

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.  
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
4 MOORE ROAD  
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Vice-Director Desiderio presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio, Hayes, Morey and Pierson (4)

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR**

“This is a notice read pursuant to the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act.” At least 48 hours advance notice of this meeting has been provided by posting of the same in writing on the bulletin boards in the County Administration Building, and the County Clerk’s Office and mailing a copy of the notice to the Cape May County Herald and the Atlantic City Press and filing the same with the County Clerk, all being done on Friday, January 3, 2020.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

FLAG SALUTE-Led by General Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/23/19 REGULAR MEETING  
and 01/03/20 CAUCUS MEETING  
FH Hayes moved/ FH Pierson seconded

<b>Freeholders</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
<b>Mr. Desiderio</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Ms. Hayes</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>X</b>	
<b>Mr. Morey</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Mr. Pierson</b>	<b>X</b>					<b>X</b>
<b>Mr. Thornton</b>				<b>X</b>		

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: The Gateway Project was proceeding on schedule. The contractor would be paving the rest of the eastbound lanes and shoulders on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January (approx.) depending on the temperatures. The traffic had been scheduled to switch over at that time, the westbound lanes to the eastbound lanes. However, with the President coming to Wildwood on the 28<sup>th</sup>, the contractor had been asked to hold off. It would probably be done around the 29<sup>th</sup> of January instead, he stated. At that time you would have the westbound traffic exiting in the eastbound lane and the eastbound traffic would be going down Hand Avenue. Also, related to the project, the engineer had been in contact with the County’s FEMA representative, learning that two hundred and forty thousand dollars was available towards the project. He would facilitate putting in a request for the money.

He reported the contractor was moving along on the Ingram’s Thorofare Re-decking Project. They accomplished the demolition of Span 5 last night. They weren’t able to get to Span 1, due to some mechanical problems. Therefore, the causeway would remain open to traffic until sometime next week, instead of closing for two nights this week, as originally scheduled. Once complete, the contractor would prepare the deck, in order to begin the first pour on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. The bridge would have to be closed again for another night to accomplish this.

Hope Corson Road was going to have base and intermediate courses paved on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. After allowing it to cool for a week they would return, to do

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the top course, before the temperatures dropped and it became too cold to do the work.

A meeting was held last Monday in Trenton with all the representatives from the DOT, concerning CR 621 and the Local Concept Development of the Ocean Drive Causeway and bridges in Lower Township. The DOT then came down here on Tuesday to do a field review of the project, to see if there were any improvements or changes to the concept that would save money. They could now go back with the information gathered to generate a report within 4-5 weeks. They would submit comments and/or recommendations about the project. The consultant and the county would also have the opportunity to comment and reconcile any potential issues. At this point, the DOT would issue a final report and forward that to the FHWA, clearing the way to proceed.

A prisoner trash picking initiative had been started by the public works department. At the end of January a crew would be picking trash on Sea Isle Boulevard, the first road to be cleaned up in the initiative.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: The freeholder commented that one of the items on his list, the Middle Thorofare Bridge had been covered already by Bob Church. Clearly everyone involved was looking forward to moving that along. This project was the number one objective in the County's comprehensive bridge replacement plan, he informed.

He commented on the Public Works facilities down at the airport which were undergoing study and design for replacement of buildings that dated back 60 years or more. They were pleased with the consultant that had been brought on board. They've had productive discussions and a lot of input from Fare Free and others, as there were a number of departments that touched on that particular space. A site plan and phased plan would be developed within the next six months or so. The development was welcome from both from a safety and aesthetic standpoint, he noted. He would have more to report in the next few months.

2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Ocean City First Night Kick-off on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Evan Michael Holmes of Troop 79 in Upper Township, Coast Guard Community Recertification meeting, Veterans Bureau staff meeting and Coast Guard Foundation meeting.

He spoke about the number of veterans residing in Cape May County. A rough estimate of 7600 was mentioned as the probable number, from the last count taken. He informed that in May of 2020, the federal portion of the new Cape May "County Commons" should be open for veterans to take advantage of the services offered.

He reported on the New Jersey CARES data which listed Real Time Dashboard of Opiate-Related Data and Information. Suspected opiate overdose deaths were up from 47 deaths in 2018 to 51 deaths in 2019. The peak year was 2017 when 59 individuals were lost. Even with some of the numbers being up, the freeholder felt they were making strides in the right direction. In 2013, an average of 100,000 prescriptions were issued for opiates, in 2019 the number was down to 65,000. Narcan deployments were significantly up through the training and distribution of Narcan kits provided by CURE and the Hope One

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Van. Tons of kits had been distributed throughout the county he said. That along with training is what saved lives. Narcan training class dates and times were due to be published shortly in the Herald Newspaper. The classes were sponsored by the CURE Program of the Lighthouse Church in Middle Township.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes informed her colleagues of her participation and/or experience at the following events: local firemen legislative night and the swearing-in of Assemblymen Erik Simonsen of Lower Township & Antwan McClellan of Ocean City for District 1.

She encouraged those in attendance to try to go to the Coast Guard Festival this year, especially if they had never been to the festival. It was an opportunity to get onto the base, see things up close and personal and to also experience all that was offered, including the Coast Guard Ball which was held the evening before the festival. The members of the Coast Guard love hosting and mingling with civilians at this event she remarked. The freeholder thanked Freeholder Morey for starting this and both Freeholders Morey and Pierson for “taking up the reins” once again by continuing to promote the Coast Guard Community and all related activities.

She acknowledged Violet Rixey, Vice-Director of the Cape May County Women’s Commission, in the audience to speak on Res. No. 42-20 for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Cape May County. The things that are going on all over the world, and even here, need to be recognized and we need to be there to help those victims, she stated. Violet would provide an overview later in the meeting.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: He attended the graduation exercises for the 47<sup>th</sup> Basic Course for full-time police officers. It was held at the Performing Arts Center at 4 p.m. today. Prosecutor Sutherland and the freeholder addressed the class, and Freeholder Desiderio offered the Oath of Office to the new officers. He gave kudos to the police academy, as there were recruits and graduates from Sayreville, Woodbridge, Rutgers University and Cape May County police departments. He wished all the new police officers good luck and blessings.
- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Absent.

**INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. MOREY**

- 19-20 Resolution authorizing Agreement with Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training and Opportunity Center to provide Recyclable Materials Pickup Service for County of Cape May Facilities in the amount of \$55,640.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes a Sheltered Workshop Agreement with Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training and Opportunity Center, a non-profit corporation, for a term of one year, commencing January 1, 2020 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(n).)
- 20-20 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 with CFG Health Systems, LLC to implement a Medically Assisted Treatment Program at the Cape May County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$44,334.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 with CFG Health Systems, LLC for implementing a Medically Assisted Treatment Program at the Cape May County Correctional Facility for a term of six months, commencing January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$44,334.00.)
- 21-20 Resolution designating Officers to the Cape May County Construction Board of Appeals for 2020.  
(This Resolution names Cornelius Byrne, Jr. as Chairperson, Michael Morano as Vice-Chairperson and Chris Penza as Secretary to the Cape May County Construction Board of Appeals for 2020, pursuant to state statute requiring this to be done annually.)

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- 22-20 Resolution appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2.  
(This Resolution appoints a Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2020 as required by N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2.).
- 23-20 Resolution constituting an Agreement with certain State and National Contract Vendors for 2020.  
(This Resolution enables the County to utilize State, Regional, National and Cooperative contracted Vendors.)
- 24-20 Resolution appointing a Cape May County Fire Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinators for Cape May County.  
(This Resolution appoints William Cripps as Cape May County Fire Coordinator and Ronald McGowen, Jerome Inderwise, Jay Newman and William Mulligan as Deputy Fire Coordinators for terms of 01/01/20 through 12/31/21.)
- 25-20 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-20 appointing certifying officers for 2020.  
(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)
- 26-20 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$32,684.75.  
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 27-20 Resolution establishing the mileage rate for 2020.  
(This Resolution establishes the reimbursable mileage rate for 2020 for use of a personal vehicle while engaged in County business when a County owned vehicle is unavailable. Rate set at 57.5 cents per mile.)
- 28-20 Resolution authorizing various addenda to the Master Service Agreements with the State of New Jersey Judiciary Administrative Office of the Courts.  
(This Resolution authorizes various changes to the Master Service Agreements from 7/1/19 through 6/30/24. Vehicular Services – Rates per County Resolution No. 800-17; Mailroom Services – indirect cost \$2,564.63 per month; Printing Services (labor) - \$29.58-\$48.55 per hour – indirect costs \$15.01 per hour; Records Management Services – per schedule of fees.)
- 29-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY2019 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in the amount of \$6,174.00.  
(This Resolution accepts funding from US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for State Alien Assistance Program in the amount of \$6,174.00.)
- 30-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY2018 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in the amount of \$37,365.00.  
(This Resolution accepts funding from US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for State Alien Assistance Program in the amount of \$37,365.00.)
- 31-20 Resolution accepting Grant Award from State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families for 2019 Child Advocacy Development Grant – CAPITAL in the amount of \$749,447.00.  
(This Resolution accepts funding from State off New Jersey Department of Children and Families for 2019 Child Advocacy Development Grant – CAPITAL in the amount of \$749,447.00.)
- 32-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Department of Law)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

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- 33-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Facilities & Services)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 34-20 Resolution accepting Grant Awards from State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for State Community Partnership and Family Court Appropriations for a total of \$314,535.00.  
(This Resolution accepts award notices for the following grants 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020: State Community Partnership & Family Court Appropriations – SCP program Services Funds \$153,833.00, SCP – Program Management Funds \$55,550.00, Family Court Services Funds \$105,152.00.)
- 35-20 Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Cape May County Municipal Alliance Plan for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$170,630.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Board approval of the FY2021 Municipal Alliance Plan, in the amount of \$170,630.00 and authorizes that it be submitted to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.)
- 36-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Health Department, Human Services)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					X
Mr. Pierson	X				X	
Mr. Thornton				X		

**INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON**

- 37-20 Resolution supplementing the 2020 Salary Resolution and approving appointments and salaries.  
(This Resolution authorizes the hiring of new County employees, temporary assignment pay, salary changes or corrections, title changes and promotions of County employees when applicable.)
- 38-20 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable.  
Matters falling within attorney-client privilege, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7); personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), and matters falling within the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).  
(This Resolution authorizes the Board of Chosen Freeholders to conduct a meeting excluding the public at the stated time in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, et seq.)
- 39-20 Resolution declaring the County of Cape May a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary.  
(This Resolution designates Cape May County, New Jersey as a “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary”).
- 40-20 Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Local Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee.  
(This Resolution appoints and reappoints members to the Local Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee.)
- 41-20 Resolution reappointing Miriam Kauterman as a member to the Cape May County Park Advisory Board.  
(This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of Miriam Kauterman as a member to the Cape May County Park Advisory Board. Term to expire 12/31/22.)

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- 42-20 Resolution designating January 2020 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Cape May County.  
(This Resolution designates January 2020 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Cape May County.)
- 43-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Surrogate, Park/Zoo)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 44-20 Resolution accepting check from NJM Insurance Group in the amount of \$1,293.98 for damage to a County traffic light pole.  
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$1,293.98 from NJM Insurance Group for damage to a county traffic light pole sustained during a motor vehicle accident on November 8, 2019.)
- 45-20 Resolution authorizing renewal with National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA for group accident coverage in the amount of \$1,547.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of coverage for Community Service (SLAP Program), Fire Hawk Program, OEM and County Volunteer Group Accident Insurance for the term of February 1, 2020 through February 1, 2021.)
- 46-20 Resolution authorizing Public Official Bond with RLI Insurance Company for Brittany M. Smith, Chief Financial Officer in the amount of \$3,144.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Public Official Bond #LSM1215548 for Brittany M. Smith, Chief Financial Officer for the term December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2020.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton				X		

**INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON**

- 47-20 Resolution authorizing and supporting Cape May County’s Recertification Application to the United States Coast Guard for official designation as a “Coast Guard Community”.  
(This Resolution authorizes and supports Cape May County’s Recertification Application to the United States Coast Guard for official designation as a “Coast Guard Community”.)
- 48-20 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Bridge Department, Road Department)  
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 49-20 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$2,967,998.99 for Corson’s Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.  
(This Resolution awards the contract for Corson’s Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.)
- 50-20 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 2 in the amount of \$32,220.00 to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Repair and Refurbishment of Fishing Creek Stormwater Pump Station.  
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount for additional work to be performed by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. under their professional engineering agreement to continue with the design for the improvements to the Fishing Creek Stormwater Pump Station.)

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- 51-20 Resolution approving contract documents for 2020 Drainage Improvements along Corson Tavern Road (CR628) in the Townships of Dennis and Upper and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.  
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)
- 52-20 Resolution authorizing new commercial liability coverage (Builders Risk) with Great American Insurance Company for property known as “County Commons” located at 3801 U.S. Route 9, Rio Grande, New Jersey, 08242.  
(This Resolution authorizes new Builders Risk Policy #IMPE5492430000 for the “County Commons” Project for the term of December 2, 2019 through December 2, 2020.)
- 53-20 Resolution authorizing Public Official Bond with RLI Insurance Company for Robert Nolan, Sheriff in the amount of \$500.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes Public Official Bond #LSM1081503 for the term of December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2020.)
- 54-20 Resolution authorizing renewal with Travelers Property Casualty Company of America for Commercial Property Insurance Coverage for the Department of Human Services Building in the amount of \$7,019.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Commercial Property Coverage for the Department of Human Services Building, 4005 Route 9, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 for the term of January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021.)
- 55-20 Resolution authorizing renewal with Travelers Property Casualty Company of America for Commercial Liability Equipment Breakdown/Boiler Coverage for Department of Human Services Building in the amount of \$608.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Equipment Breakdown/Boiler Coverage for the Department of Human Services Building for the term of January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021.)
- 56-20 Resolution authorizing renewal with Landmark American Insurance Company for Professional Liability Coverage for Firefighting Instructors & Deputy Fire Marshals in the amount of \$5,400.00.  
(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Policy #LHR773271 for the period of December 7, 2019 through December 7, 2020.)
- 57-20 Resolution granting and amending various Leaves of Absence to County Employees.  
(This Resolution authorizes County Employees to be placed on a Leave of Absence in accordance with the County Leave of Absence Policy and the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton				X		

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: FH Hayes moved/FH Pierson seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton				X		

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Violet Rixey, North Cape May speaking on behalf of the Cape May County Women’s Commission, made a brief report on the objectives that were met by the organization in 2019 and provided factual human trafficking statistics.

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Jerry Sieber, Swainton, volunteer member of U.S. Term Limits asked members of the Board to sign a petition for term limits for Congress sponsored by the organization. County Counsel Jeffrey Lindsay advised the Board not to sign before having said documents examined outside the public meeting. Contact information for Mr. Sieber was provided for follow-up.

Dave Daniels, Upper Township commented in support of Res. No. 39-20, Resolution declaring Cape May County a “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary”. Tom Rock, Dennis Township stated concern and questioned if a repair would be made to the intersection at Rt. 550 and Rt. 610. County Engineer, Bob Church advised the road would be reconfigured and resurfaced before Memorial Day, when an already planned roundabout was constructed. Mr. Rock also thanked the Board for passing the Second Amendment resolution.

Freeholder Pierson informed everyone that 75 letters in favor of the “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary” resolution had been received by the County in recent weeks, prompting them to move forward.

David Cusick, North Cape May thanked the Board for passing the Second Amendment resolution.

John Trainor, Dennis Township thanked the County for taking a stand and passing the second amendment resolution. He thanked the audience for coming out in support of the resolution.

Freeholder Hayes commented regarding Second Amendment rights being under attack.

Mark Holler, Cape May Court House commented in support of Res. No. 39-20. He also asked if work was going to be done to Dias Creek Road. Bob Church gave a brief update.

ADJOURN: 7:58 P.M. FH Hayes moved/FH Pierson seconded

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X				X	
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton				X		

APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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ADMINISTRATOR