

**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  
May 2, 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 Parker followed by the flag salute led by Chairman Risley.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 18, 2023**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of April 18, 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. ABSTAINED: Fitzpatrick.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3  
FIRST READING  
Ordinance providing for the  
operation of a traffic control in  
Galloway Township**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 3-2023 providing for the operation of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Pomona Road (County Route 575) and Dr. Vera King Farris Drive (a Stockton University Street) in Galloway Township.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4  
FIRST READING  
Ordinance to vacate two (2)  
existing Declarations of  
Covenants and Restrictions**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2023 to vacate two (2) existing Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions for property identified on Egg Harbor Township tax maps as: Block 2203, Lots 4-10 and 24-27, Atlantic County.

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. 213  
Grant application and  
acceptance for the Edward Byrne  
Memorial Grant**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the U.S. Department of Justice through the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration for the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant for an amount not to exceed \$68,556.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2022.

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. 214**  
**Amending Resolution No. 137**  
**(3-21-23), a grant application and**  
**acceptance to replace the name of**  
**the granting agency**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 137 adopted on March 21, 2023, a grant application and acceptance from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to replace the name of the granting agency at no additional cost.

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. 215**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape**  
**May Counties' Community**  
**Traffic Safety Programs**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Community Traffic Safety Programs for an amount not to exceed \$323,945.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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. 216**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape**  
**May Counties' Impaired Driving**  
**Programs**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Impaired Driving Programs for an amount not to exceed \$247,341.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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. 217**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape**  
**May Counties' Distracted**  
**Driving Programs**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Distracted Driving Programs for an amount not to exceed \$75,583.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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. 218**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape**  
**May Counties' Non-Motorized**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Non-Motorized Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs for an amount not to exceed \$34,596.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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. 219**  
**Grant application and**  
**acceptance for the Atlantic-Cape**  
**May Counties' Occupant**  
**Protection Programs**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Atlantic-Cape May Counties' Occupant Protection Programs for an amount not to exceed \$36,173.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2024.

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 COMBINE AND  
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.  
220 TO 225**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 220 to 225.

**RESOLUTION NO. 220  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$362,371.56 from BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement Account 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 221  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$67,900.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Distracted Driving Crackdown 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 222  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$48,472.00 from Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses 2021.

**RESOLUTION NO. 223  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$413,692.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, State/Community Partnership (SCP) - Program Services 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 224  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$90,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, State/Community Partnership (SCP) - Program Management 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 225  
CHAPTER 159**

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$151,144.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Family Court 2023.

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. 226  
Amending Resolution No. 171  
(4-4-23), a bid contract to furnish  
and deliver custodial supplies to  
members of the Atlantic County  
Cooperative**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 171 adopted on April 4, 2023, a bid contract for two additional vendors to furnish and deliver custodial supplies to members of the Atlantic County Cooperative for an additional amount not to exceed \$192,419.21 for the term commencing upon notice of award through December 31, 2023.

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. 227  
Bid contract for the improvement  
of flashing beacon systems along  
various roads**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract with Diehl Electric, Inc. for the improvement of flashing beacon systems along various roads for an amount not to exceed \$801,033.67 for the period commencing from notice of award and terminating December 31, 2023.

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. 228  
Alternate method contract for  
the provision of client specific  
services**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with the Center for Family Services for the provision of client specific services 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern,  
Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 229**  
**Intercounty Mutual Aid and**  
**Assistance Agreement**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an Intercounty Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between participating entities at no cost.

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. 230**  
**EUS contract to purchase a**  
**policy which will reduce the**  
**named storm wind deductible**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing an EUS contract with Insurance Agencies, Inc. to purchase a policy which will reduce the named storm wind deductible for an amount not to exceed \$39,619.24.

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. 231**  
**Agreement to furnish, deliver**  
**and install a modular building at**  
**the Anthony Canale Training**  
**Center**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing an agreement with Modular Genius, Inc. to furnish, deliver and install a modular building at the Anthony Canale Training Center through the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), National Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$425,667.00 for the term commencing from notice of award and terminating February 28, 2024.

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. 232**  
**Amending Resolution No. 487**  
**(9-6-22), a competitive contract**  
**to reallocate funding for the**  
**operation of a Family Success**  
**Center**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 487 adopted on September 6, 2022, a competitive contract with Center for Family Services to reallocate funding for the operation of a Family Success Center at no additional cost 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern,  
Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 233**  
**Amending Resolution No. 194**  
**(4-18-23), a competitive contract**  
**to reallocate funding for the**  
**operation of a Family Success**  
**Center**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 194 adopted on April 18, 2023, a competitive contract with AtlantiCare Behavioral Health to reallocate funding for the operation of a Family Success Center at no additional cost for the period 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern,  
Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND**  
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.**  
**234 TO 237**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 234 to 237.

**RESOLUTION NO. 234**  
**Appointment to the Atlantic**  
**County Advisory Commission on**  
**Women**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 235**  
**Appointment to the Atlantic**  
**County Workforce Development**  
**Board**

Appointment of Nanci A. Vekios to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 236**  
**Reappointment to the Atlantic**  
**County Improvement Authority**

Reappointment of Reverend Milton L. Hendricks to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for a term to expire on May 1, 2028.

**RESOLUTION NO. 237**  
**Reappointments to the Atlantic**  
**County Advisory Commission on**  
**Women**

Reappointment of Birdie Cody, Stephanie A. Davies and Yolanda Simms to the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women for a term to expire on February 28, 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.

**MOTION TO COMBINE AND**  
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.**  
**238 AND 239**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 238 and 239.

**RESOLUTION NO. 238**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Egg Harbor Township**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company #1 at the intersection of English Creek Avenue (CR 575) and West Jersey Avenue in the Township of Egg Harbor on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 239**  
**Roadway solicitation event in**  
**Northfield**

Authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the American Legion Post 295 at the intersection of Shore Road (CR 585), Tilton Road (CR 563) and Mill Road (CR 662) in the City of Northfield on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 4:19 p.m.

Mico Lucide, resident of Mays Landing, invited the Commissioners to attend "Pride in the Park" at Memorial Park in Mays Landing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 4:22 p.m.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL**  
**COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Bertino announced former Commissioner Alex Marino was elected as Chairman to the Solid Waste Advisory Council. Mr. Dovey of ACUA presented an update on the future of trash flow.

Commissioner Gatto introduced County Engineer Doug DiMeo, who provided an update on the Nacote Creek Bridge construction plans.

Commissioner Parker stated McKee City Betterment Park will celebrate its grand opening on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Chairman Risley reported the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD) is currently reviewing resumes for a new Director. The SJEDD will likely be moving locations along with the SJTPO.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kern announced Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) has a new RN to BSN collaborative program with the University of Phoenix.

Chairman Risley thanked all volunteer firemen around the County and read an excerpt from a recent article in the paper.

Commissioner Kern congratulated the Somers Point Concerts on the Beach for being nationally recognized by USA Today as the Best Outdoor Concert Series in America.

Commissioner Risley reported Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) is currently ranked as the number one high school in the County.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from April 19, 2023 to May 2, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 4:43 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 240  
Resolution authorizing a closed executive session**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a closed executive session to discuss pending litigation matters.

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 RESUME THE MEETING**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to end the closed executive session and resume the public meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 5:34 p.m.

There being no comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:34 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 Gatto seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena  
Clerk of the Board