

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
April 18, 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 Kern followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Risley.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Balles, Bertino, Coursey, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto (via Webex), Kern, Parker and Risley. ABSENT: None.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
April 4, 2023**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of April 4, 2023 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Recognizing International Dark Sky Week (Resolution No. 212).

**RESOLUTION NO. 212*
Resolution recognizing
International Dark Sky Week**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion recognizing April 15 – 22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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

**MOTION TO MOVE
RESOLUTION NO. 204 TO
THE TOP OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to move Resolution No. 204 to the top of the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 204
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce Development
Board**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion appointing Elaine M. Hawkes to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

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

*Not in numerical order

RESOLUTION NO. 124*
FINAL READING
2023 Atlantic County Budget

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the 2023 Atlantic County Budget.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:34 p.m.

Melanie Griffin, AFSCME President, stated the County is short-staffed and employees are working overtime without pay raises.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public hearing at 4:43 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 125*
FINAL READING
Atlantic County Public Health Agency Annual Budget Notice 2023

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Atlantic County Public Health Agency Annual Budget Notice 2023.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:43 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:43 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 126*
FINAL READING
Atlantic County Library Annual Budget Notice 2023

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Atlantic County Library Annual Budget Notice 2023.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:44 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:44 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128*
FINAL READING
Resolution to exceed the County budget appropriation limits and to establish a 2023 Cap Bank

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to adopt on final reading a resolution to exceed the County budget appropriation limits and to establish a 2023 Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:45 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:45 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149*
FINAL READING
Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2023

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final reading the Annual Open Space Trust Fund Tax 2023.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:45 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:45 p.m.

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

***Not in numerical order**

RESOLUTION NO. 188
Amending Resolution No. 97
(2-16-21), a grant application for
the FY'21 Annual
Transportation Plan (ATP)

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 97 adopted on February 16, 2021, a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY'21 Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) to include the replacement of 8th Street Bridge (BV-2) in the Borough of Folsom and to extend the term date to July 31, 2024 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. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 189
Amending Resolution No. 476
(9-6-22), a grant agreement for
the continued operation of the
Atlantic County Family Success
Centers

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 476 adopted on September 6, 2022, a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the continued operation of the Atlantic County Family Success Centers for a net increase of \$19,600.00 and a total amended program amount of \$973,559.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190
Amending Resolution No. 363
(7-5-22), a grant application and
acceptance for the PY 2022
Workforce Learning Link
Program Grant

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 363 adopted on July 5, 2022, a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2022 Workforce Learning Link Program Grant for a net increase of \$45,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$75,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191
Amending Resolution No. 117
(3-15-22), a grant agreement for
the Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) and the
HOME Investment Partnership
Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 117 adopted on March 15, 2022, a grant agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to add HOME ARP projects to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program 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. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 192
Grant application and
acceptance for the FY2023
County Environmental Health
Act Grant

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the FY2023 County Environmental Health Act Grant for a funded amount of \$234,377.00, a County in-kind match of \$162,451.00 and a total amended program amount of \$396,828.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193
Professional services agreement to implement an Energy Savings Program at various County facilities

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design to implement an Energy Savings Program at various County facilities for an amount not to exceed \$4,303,289.00 for the term commencing on May 1, 2023 through 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. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 194
Amending Resolution No. 486 (9-6-22), a competitive contract for the operation of a Family Success Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 486 adopted on September 6, 2022, a competitive contract with AtlantiCare Behavioral Health for the operation of a Family Success Center for a net decrease of \$9,800.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$292,009.00 commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 195
Renewal bid contract for the provision of GPS home electronic equipment and services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Satellite Tracking of People, LLC for the provision of GPS home electronic equipment and services for the Atlantic County Justice Facility for an amount not to exceed \$43,125.00 for the term commencing May 1, 2023 and terminating April 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 196
Bid contract to provide washer and dryer repair services at various County locations

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with MCH Equipment, Inc. to provide washer and dryer repair services at various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$127,500.00 for the period commencing May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 197
Bid contract to provide glass windows, frame repair, and maintenance for various County locations

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Jersey Architectural Door & Supply, Inc. to provide glass windows, frame repair, and maintenance for various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$150,750.00 for the period commencing May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 198
Change order contract for roadway improvements to Farragut Avenue (CR 660) in the Township of Hamilton

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1 and final, a contract with Landberg Construction, LLC for roadway improvements to Farragut Avenue (CR 660) in the Township of Hamilton for a net decrease of \$54,269.30 and a total amendatory amount of \$295,164.28.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199
Intergovernmental services
agreement for the Enhanced
Outcome Based Supervision
Support Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the Atlantic County Division of Probation for the Enhanced Outcome Based Supervision Support Program for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 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. ABSENT: Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO. 200
Interlocal services agreement for
the Oceanside Literacy Project

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the Oceanside Literacy Project for amount not to exceed \$11,892.00 for the period commencing March 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2023.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
201 TO 203 AND 205 TO 206

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 201 to 203 and Nos. 205 to 206.

RESOLUTION NO. 201
Appointment to the Board of
Education of the Special Services
School District and the
Vocational School District of the
County of Atlantic

Appointment of Edwin Lopez-Bernard, M.D. to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Atlantic to fill an unexpired term to expire on July 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 202
Appointments to the Local
Advisory Council on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse

Appointment of John Tamuts and Robert Peters to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 203
Appointment to the Local
Advisory Council on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse

Appointment of Dana A. Cironi to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a term to expire on November 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 204
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Workforce Development
Board

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion appointing Elaine M. Hawkes to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 205
Appointments to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory Board

Appointment of Michael E. Bongiorno and Sean O'Brien to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 206
Appointment to the Atlantic
County Veterans Advisory Board

Appointment of Julio G. Ruiz to the Atlantic County Veterans Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2026.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 207 TO 210

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 207 to 210.

**RESOLUTION NO. 207
Roadway solicitation event in Egg Harbor City**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Egg Harbor City Fire Department on the 100 block of Philadelphia Avenue (CR 563) in the City of Egg Harbor on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 4 pm to 7 pm and Friday, August 25, 2023 from 4 pm to 7 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 208
Roadway solicitation event in Egg Harbor Township**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Company at the intersection of Ocean Heights Avenue (CR 559) and Zion Road (CR 615) in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 209
Roadway solicitation event in Brigantine**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Brigantine PBA Local 204 at the intersection of Atlantic-Brigantine Boulevard (CR 638) and Harbor Beach Boulevard in the City of Brigantine on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8 am to 4 pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 210
Roadway solicitation event in Longport**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of Ventnor Avenue (CR 692) and 29th Avenue in the Borough of Longport on Sunday, May 28, 2023 from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 211
Resolution supporting the funding to construct the Aviation Training Academy of the Future**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion supporting the Atlantic County Economic Alliance's request for funding to construct the Aviation Training Academy of the Future (Sponsors: Andrew W. Parker, III and Richard R. Dase).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 212
Resolution recognizing International Dark Sky Week**

Moved to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Fitzpatrick seconded a motion recognizing April 15 – 22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week (Sponsor: Caren L. Fitzpatrick).

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Coursey provided a report on a recent meeting with the leadership of Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC).

Commissioner Parker would like the Board to be informed on issues at Atlantic Cape Community College. He conveyed there are security concerns at the College.

Chairman Risley stated that he is very proud of ACCC but enrollment needs to improve. The meeting with leadership was very productive.

Commissioner Balles reported a sign was installed at Boling Cemetery and the Veterans Advisory Board would like the County to purchase and maintain the historic cemetery. The Atlantic City WWII monument will be unveiled on June 6.

Commissioner Parker announced the Teen Arts Festival in Hammonton is May 10, 2023. He is pleased the McKee City Veteran Park has come into fruition with a special grand opening on May 20th from 10 am to 12 noon.

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 April 5, 2023 to April 18, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 5:24 p.m.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no comments for the good of the order.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board