

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
July 11, 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Kern, Parker and Risley. ABSENT: Dase.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
June 20, 2023** Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of June 20, 2023 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION Honoring Victoria Mozitis, Miss New Jersey 2023 (Resolution No. 373).

**RESOLUTION NO. 373*
Resolution honoring Victoria Mozitis, Miss New Jersey 2023** Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion honoring Victoria Mozitis, Miss New Jersey 2023 (Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey).

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

PRESENTATION Honoring the Atlantic County Surrogate's Office (Resolution No. 374).

**RESOLUTION NO. 374*
Resolution honoring the Atlantic County Surrogate's Office for its Probate Court ranking of number one in the State of New Jersey** Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion honoring the Atlantic County Surrogate's Office for its Probate Court ranking of number one in the State of New Jersey (Sponsors: Amy L. Gatto and Frank X. Balles).

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

INTERVIEW Appointment of Robert Lindaw as Director for the Office of Policy and Planning (Resolution No. 367).

*Not in numerical order

RESOLUTION NO. 367*
Appointment of Director for the Office of Policy and Planning

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Robert Lindaw as the Atlantic County Director for the Office of Policy and Planning, effective January 1, 2023.

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

INTERVIEW

Appointment of Kara Janson as Division Director of Public Health (Resolution No. 368).

RESOLUTION NO. 368*
Appointment of Division Director of Public Health

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing the appointment of Kara Janson as the Atlantic County Division Director of Public Health, effective January 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 351
Grant application and acceptance for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,118,455.00 for the period commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 352
Grant acceptance for a Community-Based Violence Interruption Program

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant acceptance funded by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General from Wellbeing and Equity Innovations for a Community-Based Violence Interruption Program for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 353
Amending Resolution No. 282 (6-6-23), a grant application and acceptance for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 282 adopted on June 6, 2023, a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention (CLEP) Project for a net increase of \$43,000.00 and a total amendatory amount of \$250,000.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 354
Grant application and acceptance for the continued operation of the Atlantic County Family Success Centers

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the continued operation of the Atlantic County Family Success Centers for an amount not to exceed \$934,359.00 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, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

*Not in numerical order

RESOLUTION NO. 355
Grant application and acceptance for the County Health Infrastructure Funding (CHIF)

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health for the County Health Infrastructure Funding (CHIF) for an amount not to exceed \$608,257.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 356
Amending Resolution No. 361 (7-5-22), a grant application and acceptance for the PY 22 WorkFirst New Jersey

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 361 adopted on July 5, 2022, a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 22 WorkFirst New Jersey funding to extend the term to September 30, 2023, at no additional cost.

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

MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 357 TO 361

Commissioner Coursey and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 357 to 361.

RESOLUTION NO. 357
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$110,000.00 from Wellbeing and Equity Innovations, Community-Based Violence Interruption Program Grant FY 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 358
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$17,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veteran's Transportation 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 359
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$458,043.00 from New Jersey Transit, Section 5311 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 360
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$96,855.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, FY19 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 20-21.

RESOLUTION NO. 361
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$198,314.34 from BrownGreer, Settlement Fund Administrator, Opioid Settlement Account 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 362
Renewal competitive contract to serve as medical director for the Departments of Human Services and Public Safety

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a renewal competitive contract with Dr. Christopher J. Lucasti, D.O. to serve as medical director for the Departments of Human Services and Public Safety for an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 for the period commencing August 1, 2023 and terminating July 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 363
Competitive contract for the provision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out of School Youth Program

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a competitive contract with Ideal Institute of Technology for the provision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out of School Youth Program for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 364
Change order no. 1, a contract for paving Ocean Heights Avenue, Sections 4 and 5 in Egg Harbor Township and Hamilton Township

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing change order no. 1, a contract with Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for Ocean Heights Avenue, Sections 4 and 5 in Egg Harbor Township and Hamilton Township for a net increase of \$77,869.44 and a total amendatory amount of \$2,006,869.44.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 365
Renewal interlocal services agreement for the provision of security services at the Pleasantville branch of the Atlantic County Library System

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal interlocal services agreement with the City of Pleasantville for the provision of security services at the Pleasantville branch of the Atlantic County Library System for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 to extend the term of the agreement one year to expire on April 30, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 366
Memorandum of Understanding for a Pathways to Recovery Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Gatto seconded a motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board and the City of Pleasantville for a Pathways to Recovery Program for the term commencing June 1, 2023 and terminating May 31, 2024, revenue generating.

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

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MOTION TO COMBINE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 369 TO 372

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 369 to 372.

RESOLUTION NO. 369
Appointment for full membership to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Appointment of Mary Jo Bernardo for full membership to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to expire on January 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 370
Appointment to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Appointment of Donna Savikas to the Atlantic County Senior Citizens Advisory Board as First Alternate for a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 371
Reappointment to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission

Reappointment of Lisa M. March to the Atlantic County Parks and Environment Advisory Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 372
Reappointments to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board

Reappointment of Gregory A. Freelon, Dr. Barbara Gaba, Forrest Gilmore, Daniel Kelly, Daniel F. Konczyk, Tim W. Kreischer and Candace Titanski to the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

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Resolution honoring Victoria Mozitis, Miss New Jersey 2023

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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Fitzpatrick asked if a Director can be appointed without the Public Health Officer certificate? County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Commissioner Parker congratulated other local recent pageant title winners.

Commissioner Bertino provided an update on the recent Roads, Bridges and Dams Committee meeting. Many projects are in process but are experiencing permit delays.

Commissioner Parker asked about an update on the train trestle/bike path in Hamilton Township. County Administrator DelRosso responded. The McKee City Betterment Park has utilized a LEAP grant for high school field lights.

Chairman Risley congratulated the County on receiving three LEAP grants, notably the FIRE/EMS grant. The SJEDD now has a new location in Vineland and there is an opening for an Executive Director.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fitzpatrick requested flashing lights and signage from the STJA to alert drivers at the end of the expressway entering Atlantic City.

Chairman Risley requested a Jail Committee meeting to discuss the adult and youth detention population. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chairman Risley announced that the Education and Schools Committee will be meeting with ACCC and Cape May County to discuss marketing and enrollment. Commissioner Parker will request an update on issues from the previous meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from June 21, 2023 to July 11, 2023.

Commissioner Gatto announced the Second Annual Commemoration of the 1880 Train Wreck in Mays Landing will take place on August 11 at 6pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 5:13 p.m. There being no comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:13 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey welcomed the National Governor's Conference in Atlantic City this week.

Commissioner Gatto invited all to attend the Greater Atlantic City Chapter of Unico scholarship dinner on Thursday night.

Commissioner Kern offered congratulations to all involved in the Hammonton Mt. Carmel celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board