrnes)

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a resolution supporting Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center being used as a State-operated VA Memorial Home (Sponsors: Frank X. Balles and June Byrnes).

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call: AYES: Balles, 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 21, 2024 through September 3, 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

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 4:44 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 4:44 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Dase recognized September as National Suicide Awareness month and September 11th. Oceanville Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating their 100th Anniversary and reminded to travel carefully since school is back in session.

Chairwoman Kern announced the Good Old Days Festival is being held this weekend in Somers Point.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board