

**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**  
**February 7, 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 Dase followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Risley.

A moment of silence was held for Dennis Mason, former Atlantic City Policeman and Atlantic City 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman.

**ROLL CALL**

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker (arrived at 4:02 p.m.) and Risley. ABSENT: Kern.

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 17, 2023**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of the January 17, 2023 minutes.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1  
FIRST READING  
Ordinance amending County  
Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks  
concerning John F. Gaffney  
Green Tree Golf Course**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 1-2023 amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning John F. Gaffney Green Tree Golf Course.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 44  
Amending Resolution No. 449  
(8-16-22), a grant application for  
Innovations funding to include  
the grant number**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 449 adopted on August 16, 2022, a grant application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for Innovations funding to include the grant number at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 45**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the State/Community Partnership Grant and Family Court Services Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for the State/Community Partnership Grant and Family Court Services Grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$654,836.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 46**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the E-Rate Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company for the E-Rate Program for approximately \$211,800.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 47**  
**Grant application and acceptance for the 2023-24 Opt for Help and Hope 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 2023-24 Opt for Help and Hope Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$333,333.00 for the period commencing March 1, 2023 and terminating February 28, 2025.

Prosecutor William Reynolds provided an update on the Opt for Help and Hope Grant Program.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 48**  
**Amending Resolution No. 690 (12-21-21), a professional services agreement for the 2022 engineering and inspection services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects to add additional consultants**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 690 adopted on December 21, 2021, a professional services agreement with various consultants for the 2022 engineering and inspection services pool for dam and transportation infrastructure projects to add additional consultants at no additional cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 49**  
**Competitive contract for the provision of homeless consultant services**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Monarch Housing for the provision of homeless consultant services for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023 with an option to renew for four years.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 50**  
**Competitive contracts for the provision of treatment/youth shelter beds**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing competitive contracts with Center for Family Services and Ranch Hope, Inc. for the provision of treatment/youth shelter beds for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker and  
Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 51**  
**Bid contract for electrical**  
**maintenance, repairs and**  
**emergency services on electrical**  
**components at the Atlantic**  
**County Justice Facility**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Multi-Temp Mechanical, Inc. for electrical maintenance, repairs and emergency services on electrical components at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$138,750.00 for the period commencing from notice of award to December 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 52**  
**Change order no. 2 and final, a**  
**contract for the resurfacing of**  
**Columbia Road, Section 1B and**  
**1C**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 2 and final, a contract with A.E. Stone, Inc. for the resurfacing of Columbia Road, Section 1B and 1C for a net increase of \$47,210.75 and a total amendatory amount of \$1,514,210.75.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 53**  
**Lease agreement for use of**  
**facilities to conduct the 48-Hour**  
**Intoxicated Driver Resource**  
**Center Programs**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a lease agreement with Haluwas, Inc. for use of facilities to conduct the 48-Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Programs for an amount not to exceed \$32,250.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Parker and  
Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 54**  
**Amending Resolution No. 195**  
**(4-19-22), a contract to program**  
**and code the voting machines**  
**and poll books**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 195 adopted on April 19, 2022, a contract with Election Systems and Software (ES&S) to program and code the voting machines and poll books for a net increase of \$100,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$140,000.00, for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 55**  
**Amending Resolution No. 603**  
**(10-22-19), a Memorandum of**  
**Agreement (MOA) for the**  
**development of an aviation hub**  
**in and around the Atlantic City**  
**International Airport**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 603 adopted on October 22, 2019, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) for the development of an aviation hub in and around the Atlantic City International Airport at no cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 56**  
**Emergency contract for**  
**emergency cleaning services at**  
**the Atlantic County libraries and**  
**the Cronin Dental Center**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Abel's Cleaning for emergency cleaning services at the Atlantic County libraries and the Cronin Dental Center for an amount not to exceed \$55,620.00 for the term commencing December 12, 2022 and terminating May 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 57**  
**Shared services agreements with various municipalities regarding use of a trailer mounted attenuator and electronic arrow board on an as needed basis**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing shared services agreements with various municipalities regarding use of a trailer mounted attenuator and electronic arrow board on an as needed basis at no cost.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 58**  
**Alternate method contract for medical services rendered to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Dr. Joseph Zerbo for medical services rendered to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 59**  
**Alternate method contract for medical services rendered to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Capital Health for medical services rendered to inmates at the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 60**  
**Resolution of support and to join with Atlantic City in applying for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant to partially fund pothole repair equipment through a shared services agreement**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a resolution of support and to join with Atlantic City in applying to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant to partially fund pothole repair equipment through a shared services agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 61**  
**Resolution accepting the donation of a fire truck to be used for fire training at the Atlantic County Fire Academy**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion accepting the donation of a fire truck from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association to be used for fire training at the Atlantic County Fire Academy.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 62**  
**Resolution authorizing Atlantic County to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing Atlantic County to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System with the Camden County Educational Services Commission (CCESC).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 63  
Contract for the Bridge Hospital  
Emergency Room Drug  
Rehabilitation Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a contract with AtlantiCare for the Bridge Hospital Emergency Room Drug Rehabilitation Program for an amount not to exceed \$262,488.00 for the term commencing March 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 64  
Contract to provide  
transportation for Rides to  
Recovery – The Hope One  
Project**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a contract with the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office to provide transportation for Rides to Recovery – The Hope One Project for an amount not to exceed \$22,950.64 for the term commencing March 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 65  
Contract to provide Public  
Health oversight**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a contract with Cape May County to provide Public Health oversight for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND  
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.  
66 TO 72**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 66 to 72.

**RESOLUTION NO. 66  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Advisory Commission on  
Women**

Appointment of Lisa Eisele to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 67  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Advisory Commission on  
Women**

Appointment of Rhuby A. Mozelle to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 68  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Workforce Development  
Board**

Appointment of Sandra L. Foyil to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 69  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Fire Training Advisory  
Board in a mandated position**

Appointment of Brian R. Middleton to the Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board in a mandated position.

**RESOLUTION NO. 70  
Appointment to the Atlantic  
County Parks and Environment  
Advisory Commission**

Appointment of Alexander T. Perri to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 71  
Reappointment to the Senior  
Citizens Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Fred W. Meineke, Jr. to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 72**  
**Reappointment to the Senior**  
**Citizens Advisory Board**

Reappointment of Roxanne E. Terramagra to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 73**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Absecon**

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by Absecon PTO at the intersection of Mill Road (CR 651) and New Jersey Avenue (CR 601) in the City of Absecon on Saturday, April 1, 2023 and Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 9 am to 2 pm.

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

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL**  
**COMMITTEES**

Commissioner Parker provided an update from the Library Advisory Commission. The Atlantic County Library System has added Northstar Services, where residents enhance their digital literacy.

Commissioner Balles suggested the County purchase and restore Boling Cemetery in Port Republic. County Administrator Del Rosso responded.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick reported on the social services presentation at the Human Services Advisory Board. She also recommended that a marketing department would benefit Atlantic County.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Risley reported a letter of support has been sent to all municipalities regarding centralized dispatch for fire and EMS.

Commissioner Balles asked about the status of fire signals in Egg Harbor Township. County Administrator Del Rosso responded.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**  
**AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from January 18, 2023 to February 7, 2023.

Commissioner Coursey learned of recent racial issues at Atlantic Cape Community College. A discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 5:20 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:20 p.m.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Parker wished everyone a happy Black History Month.

Commissioner Dase announced the community hearing regarding offshore wind development will be Saturday morning at the Brigantine Community School.

ACUA President Rick Dovey introduced the incoming ACUA president, Matthew DeNafo, the new Vice-President of Solid Waste Gary Conover and Vice-President of Administration and finance Linda Bazemore.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena  
Clerk of the Board