

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 15, 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.

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
August 1, 2023**

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion to adopt and dispense with the reading of August 1, 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7
FINAL 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 adopt on final reading Ordinance No. 7-2023 amending the County of Atlantic's existing fee schedules for certain County Department of Public Safety services.

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:04 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:04 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. 8
FINAL READING
Ordinance to repeal Chapter 123
from the County Code in its
entirety**

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

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:05 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:05 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. 9
FINAL READING
Ordinance amending County
Code Chapter 97 entitled Parks
concerning use of county parks**

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

Chairman Risley opened the public hearing for comments at 4:06 p.m. There being no comments, the meeting was closed to the public at 4:06 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. 10
FIRST READING
Ordinance repealing Chapter 72
of the Atlantic County Code and
adopting a new Atlantic County
Code Chapter 72**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 10-2023 repealing Chapter 72 of the Atlantic County Code, "Excavation and Highway Occupancy Permits" and adopting a new Atlantic County Code Chapter 72, captioned "County Right of Way Use and Occupancy Standards, Permits and Prohibited Acts."

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 Hammonton 12U Little League Baseball team as the 2023 New Jersey District 16 and Section 4 Champions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 419
Grant application and
acceptance to support continued
COVID-19 response with Year
Two Enhancing Public Health
Infrastructure grant funding**

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) to support continued COVID-19 response with Year Two Enhancing Public Health Infrastructure grant funding for an amount not to exceed \$2,016,191.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on 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. 420
Amending Resolution No. 377
(7-18-23), a grant to correct the
funding amount pursuant to
Section 5311 of the Federal
Transit Act**

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 377 adopted on July 18, 2023, a grant from New Jersey Transit and the United States Department of Transportation to correct the funding amount pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act for a total amendatory amount not to exceed \$625,900.50 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating 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. 421
Grant application and
acceptance for the State Health
Insurance Assistance Program
(SHIP)**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00 for the period commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 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. 422
Grant application for the FY'24
Section 5311 Innovations Grant
funding pursuant to the Federal
Transit Act

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application to New Jersey Transit and the United States Department of Transportation for the FY'24 Section 5311 Innovations Grant funding pursuant to the Federal Transit Act for a funded amount of \$150,000.00, a County cash match of \$50,000.00 and a total program amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating 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. 423
Grant application and
acceptance for the PY 2023
Workforce Innovation
Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Adult
and Dislocated Worker Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2023 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Adult and Dislocated Worker Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,140,608.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024, with funding being expended by June 30, 2025.

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. 424
Grant application and
acceptance for the PY 2023
Workforce Innovation
Opportunity Act (WIOA) -
Youth Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2023 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Youth Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,465,479.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024, with funding being expended by June 30, 2025.

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. 425
Grant application and
acceptance for the PY 2023
Workforce Innovation
Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Data
Reporting and Analysis
Allocation Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2023 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Data Reporting and Analysis Allocation Program for an amount not to exceed \$12,971.00 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. 426
Grant application and
acceptance for the PY 2023
WorkFirst New Jersey Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2023 WorkFirst New Jersey Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,892,919.00 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. 427
Grant application and acceptance for the PY 2023 Workforce Learning Link Program

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the PY 2023 Workforce Learning Link Program for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 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. 428
Grant application and acceptance for the Supplemental Workforce Development Benefits PY 2023 SmartSTEPS Program

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the Supplemental Workforce Development Benefits PY 2023 SmartSTEPS Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,605.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending 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. 429
Grant application and acceptance for the SFY 2023 Operation Helping Hand grant

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the SFY 2023 Operation Helping Hand grant for an amount not to exceed \$105,263.15 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. 430
Federal Aid cost reimbursement agreement for the FY'23 Federal Aid funding for the construction costs associated with the resurfacing of Weymouth Road, Sections 8B and 9 in Hamilton Township

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a federal Aid cost reimbursement agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY'23 Federal Aid funding for the construction costs associated with the resurfacing of Weymouth Road, Sections 8B and 9 in Hamilton Township for an amount not to exceed \$2,159,789.15 for the term commencing July 11, 2023 and terminating July 11, 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. 431
Grant application and acceptance to accept Innovations Funding for the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission Home Electronic Detention System (HEDS) Case Management Program

Commissioner Bertino moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission to accept Innovations Funding for the Atlantic County Youth Services Commission Home Electronic Detention System (HEDS) Case Management Program for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for a one-year period from January 1, 2024 through 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. 432
Grant application and acceptance for the Clean Communities Program

Commissioner Balles moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a grant application and acceptance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Clean Communities Program for an amount not to exceed \$147,008.70 for the term commencing January 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. 433
Amending Resolution No. 607
(11-1-22), a professional services
agreement for the replacement of
two bridges at Weymouth Road
over Scull's Run (HML-18) and
Little Mill Stream (HML-19) in
Hamilton Township

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 607 adopted on November 1, 2022, a professional services agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc. for the replacement of two bridges at Weymouth Road over Scull's Run (HML-18) and Little Mill Stream (HML-19) in Hamilton Township to extend the contract term to October 1, 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. 434
Competitive contracts for the
provision of a WorkFirst New
Jersey To-Work Activities
Program

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Bertino seconded a motion authorizing competitive contracts with various providers for the provision of a WorkFirst New Jersey To-Work Activities Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2023 or from notice of award 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. 435
Competitive contracts for the
provision of a Workforce
Innovation and Opportunity Act
(WIOA) In-School Youth
Program

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing competitive contracts with various providers for the provision of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) In-School Youth Program for an amount not to exceed \$324,000.00. 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. 436
Renewal bid contract to provide
on-call maintenance resurfacing
in various municipalities

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Dase seconded a motion authorizing a renewal bid contract with Arawak Paving Company, Inc. to provide on-call maintenance resurfacing in various municipalities for an amount not to exceed \$883,000.00 for the term commencing September 1, 2023 and terminating August 31, 2024.

The above-mentioned motion was adopted by the following roll call:
AYES: Balles, Bertino, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: Coursey.

RESOLUTION NO. 437
Bid contract authorizing the
purchase of electricity through
the South Jersey Power
Cooperative

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a bid contract to purchase electricity from Constellation/New Energy through the South Jersey Power Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$785,431.20 for the period commencing September 1, 2023 and ending September 1, 2025.

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. 438
Shared services agreement for routine maintenance and emergency response and repair services of pumping stations at various County locations

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) for routine maintenance and emergency response and repair services of pumping stations at various County locations for an amount not to exceed \$186,190.21 for the period commencing August 1, 2023 and terminating July 31, 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. 439
Shared services agreement to provide Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve as armed security

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Coursey seconded a motion authorizing a shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Special Services School District and the Atlantic County Vocational School District to provide Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers to serve as armed security officers for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024, 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. 440
Alternate method contract to provide security services at the Atlantic County Central Municipal Court

Commissioner Gatto moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing an alternate method contract with KD National Force Security and Investigations, LLC to provide security services at the Atlantic County Central Municipal Court for an amount not to exceed \$625,200.00 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, Dase, Fitzpatrick, Gatto, Kern, and Risley. NAYS: Coursey and Parker.

RESOLUTION NO. 441
Amending Resolution No. 405 (7-19-22), a shared services agreement to place Atlantic County youth when needed at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion amending Resolution No. 405 adopted on July 19, 2022, a shared services agreement with Morris County to place Atlantic County youth when needed at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 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. 442
Public donor agreement for shelter and counseling services for the first half of 2023

Commissioner Kern moved and Commissioner Balles seconded a motion authorizing a public donor agreement with the Atlantic County Women's Center d/b/a Avanzar for shelter and counseling services for the first half of 2023 for an in-kind County contribution of \$67,936.97 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, Kern, Parker and Risley. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 443
Public donor agreement for shelter and counseling services for the second half of 2023

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing a public donor agreement with the Atlantic County Women's Center d/b/a Avanzar for shelter and counseling services for the second half of 2023 for an in-kind contribution of \$67,936.97 for the term commencing July 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. 444
Intergovernmental services
agreement for the provision of
support services

Commissioner Dase moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion authorizing an intergovernmental services agreement with the State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts for the provision of support services for the period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2024, 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.

MOTION TO COMBINE AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS.
445 TO 455

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Parker seconded a motion to combine and adopt Resolution Nos. 445 to 455.

RESOLUTION NO. 445
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$147,008.70 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities FY 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 446
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$9,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, State Facilities Education Act (SFEA) 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 447
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$100,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections, County Reentry Coordinators Program 22-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 448
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$39,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 449
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$75,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 Workforce Learning Link.

RESOLUTION NO. 450
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$12,971.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 WIOA Data Reporting and Analysis.

RESOLUTION NO. 451
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$1,465,479.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 WIOA Youth.

RESOLUTION NO. 452
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$1,605.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 SmartSTEPS.

RESOLUTION NO. 453
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$270,561.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 WIOA Adult.

RESOLUTION NO. 454
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$168,767.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 WIOA Dislocated Worker.

RESOLUTION NO. 455
CHAPTER 159

Insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$2,892,919.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 23-24 WorkFirst New Jersey.

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. 456
CHAPTER 159**

Commissioner Coursey moved and Commissioner Kern seconded a motion to insert into the budget of the year 2023 the sum of \$152,681.00 (County cash match) from New Jersey Transit, Section 5311 (CARTS) 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.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Commissioner Gatto asked Division of Parks and Recreation Director Husta to highlight the changes in Ordinance No. 9.

Commissioner Balles announced the Prosecutor's Office has established a Veterans Response Team and encouraged the Board and municipalities to support the program by resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Balles requested an update on the Zion Road project. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Gatto inquired about the Cologne Avenue and Route 30 project. County Engineer DiMeo responded.

Commissioner Dase asked if the County Engineering office has had any communication with the new NJ DOT liaison in regards to the Cologne Avenue and Route 30 project.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Parker announced the Atlantic County Puerto Rican Parade will host the annual Roots Awards ceremony on August 25 in Ventnor and the Latin Music Festival on August 26 in Pleasantville.

Chairman Risley attended the Governor's signing of a bill for boardwalk repairs across the State. The Atlantic County 4-H fair presented the annual Seashell Awards last weekend.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS**

Written communications and petitions were received by this office from August 2, 2023 to August 15, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Risley opened the meeting to the public at 5:23 p.m.

Jim Akers, resident of Landisville, supports offshore wind projects because it will provide many jobs in the Atlantic County workforce.

Fred Akers, resident of Newtonville, supports offshore wind development to help mitigate climate change.

Anne Poole, President of NJ Environmental Lobby (NJEL), supports offshore wind farm development for clean air and climate change.

There being no further comments, Chairman Risley closed the public portion at 5:31 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Coursey attended the services for Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver and said it was a beautiful tribute. She was a great leader who had tremendous oversight of Atlantic City.

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 5:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tara Silipena
Clerk of the Board