

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 17, 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 (via Teams), Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Coursey.

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
September 3, 2024**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the September 3, 2024 minutes.

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

**MOTION TO MOVE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 506 AT THE
TOP OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to move and adopt Resolution No. 506 at the top of the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 506*
Resolution recognizing September
as Childhood Cancer Awareness
Month (Sponsor: Amy L. Gatto).**

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Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend the resolution to recognize Shannon Hartey.

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

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

PRESENTATION

Atlantic County Utilities Authority update by Matthew DeNafo, President.

***Not in numerical order**

**MOTION TO MOVE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 503 AT THE
TOP OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to move and adopt Resolution No. 503 at the top of the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 503*
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice Advisory
Board**

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Erin Lichtenwalner, Ed.S to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 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. 478
Grant application and acceptance
for the State Community
Partnership and Family Court
grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the State Community Partnership and Family Court grant in an amount not to exceed \$654,836.00 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. 479
Grant application and acceptance
for the Atlantic County Youth
Services Commission/Home
Electronic Detention System
(HEDS) Case Management
Program**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission/Home Electronic Detention System (HEDS) Case Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for a one-year period from January 1, 2025 through 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. 480
Grant application and acceptance
for the Medication Assisted
Treatment grant**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Medication Assisted Treatment grant in an amount not to exceed \$603,984.00 for the term commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating 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. 481
Grant application and acceptance
for the Help America Vote Act
(HAVA) 2024 Physical Security
Remediation grant**

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 2024 Physical Security Remediation grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,950.00.

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. 482
Amending Resolution No. 175 (4-
16-24), a grant to correct the total
amount for the 2022 Section 5310
grant**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 175 adopted on April 16, 2024, a grant from the New Jersey Transit Corporation through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act and American Rescue Plan Act to correct the total amount for the 2022 Section 5310 grant funding for a net decrease of \$2.00 and for a total amendatory amount of \$81,142.00.

*Not in numerical order

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. 483
Grant application and acceptance to allow the Atlantic County Transportation Unit to continue to provide the 54/40 Community Shuttle in the western part of Atlantic County and the English Creek-Tilton Road Community Shuttle known as the Cross County Connector

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey through the Local Transportation Project to allow the Atlantic County Transportation Unit to continue to provide the 54/40 Community Shuttle in the western part of Atlantic County and the English Creek-Tilton Road Community Shuttle known as the Cross County Connector in the amount of \$450,000.00 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, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 484
Amending Resolution No. 509 (9-10-19), a competitive contract for the provision of pharmaceutical services for residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 509 adopted on September 10, 2019, a competitive contract with Partners Pharmacy for the provision of pharmaceutical services for residents of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a net increase of \$33,233.33 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$432,033.33 and to extend the term date for a period commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating October 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. 485
Competitive contract to serve as medical director of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Dr. Christopher J. Lucasti, DO to serve as medical director of Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 for a one-year period commencing August 1, 2024 and terminating July 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. 486
Bid contract for floor mat rental and cleaning services

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Health Mats Company for floor mat rental and cleaning services for a total sum not to exceed \$78,107.00 for a two year period commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating August 31, 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. 487
Bid contract for the Estell Manor Park main entrance pavement improvements

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with South State, Inc. for the Estell Manor Park main entrance pavement improvements for the total sum not to exceed \$709,500.00 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating on 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. 488
Bid contract to furnish and deliver rock salt to participating members of the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Atlantic Salt, Inc. to furnish and deliver rock salt to participating members of the Atlantic County Cooperative for the total sum not to exceed \$609,380.00 for the period commencing from September 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. 489
Bid contract for preventative maintenance on County vehicles

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing bid contract with Providence Auto Group for preventative maintenance on County vehicles for a total sum not to exceed \$37,200.00 for the period commencing November 1, 2024 through October 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. 490
Change order contract for 2022 on-call maintenance resurfacing

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for 2022 on-call maintenance resurfacing for a net increase of \$46,177.94 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$982,577.94.

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. 491
Change order contract for the Lake Lenape Dam Spillway in Hamilton Township to change the type of materials only

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with South State, Inc. for the Lake Lenape Dam Spillway in Hamilton Township to change the type of materials only at no additional cost.

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. 492
Emergency contract for the provision of MDS support services for Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Z. Radar, LLC d/b/a Reimbursement Reimagined for the provision of MDS support services for Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating February 28, 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. 493
EUS contract to purchase a treasurer's bond

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a treasurer's bond for an amount not to exceed \$1,166.00 for the period beginning August 31, 2024 and an expiration date of August 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. 494
Alternate method contract for the
Operation Helping Hands Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with AtlantiCare for the Operation Helping Hands Program for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the term 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, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 495
Acceptance of Deeds/Easements in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Gatto 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, Bertino, Byrnes, Dase, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 496
Amending Resolution No. 225 (5-7-
24), an agreement to support
Workforce Development initiatives
to increase the stipend amount per
participant for qualified candidates

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 225 adopted on May 7, 2024, an agreement with Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE) and the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board to support Workforce Development initiatives to increase the stipend amount per participant for qualified candidates at no additional cost for the term ending December 31, 2026.

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. 497
TO 500

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 497 to 500.

RESOLUTION NO. 497
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of 2024 the sum of \$150,000.00 from the New Jersey Transit, FTA Section 5311 - Innovations Grant 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 498
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of 2024 the sum of \$268,255.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 499
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of 2024 the sum of \$2,265,013.57 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Federal Aid 22 Tilton Road – Section 7.

RESOLUTION NO. 500
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of 2024 the sum of \$3,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Mental Health Administrator CY2024.

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. 501
CHAPTER 159

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to insert into the budget of 2024 the sum of \$1,185,837.50 with a County cash match of \$62,412.50 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Brigantine Promenade Refurbishment 2024-2026.

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. 502
Grant application and acceptance
for the Digital Equity Competitive
Grant Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), United States Department of Commerce for the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program for a funded amount of \$5,078,500.00, with a County cash match in the amount of \$1,531,500.00, and a County in-kind match in the amount of \$645,000.00 for a total program amount not to exceed \$7,255,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2029.

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. 503
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Criminal Justice Advisory
Board

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Erin Lichtenwalner, Ed.S to the Atlantic County Criminal Justice Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 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. 504
Roadway solicitation in the City of
Absecon

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Absecon VFW Post 9462 at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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. 505
Resolution to have the
Commissioner of the New Jersey
Department of Transportation
review accident prone roadways

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a resolution to have the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation review accident prone roadways (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).

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. 506
Resolution recognizing September as
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to authorize a resolution recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (Sponsor: Amy L. Gatto).

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to amend the Resolution to recognize Shannon Hartey.

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

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 ADD
RESOLUTION NO. 507 TO THE
AGENDA**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles second a motion to add Resolution No. 507 to the agenda.

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. 507
ADDED (9-17-24): Resolution to
amend the Board's public meeting
schedule to cancel the meeting on
October 1, 2024**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles second a motion to authorize a resolution to amend the Board's public meeting schedule to cancel the meeting on 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.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from September 4, 2024 through September 17, 2024.

Commissioner Dase reported there is guiderail down on Moss Mill Road between Old Port Rad and Pitney Road. He asked if the project was on the repair schedule and made a priority. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

There were no reports of special committees of the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the bridge replacement project in Egg Harbor Township. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Kern opened the meeting to the public at 5:23 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 5:23 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no comments for the good of the order.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board