

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 August 1, 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. A moment of silence was held for New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver and local Board of Education member Margaret "Peggy" Capone.

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 July 18, 2023

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of July 18, 2023 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION

Recognizing Boy Scouts of America Scoutmaster Thomas "Tom" J. McGee.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 FINAL READING Ordinance designating locations in County owned and/or occupied buildings where public access is prohibited or limited

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 5-2023 designating locations in County owned and/or occupied buildings where public access is prohibited or limited to preserve security, safety and to protect and prevent disclosure of confidential information.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:14 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:14 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 FINAL READING Ordinance amending provisions of Ordinance No. 1-2021 adopted on March 2, 2021, which adopted an assessment on certain services furnished by hospitals located within the County's borders for

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 6-2023 amending provisions of Ordinance No. 1-2021 adopted on March 2, 2021, which adopted an assessment on certain services furnished by hospitals located within the County's borders for the purpose of increasing funding to support the provision of necessary services by such hospitals to low-income citizens and provide new fiscal resources to the County of Atlantic.

the purpose of increasing funding to support the provision of necessary services by such hospitals

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:18 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:18 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7
FIRST READING
Ordinance amending the County of Atlantic's existing fee schedules for certain County Department of Public Safety services**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 7-2023 amending the County of Atlantic's existing fee schedules for certain County Department of Public Safety services.

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. 8
FIRST READING
Ordinance to repeal Chapter 123 from the County Code in its entirety**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 8-2023 to repeal Chapter 123 from the County Code in its entirety.

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. 9
FIRST READING
Ordinance amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning use of county parks**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 9-2023 amending County Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks concerning use of county parks.

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. 394
Grant application and acceptance for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from New Jersey Transit for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for a funded amount of \$210,000.00, a County cash match of \$210,000.00 and for a total program amount not to exceed \$420,000.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 395
Grant submission of the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant submission of the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,866,830.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating August 30, 2031.

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. 396
Amending Resolution No. 618
(12-1-20), a grant application and
acceptance for additional funding
for the Community Development
Block Grant and to amend the
interlocal services agreement to
administer the funds**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 618 adopted on December 1, 2020, a grant application and acceptance for additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant and to amend the interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to administer the funds for a net increase of \$697,114.00 and a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$1,173,086.00 for the term beginning September 1, 2020 and terminating August 31, 2027.

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. 397
Amending Resolution No. 619
(12-1-20), a grant application and
acceptance for additional funding
for the Community Development
Block Grant and to amend the
interlocal services agreement to
administer the funds**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 619 adopted on December 1, 2020, a grant application and acceptance for additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant and to amend the interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to administer the funds for a net increase of \$2,563,402.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$4,671,484.00 for the term beginning September 1, 2020 and terminating August 31, 2027.

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. 398
Amending the Atlantic County
2002, 2008, 2016 and 2022
Annual Action Plans to amend
projects within the plans and to
reallocate funding**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending the Atlantic County 2002, 2008, 2016 and 2022 Annual Action Plans pertaining to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Program to amend projects within the plans and to reallocate funding 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. 399
Grant application and
acceptance for the FFY 23
Emergency Management
Performance Grant–Emergency
Management Agency Assistance
(EMAA)**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Performance/Federal Emergency Management Agency for the FFY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant–Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) for a funded amount of \$55,000.00, a County in-kind match of \$55,000.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 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. 400
Amending Resolution No. 453
(8-16-22), a professional services
agreement from the 2017-2018
pool**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 453 adopted on August 16, 2022, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2017-2018 pool to extend the term date until August 31, 2024 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. 401
Amending Resolution No. 454
(8-16-22), a professional services
agreement from the 2019-2020
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 454 adopted on August 16, 2022, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2019-2020 pool to extend the term date until August 31, 2024 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. 402
Amending Resolution No. 455
(8-16-22), a professional services
agreement from the 2020-2021
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 455 adopted on August 16, 2022, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2020-2021 pool to extend the term date until August 31, 2024 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. 403
Amending Resolution No. 457
(8-16-22), a professional services
agreement from the 2022-2023
pool

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 457 adopted on August 16, 2022, a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants from the 2022-2023 pool to extend the term date until August 31, 2024 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. 404
Professional services agreement
to establish the 2023-2024 pool of
vendors

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a professional services agreement with various architects, engineers, designers and other professional consultants to establish the 2023-2024 pool of vendors for an aggregate total not to exceed \$750,000.00 for the period commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating August 31, 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. 405
Renewal bid contract for the
provision of preventative
maintenance and emergency
repairs on various County
chillers

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Core Mechanical, Inc. for the provision of preventative maintenance and emergency repairs on various County chillers for an amount not to exceed \$71,600.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2023 through August 31, 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. 406
Renewal bid for the provision of
preventative maintenance on
County vehicles

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Providence Auto Group for the provision of preventative maintenance on County vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the term commencing November 1, 2023 and terminating October 31, 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. 407
Renewal lease agreement
concerning occupancy of County
owned premises located at 25
Dolphin Avenue in Northfield

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a renewal lease agreement with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. d/b/a Alzheimer's Association/Delaware Valley Chapter concerning occupancy of County owned premises located at 25 Dolphin Avenue in Northfield, for the term commencing on July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2025, revenue generating.

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. 408
Alternate method contract to
provide counsel services for
corrections officers in criminal
litigation

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Gamburg and Benedetto, LLC and the Law Offices of Agre & St. John to provide counsel services for corrections officers in criminal litigation for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 409
Interlocal services agreement for
the provision of an Oceanside
Literacy Project

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the provision of an Oceanside Literacy Project for an amount not to exceed \$39,967.00 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, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 410
Interlocal services agreement for
the provision of a Supplemental
Learning Lab Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing an interlocal services agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) for the provision of a Supplemental Learning Lab Program for an amount not to exceed \$94,961.00 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, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 411
Resolution authorizing Atlantic
County to enter into a
Cooperative Pricing System

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing Atlantic County to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC).

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. 412
Emergency contract for
emergency construction services
related to a sinkhole repair at the
Galloway Library

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an emergency contract with Command Company, Inc. for emergency construction services related to a sinkhole repair at the Galloway Library for an amount not to exceed \$178,750.00 and for services to be completed by December 31, 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. 413
Alternate method contract to provide services of a forensic nurse examiner coordinator

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Avanzar to provide services of a forensic nurse examiner coordinator for an amount not to exceed \$89,389.00 for the period commencing October 1, 2022 and terminating September 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. 414
Amending Resolution No. 111 (3-15-22), a shared services agreement for the provision of community shuttle services along the Route 40 and Route 54 corridors

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 111 adopted on March 15, 2022, a shared services agreement with the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) for the provision of community shuttle services along the Route 40 and Route 54 corridors for a net increase of \$110,050.81 and a total amount not to exceed \$310,050.81 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, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 415
Amending Resolution No. 222 (5-3-22), an interlocal services agreement for the administration of funding for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 222 adopted on May 3, 2022, an interlocal services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the administration of funding for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program for an amount not to exceed \$4,285,530.00 and to extend the term until September 30, 2030.

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. 416
Amending Resolution No. 574 (10-18-22), an agreement to provide construction management services for various capital projects

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 574 adopted on October 18, 2022, an agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to provide construction management services for various capital projects to extend the term date until August 31, 2024 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. 417
Alternate method contract for the County Option Hospital Fee Program

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with Eyman Associates, P.C. for the County Option Hospital Fee Program for an amount not to exceed \$126,000.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 418
Roadway Solicitation event in
Buena Vista Township**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing consent for a roadway solicitation event by the East Vineland Volunteer Fire Company at the intersection of Tuckahoe Road (CR 557) and Landis Avenue (CR 540) in the Township of Buena Vista on Friday, August 18, 2023, from 2 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10 am to 3 pm.

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 Parker provided an update on a recent ACUA meeting.

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 July 19, 2023 to August 1, 2023.

Commissioner Gatto asked if the repair work on the Pleasant Mills Dam project in Mullica will impact the water level of Lake Nesco. County Administrator DelRosso responded.

Commissioner Bertino asked if steel plating will be used for the Pleasant Mills Dam project.

Commissioner Parker requested roadwork to be done at night on heavily traveled County roads during the summer months.

Commissioner Dase inquired about the rescheduling of mosquito spraying in Port Republic and Galloway.

Commissioner Coursey expressed constituent concerns regarding paving and sidewalk repairs in Egg Harbor Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 5:07 p.m.

Pastor Jerome Page thanked the Commissioners for working together in a bipartisan manner. He was impressed with the back-and-forth discussion over resolutions.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:11 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey thanked everyone for their condolences over the passing of his mother. He praised Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver and her accomplishments.

Commissioner Balles requested the status of microphones in the Commissioner's meeting room.

Commissioner Dase announced the Atlantic County Firefighter's Association will be reinstating the firefighter competition at the 4H Fair on Saturday, August 12th at 2pm.

Chairman Risley complimented the Atlantic County 4-H for all the services it provides to the County youth.

Commissioner Kern recognized August as National Immunization Awareness Month and National Wellness Month.

Commissioner Coursey informed all that Atlantic City's National Night Out will be tonight at the Sovereign Avenue Ballfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Risley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern 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