

ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stillwater Building
201 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225
and via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing

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Minutes of Meeting January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman John Risley 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 Cisco Webex Video.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Statement of Open Public Meeting Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Risley 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 Current* and *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

The prayer was offered by Commissioner Gatto, followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Risley.

A moment of silence was held for County employee Ali Reynolds, Tom Carver of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority and Elwood Davis of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

MINUTES OF MEETING December 20, 2022

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the December 20, 2022 minutes.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING January 3, 2023

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 3, 2023 minutes.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Spirit Award presented to Sonya G. Harris by County Executive Dennis Levinson.

Atlantic County 2023 Budget Message by Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson.

MOTION FOR RECESS

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion for a brief recess at 4:36 p.m.

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

**MOTION TO END RECESS
AND RESUME MEETING**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to end the recess and resume the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 37*
Appointment to the Atlantic Cape
Community College Board of
Trustees**

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Mark H. Sandson to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

Interview

Appointment of Mark H. Sandson to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 13
Amending Resolution No. 170
(3-16-21), a grant agreement to
approve the scope of work
change request for the Local
Efficiency Achievement Program
(LEAP) Grant**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 170 adopted on March 16, 2021, a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services to approve the scope of work change request for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant to extend the term date to February 3, 2023 at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14
Amending Resolution No. 668
(12-6-22), a grant agreement for
the FFY 2022 Overdose Data to
Action – Operation Helping
Hand Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 668 adopted on December 6, 2022, a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the FFY 2022 Overdose Data to Action – Operation Helping Hand grant to include the subgrant number at no additional cost for the period commencing September 1, 2022 and terminating August 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15
Grant application for FY 2019
Federal Transit Act Section 5310
Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for FY 2019 Federal Transit Act Section 5310 grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$77,000.00 with a \$77,000.00 in kind match for the grant period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16
Grant acceptance to support
continued COVID-19 response
and enhance local health
department infrastructure**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) to support continued COVID-19 response and enhance local health department infrastructure for an amount not to exceed \$2,017,296.00 for the period commencing October 22, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

*Not in numerical order

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17
Grant application and acceptance for the FFY 2018 Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Prosecutors Grant Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General for the FFY 2018 Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Prosecutors Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$6,556.00 for the period commencing on October 1, 2019 and terminating on September 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18
Amending Resolution No. 675 (12-6-22), a professional services agreement for the 2023 engineering services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 675 adopted on December 6, 2022, a professional services agreement with various consultants for the 2023 engineering services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects to add additional consultants at no additional cost for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19
Renewal competitive contracts for the provision of homecare services under the Division of Welfare and State Respite Grant Programs

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing renewal competitive contracts with various vendors for the provision of homecare services under the Division of Welfare and State Respite Grant Programs for an amount not to exceed \$335,138.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20
Renewal competitive contract to provide nursing services to include both physical health and health education

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Beron Jewish Older Adult Services (JOAS) to provide nursing services to include both physical health and health education for an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21
Bid contract to provide masonry maintenance and repairs to various Atlantic County locations

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Ocean Construction, LLC to provide masonry maintenance and repairs to various Atlantic County locations for an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22
Bid contracts to furnish and deliver janitorial/custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing bid contracts with various vendors to furnish and deliver janitorial/custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$116,912.69 for the term commencing upon notice of award through March 31, 2023, with an option to renew for an additional six-month period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23
Bid contract to provide pest management services for various County locations

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Tri-County Termite and Pest Control, Inc. to provide pest management services for various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$106,940.00 for a two-year period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24
Bid contract to furnish and deliver miscellaneous bread and bakery products to Atlantic County

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Schmidt Baking Co. to furnish and deliver miscellaneous bread and bakery products to Atlantic County for an amount not to exceed \$21,059.15 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating September 30, 2023 with an option to renew for an additional one-year period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25
Bid contract for the new HVAC upgrades to the IT/UPS room at the Anthony Canale Training Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Kisby-Lees Mechanical, LLC t/a Kisby Shore Corp. for the new HVAC upgrades to the IT/UPS room at the Anthony Canale Training Center for an amount not to exceed \$193,620.00 for the period commencing from notice of award to December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26
Change order no. 1, a contract for the resurfacing of Mill Road (CR 651), Sections 7A and part of 7B in the City of Absecon

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the resurfacing of Mill Road (CR 651), Sections 7A and part of 7B in the City of Absecon for a net increase of \$34,426.31 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,053,426.31.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 27
Lease agreement for K-9 training facilities

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a lease agreement with the City of Corbin City for K-9 training facilities for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28
Amending Resolution No. 224
(4-20-21), an alternate method
contract to lease undercover
vehicles for confidential and
undercover investigations for the
Atlantic County Prosecutor's
Office

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 224 adopted on April 20, 2021, an alternate method contract with Vehicle Leasing Associates to lease undercover vehicles for confidential and undercover investigations for the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office for a net increase of \$144,000.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$279,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29
Alternate method contract to
provide software maintenance
used by the Atlantic County
Transportation Unit

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Trapeze Software Group Inc. d/b/a TripSpark Technologies to provide software maintenance used by the Atlantic County Transportation Unit for an amount not to exceed \$64,150.00 for the term starting January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30
Alternate method contract to
provide annual software
maintenance service for
Infoshare records management
system

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Computer Square, Inc. to provide annual software maintenance service for Infoshare records management system for an amount not to exceed \$93,600.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31
EUS contract concerning
development and issuance of a
request for proposals for One
Stop Operator and Career
Services

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with the Atlantic County Economic Alliance concerning development and issuance of a request for proposals for One Stop Operator and Career Services for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32
Acceptance of deeds/easements
from various grantors in
accordance with Atlantic County
Planning Standards

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing the 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, Coursey, Dase, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 33
Resolution of support concerning
construction and maintenance of
NJ Transit bus stop shelters at
various locations within the
right-of-way of Mays Landing
Road (CR 559) and Shore Road
(CR 585)

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a resolution of support for the City of Somers Point concerning construction and maintenance of NJ Transit bus stop shelters at various locations within the right-of-way of Mays Landing Road (CR 559) and Shore Road (CR 585).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
Annual designation of Atlantic
County's Public Agency
Compliance Officer (PACO)**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing the annual designation of Atlantic County's Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 35
Amending Resolution No. 572
(10-18-22), an alternate method
contract for a data management
system to extend the term date**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 572 adopted on October 18, 2022, an alternate method contract with Accela, Inc. for a data management system to extend the term date to December 12, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$38,880.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 36
Alternate method contract for
three additional licenses and
support**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Accela, Inc. for three additional licenses and support for an amount not to exceed \$5,071.29 for the term commencing December 13, 2022 and terminating December 12, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 37
Appointment to the Atlantic
Cape Community College Board
of Trustees**

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to appoint Mark H. Sandson to the Atlantic Cape Community College Board of Trustees for a term to expire on November 1, 2027.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
38 TO 43**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 38 to 43.

**RESOLUTION NO. 38
Appointment to the Local
Advisory Council on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse**

Appointment of Cara E. Runkle to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Mental Health Advisory
Board**

Appointment of Jean B. Wambold to the Atlantic County Mental Health Advisory Board for a term to expire on July 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40
Appointment of full membership
to the Atlantic County Disability
Advisory Board**

Appointment of Anthony A. Lanzilotti for full membership to the Atlantic County Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on October 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41
Appointment of full membership
to the Atlantic County
Construction Board of Appeals**

Appointment of Pat J. Naticchione, CFM for full membership to the Atlantic County Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire on January 1, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 42
Reappointments to the Local
Advisory Council on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse

Reappointment of Kenneth M. Litwak, Clifford Mays, Jr., Yolanda Simms and Barbara Sorace to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 43
Reappointments to the Atlantic
County Human Services
Advisory Council

Reappointment of Sharon Hunt, Cristine Knight, Adrienne Epstein, Joyce Mollineaux and Claudia Ratzlaff to the Atlantic County Human Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on January 1, 2025.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES

Commissioner Gatto stated construction signs are out and work will begin soon at the Route 30 and Cologne Avenue intersection.

Chairman Risley announced the retirement of the South Jersey Economic Development Council's Executive Director Louis Joyce. Chairman Risley attended the 4-H volunteer awards night and the retirement dinner of Marge Durdak, an employee of the Superintendent of Elections.

Commissioner Parker commended the local Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events: the NAACP Atlantic City Branch walk and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from December 21, 2022 to January 17, 2023.

Commissioner Dase has received several inquiries regarding dead whales washing up on the shorelines. He shares the concern and supports research to learn why this has been happening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 5:22 p.m.

Lynn Caterson, resident of Absecon, thanked the Commissioners for their support for the Absecon Citizens of the Year event and welcomed everyone to visit the 9/11 Memorial.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:24 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Kern recognized January as Human Trafficking Awareness month. She wished a Happy Chinese New Year for those celebrating.

Commissioner Balles acknowledged the dedicated individuals selected as Absecon Citizens of the Year. He inquired about the 9/11 Memorial roadway markers. Commissioner Dase responded.

Commissioner Coursey suggested the City of Absecon designate a street to observe the 9/11 Memorial.

Commissioner Parker received inquiries from municipalities about the ACUA fee increases. County Administrator DelRosso responded. A lengthy discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board