

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 October 15, 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 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 (via Teams, unable to voice vote), Gatto (arrived at 4:02 p.m.), Parker, Risley and Kern. ABSENT: Dase.

A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF MEETING September 17, 2024

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the September 17, 2024 minutes.

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

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Wendy Bartlett to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (Resolution No. 542).

RESOLUTION NO. 542* Appointment to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Wendy Bartlett to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2029.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 508 Grant application and acceptance for the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County grant

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Disaster Response Crisis Counseling County grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

*Not in numerical order

**RESOLUTION NO. 509
Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement
Agreement for FY'24 Federal Aid
funding for the construction costs
associated with the resurfacing of
Ohio Avenue in Absecon**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY'24 Federal Aid funding for the construction costs associated with the resurfacing of Ohio Avenue in Absecon in the amount not to exceed \$976,787.42 for the term commencing on the date of agreement and terminating September 3, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 510
Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement
Agreement for FY'24 Federal Aid
funding for the construction costs
associated with the resurfacing of
California Avenue in Absecon,
Pleasantville and Egg Harbor
Township**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for FY'24 Federal Aid funding for the construction costs associated with the resurfacing of California Avenue in Absecon, Pleasantville and Egg Harbor Township in the amount not to exceed \$1,357,442.74 for the term commencing on the date of agreement and terminating September 10, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 511
Grant application and acceptance
for the Primary and General
Election Day 2024 Grant Program
(Early Voting)**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections for the Primary and General Election Day 2024 Grant Program (Early Voting) in an amount not to exceed \$87,397.55.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 512
Grant application and acceptance
for the Munich Safety Grant
Program**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund Commissioners for the Munich Safety Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,790.60.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 513
Amending Resolution No. 39 (2-6-
24), a professional services
agreement for recovery support
services to reallocate funds**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 39 adopted on February 6, 2024, a professional services agreement with Angels In Motion for recovery support services to reallocate funds for a net increase of \$50,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$173,467.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 514
Professional services agreement for
the provision of surveying services**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various firms for the provision of surveying services for an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2024 and terminating September 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 515
Amending Resolution No. 471 (9-5-23), a professional services agreement to provide design services and construction administration for the Estell Manor Park

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 471 adopted on September 5, 2023, a professional services agreement with Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC to provide design services and construction administration for the Estell Manor Park to extend the term date until March 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 516
Amending Resolution No. 210 (5-7-24), a competitive contract for the provision of discharge planning and reentry services for homeless and inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 210 adopted on May 7, 2024, a competitive contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of discharge planning and reentry services for homeless and inmates of the Atlantic County Justice Facility for a net increase of \$125,126.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,007,883.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 517
Bid contract to provide security guard services to Atlantic County

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Tri County Security, NJ to provide security guard services to Atlantic County for the total sum not to exceed \$3,219,264.16 for a two-year period commencing November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 518
Bid contract to purchase electricity for various buildings, streetlights and traffic signals

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Constellation/New Energy to purchase electricity for various buildings, streetlights and traffic signals for an amount not to exceed \$3,383,915.08 for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and terminating July 1, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 519
Change order contract for the Mays Landing Library HVAC upgrades

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a change order no. 1, a contract with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the Mays Landing Library HVAC upgrades to extend the term date to March 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 520
Interlocal services agreement to provide construction management services for the Estell Manor Park entrance pavement restoration project

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide construction management services for the Estell Manor Park entrance pavement restoration project for an amount not to exceed \$21,285.00 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, Gatto, Parker, Risley and Kern. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 521
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Communication Workers of America Local 1075, Department of Human Services, Division of Public Health and authorizing a formal written collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the MOA for a four (4) year period commencing January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 522
Amending Resolution No. 607 (11-14-23), a Memorandum of Agreement to provide veterinary services to abused or neglected animals

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 607 adopted November 14, 2023 a Memorandum of Agreement with the Humane Society of Atlantic County to provide veterinary services to abused or neglected animals for a net increase of \$2,500.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 523
Resolution authorizing the sale of obsolete vehicles and equipment through an online auction

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution authorizing the sale of obsolete vehicles and equipment through an online auction, revenue generating between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 524
Shared services agreement for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with Middlesex County for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center for a term covering the timeframe September 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 525
Memorandum of Understanding for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Morris County for the housing of Atlantic County juveniles at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center for a term covering the timeframe September 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 526
Alternate method contract to provide proprietary software licensing and support

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Byrnes seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Accela, Inc. to provide proprietary software licensing and support in an amount not to exceed \$164,200.66 for the term commencing December 13, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 527
Grant application and acceptance for the Munich Safety Grant Program

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund Commissioners for the Munich Safety Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$19,450.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 528
Amending Resolution No. 416 (8-1-23), an agreement to provide construction management services for various capital projects

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to amending Resolution No. 416 adopted on August 1, 2023, an agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide construction management services for various capital projects to extend the term of the agreement until March 31, 2025 at no additional cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 529
EUS contract to provide quarterly liquidity and treasury services analyses

Commissioner Risley moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Three+One Company, Inc. to provide quarterly liquidity and treasury services analyses for an amount not to exceed \$87,990.00 for the term commencing from July 1, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 530
Memorandum of Understanding for a Trauma Informed Coach Training

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bergen County Workforce Development Board and the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a Trauma Informed Coach Training for the period commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2025 at no cost to the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 531
Grant application and acceptance for the Adoption Prep Grant

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the PetSmart Charities for the Adoption Prep Grant in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the term commencing January 20, 2025 and terminating January 19, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 532
CHAPTER 159**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$475,522.00 with a County cash match of \$145,087.50 from the New Jersey Transit, FTA Section 5311 2024.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
533 TO 539**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 533 to 539.

**RESOLUTION NO. 533
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$254,980.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Atlantic Cape Community Traffic Safety Program 24-25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 534
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$119,900.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Atlantic Cape Occupant Protection 24-25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 535
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$236,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Atlantic Cape Impaired Driving (DRE) 24-25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 536
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,950.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of State, Division of Elections, Election Management Physical Security Remediation 24.

**RESOLUTION NO. 537
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$2,294,541.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Area Plan 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 538
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$1,095,890.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, WIOA Adult 24-26.

**RESOLUTION NO. 539
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2024 the sum of \$579,012.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, WIOA Dislocated Worker 24-26.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 540
Grant application and acceptance
for the FY 24 State Homeland
Security Program**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for the FY 24 State Homeland Security Program in an amount not to exceed \$218,052.36 for the term commencing September 1, 2024 and terminating July 31, 2027.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 541
Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to take an incremental and targeted approach to adopting the proposed “Protecting Against Climate Threat (PACT) Resilient Environments and Landscape (REAL)” rules**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt a resolution urging the State of New Jersey to take an incremental and targeted approach to adopting the proposed “Protecting Against Climate Threat (PACT) Resilient Environments and Landscape (REAL)” rules.

PRESENTATION

NJPACT REAL Rules Proposal Review presented by Peter Lomax, The Lomax Consulting Group.

**MOTION TO AMEND
RESOLUTION NO. 541**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to amend Resolution No. 541 and change the language of the resolution.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 542
Appointment to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority**

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Risley seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Wendy Bartlett to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2029.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 543
TO 547**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 543 to 547.

**RESOLUTION NO. 543
Appointment to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board**

Appointment of Dave C. Caracciolo and Gemma Freeman to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 544
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Joanne Gahr to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 545
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission**

Reappointment of Shalanda Austin and Arrod U. Moore to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 546
Reappointment to the Atlantic
County Youth Services
Commission**

Reappointment of Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro to the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2027.

**RESOLUTION NO. 547
Reappointment to the Atlantic
Cape Community College Board of
Trustees**

Reappointment of Donald Parker to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2028.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 548
Roadway solicitation event in the
Township of Egg Harbor**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Atlantic County Symphonic Band at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, October 19, 2024 and Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 549
Resolution authorizing a closed
session requested by County
Counsel regarding pending or
anticipated litigation and/or
contract negotiation in which the
County is, or may become a party,
requiring confidential
communications**

Commissioner Byrnes moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a closed session requested by County Counsel regarding pending or anticipated litigation and/or contract negotiation in which the County is, or may become a party, requiring confidential communications.

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

**MOTION TO RESUME THE
MEETING**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to resume the meeting.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from September 18, 2024 through October 15, 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 6:09 p.m.

There being no public comments, Chairwoman Kern closed the public portion at 6:09 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Balles wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Commissioner Gatto announced tomorrow is the last day to register to vote.

Chairwoman Kern reminded everyone that early voting starts next Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Kern entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board

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