

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Director Thornton presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Freeholders Desiderio, Hayes, Pierson and Thornton (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 Thursday, January 3, 2019.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE-

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 02/12/19 REGULAR MEETING
FH Desiderio moved/ FH Hayes seconded

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

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church updated the Board on status of the Wildwood Gateway Project, Ingram’s Thorofare Redecking Project, Sea Isle Boulevard, and Ingram’s Thorofare Substructure Repairs.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER PIERSON:

Mr. Pierson reported the Valentine’s Day visit to the Vineland Memorial Home and Veteran’s Haven at Ancora was achieved as scheduled, and previously reported. Seven thousand dollars in donations were collected and disbursed between the two facilities. The monetary contributions originating from various legion service organizations, private donors and people in the community was the largest amount ever collected.

He attended the David C. Douglass’ 25th memorial flag-raising and wreath placement held at Townbank Fire Company on February 18, 2019. Director Thornton, Freeholder Hayes and Jeff Sutherland, County Prosecutor were also in attendance. The prosecutor was a speaker for the event honoring Officer Douglass.

Freeholder Pierson was present for the budget deliberation hearing on February 20th.

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Director Thornton and Freeholder Pierson recently met with Cape Regional Home Health Care managed by Bayada. The meeting was very productive and in the end everyone was in agreement.

He participated in a meeting on the Homeless Trust Fund, with the goal of setting clear objectives. Director Thornton and Freeholder Hayes were also there. Donna and Pat did a great job maintaining the focus throughout the meeting, and much was accomplished towards moving in the right direction, he commented.

He traveled to the Howard Stainton Senior Center in Ocean City to watch the free tax preparation provided by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program of Cape May County (VITA). Diane Wieland, Director, Tourism and Public Information also participated.

2) FREEHOLDER HAYES:

Freeholder Hayes attended the VA and Veteran's Community Engagement Forum on February 16th in Belleplain. The Veteran's Clinic coming to Rio Grande was the main topic of discussion. A lot of good ideas and recommendations were heard.

She attended a memorial service for Veteran Ronnie Wolfenden at the American Legion in Wildwood, where he was a member. Mr. Wolfenden was very young and his death sudden. The service was well attended, but very sad she commented.

As a side note, regarding the ceremony held on the 25th anniversary of the death of Officer David Douglass, the freeholder explained that she worked on that case during the time she was in the Prosecutor's Office. She never again saw in her whole career, where so many people came together as they did that week. Once the investigation was started nobody would go home. It's amazing how 25 years can pass so quickly and also amazing how in the police realm we don't forget our own. It was a beautiful ceremony she stated.

She attended the documentary film screening of the death of Deputy Kyle Dinkheller, who was murdered in 1998 during a routine vehicle stop. You can go on Netflix and watch a car cam of what took place when the deputy was killed. It's not easy to watch, because he was literally executed on the street. If you get the chance you should watch it though she advised, because this is what these police officers go through every single day.

3) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO:

Around two months ago a demonstration was given here on a flood warning system. This upcoming Monday at 11:30 a.m. on 62nd and Landis Avenue we're going to unveil this new system in Sea Isle City. All who can make it there, please come and see it. We've been told this is the largest such system in the State of New Jersey. Over 100 flashing lights have been put up around our community he reported.

4) FREEHOLDER THORNTON:

Director Thornton attended the Wildwood Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon with the Police Chiefs, who brought everybody up to date. It was a very interesting presentation, showcasing how much they have to prepare for the summer season.

He met with the staff regarding Code Blue and seeing what else could be done.

They were up in Belleplain for a meeting on the Veteran's Clinic. Vince Kane, Regional Director for the Veteran's Administration gave an outstanding presentation. He emphasized that Vince Kane had done an outstanding job since he took over as director for the region. We wouldn't be building the Veteran's Clinic down in Rio Grande right now if it weren't for Vince Kane and everything

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he has done he noted. We've gotten more response from him then we've ever gotten out of Wilmington in more than 20 plus years.

Dave Douglass ceremony was wonderful but very sad. It brought back all those sad memories from 25 years ago he stated.

Freeholder Pierson and Director Thornton met with Cape Regional regarding homecare.

The freeholder participated in the recent Homeless Trust Fund meeting and the Budget Deliberation meeting, which took a little under an hour due to the fact that everyone was well prepared.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 140-19 Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement between SP Marmora and the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution authorizes a settlement and mutual release agreement for a matter bearing docket number CPM-L-514-18.)
- 141-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 92-19 reappointing Patricia Callinan to the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 92-19 which reappointed Patricia Callinan to the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority with the statement reading term date of 9/1/24 and which statement should have read 2/1/24.)
- 142-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-18 to Advanced Security Technologies, LLC to furnish, deliver and train staff regarding modular vehicle physical anti-ramming barriers with swing gate feature and trailer for Office of Prosecutor in the amount of \$84,999.00.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-18 to Advanced Security Technologies, LLC to furnish, deliver and train staff regarding modular vehicle physical anti-ramming barriers with swing gate feature and trailer for office of Prosecutor in the amount of \$84,999.00.)
- 143-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-21 to DeBlasio & Associates PA for Construction Engineering Services for site work of 1127 Rt. 47 S., Rio Grande, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$149,412.00.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-21 to DeBlasio & Associates for Construction Engineering Services for site work at 1127 Rt. 47 S., Rio Grande, NJ commencing February 27, 2019, expiring upon completion and closeout of project.)
- 144-19 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 Cape May County for terms of 01/23/19 through 12/31/19.)
- 145-19 Resolution appointing certain County employees to the permanent position in their respective offices. (Prosecutor)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 146-19 Resolution authorizing County Entity to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249).
(This Resolution authorizes the Office of the County Surrogate to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP.)
- 147-19 Resolution authorizing County Entity to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249).
(This Resolution authorizes the Office of the County Board of Elections to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP.)

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- 148-19 Resolution authorizing County Entity to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249).
(This Resolution authorizes the Office of the Prosecutor to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP.)
- 149-19 Resolution authorizing County Entity to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249).
(This Resolution authorizes the Office of the County Board of Taxation to exceed the County Entity Budget Request CAP.)
- 150-19 Resolution to exceed the County Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank for Fiscal Year 2019.
(This Resolution establishes a CAP Bank for fiscal year 2019 and schedules a public hearing for March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.)
- 151-19 Resolution authorizing Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Act of 1964”.
(This Resolution authorizes a certification of compliance with the United States Equal Opportunity Commissions pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183.)
- 152-19 Resolution accepting Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA/Victim Assistance Grant Program No. V-08-16) for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$317,787.00.
(This Resolution accepts a subgrant award for VOCA Grant from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 in the amount of \$317,787.00 (Federal) and \$252,728.00 (In Kind County Match), totaling \$570,515.00.)
- 153-19 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for the Body Armor Replacement Program – Prosecutor Office for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4,503.94.
(This Resolution accepts a grant award for the Body Armor Replacement Program – Prosecutor Office, for the budget period of 9/1/18 through 8/31/19.)

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

INTRODUCED BY MR. PIERSON, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO

- 154-19 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).)
- 155-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 5-19 designating Freeholder Member or Liaison for various boards, commissions and agencies outside of Cape May County Government for the year 2019.
(This Resolution adds Will Morey and Jeffrey Pierson as liaisons or members to the Coast Guard Community Foundation.)
- 156-19 Resolution approving the monthly disbursements from the Department of Human Services for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts.
(This Resolution accepts and approves the monthly disbursements for the TANF, General Assistance and Clearing Accounts as submitted by the fiscal Department of Human Services.)

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- 157-19 Resolution accepting a renewal agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2008 Shelter + Care Project through the Fy2018 Continuum of Care Grant No. NJ0181L2F031805 for the period May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 in the amount of \$52,364.00.
(This Resolution accepts funds for 2008 Shelter+Care Project No. NJ0181L2F031805 to continue and expand support to the FY18 Continuum of Care by maximizing efforts and leveraging resources in order to prevent and end homelessness for the period 5/1/19 through 4/30/20 in the amount of \$52,364.00.)
- 158-19 Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Upper and the County of Cape May for maintenance of the Upper Township Senior Center.
(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with Upper Township for maintenance of the Upper Township Senior Center. The term of this Agreement is in effect for five (5) years commencing February 10, 2019, and shall renew for a successive term of five (5) years unless either party provides written notice to terminate at least ninety (90) days before the end of the term.)
- 159-19 Resolution appointing certain County employees to the permanent position in their respective offices. (Engineer)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 160-19 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. Ocean Drive (CR619) Resurfacing Improvements from 29th Street to 62nd Street, Borough of Avalon.
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 161-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$53,397.20 to South State, Inc. for 2018 Maintenance Paving on Various County Roads.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)
- 162-19 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement Modification No. 2 to Federal Agreement No. 16-DT-BLA-734 for Ocean Drive (CR619) Resurfacing Improvements from 29th Street to 62nd Street, Borough of Avalon.
(This Resolution increases the amount of Federal funding for the project.)
- 163-19 Resolution authorizing approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2019 County Aid Transportation Program.
(This Resolution authorizes the County to apply for funds in the amount of \$3,391,034.00 from the State's Transportation Trust Fund for various roads and bridge improvements for the year 2019.)
- 164-19 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 7 in the amount of \$785,000.00 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Professional Engineering and Licensed Site Remediation Services at the Cape May County Airport.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of Tetra Tech, Inc. professional services agreement for remediation at the Cape May County Airport.)
- 165-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for New Jersey Avenue (CR621), City of North Wildwood.
(This Resolution authorizes Garden State General Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair on New Jersey Avenue (CR621), City of North Wildwood.)
- 166-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to New Jersey American Water for the intersection of Tuckahoe Road (CR631) and South Old Tuckahoe Road (CR662), Upper Township.

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(This Resolution authorizes New Jersey American Water to install a new water main for a fire hydrant at the intersection of Tuckahoe Road (CR631) and Old South Tuckahoe Road (CR662) in the Township of Upper. Work will be completed promptly.)

- 167-19 Resolution approving contract documents for Approach Guide Rail and Substructure Repairs for Upper Thorofare Bridge and Mill Creek Bridge and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

- 168-19 Resolution approving contract documents for the Main Street (CR610) Reconstruction from US Route 47 to Dennisville Petersburg Road and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

- 169-19 Resolution authorizing Endorsement of Preliminary Preferred Alternate 3 for the Local Concept Development of the Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements.

(This Resolution endorses Alternative 3 for the Local Concept Development of the Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements.)

- 170-19 Resolution authorizing Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$0.00 to the Professional Engineering Services with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. Professional Engineering Services for CR621 Corridor Traffic Signal Optimization Improvements, City of Wildwood.

(This Resolution is a Zero Dollar Contract Modification with no additional time extended to the contract to transfer Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. direct expense funds to GTS Consultants to perform out of scope survey work.)

- 171-19 Resolution accepting a Grant Agreement from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection HDSRF-#P45060.

(This Resolution authorizes a Grant Agreement between New Jersey Economic Development Authority and Cape May County. The purpose of this grant is for the reimbursement of the remedial investigation of the former John's Tire and Auto Body Center in Wildwood.)

- 172-19 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract with Gibson Associates, P.A. for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Woodbine-Ocean View Road, A.K.A. DeHirsch Avenue (CR550) Phase I Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Woodbine.

(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)

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

INTRODUCED BY MS. HAYES, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO

- 173-19 Resolution supplementing the 2019 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.)

- 174-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on February 26, 2019 at 3:30 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); matters falling within the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5); and personnel matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).

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(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.)

175-19 Resolution authorizing one-year agreement with Comcast Spotlight, Inc. for advertising for various Departments not to exceed \$80,000.00.

(This Resolution authorizes a one-year Agreement with Comcast Spotlight Inc. for advertising for various departments commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.)

176-19 Resolution supporting that the New Jersey Library and its subsidiaries budget accordingly to directly provide public libraries delivery services.

(This Resolution supports that the New Jersey Library and its subsidiaries budget accordingly to directly provide public libraries delivery services.)

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

Freeholder Director Thornton’s Budget Message

The budget being introduced today has taken the administrative staff months to prepare and countless hours of research and coordination with Department Heads to ensure it provides funding to maintain core levels of service, capital improvements, sustainable growth and an enhanced quality of life for our citizens.

The Budget Team has worked diligently to create a document that best reflects this government's mission to provide services to our residents, invest in our future and adhere to the mandated 2% State CAP. The 2019 budget reflects the Board’s continued conservative financial policies that have served this County well and have allowed us to maintain a strong financial rating.

Understand, the job does not end with the adoption of the budget. We carefully monitor spending throughout the year and adjust to changes in priorities and programs.

The total budget for 2019 is \$161.2 million. This budget reflects an overall increase of 5.6% over 2018. This increase will enable the County to maintain essential services as well as support capital improvement projects for improvements that include county roads and bridges.

The tax rate for 2019 is up three tenths of a cent. Revenue increased 4.75%, the levy raised in support of the 2019 budget is \$118.7 million. The tax rate is projected to be .2276 in 2019, which is an increase of 3/10 of a cent.

The County was able to generate surplus of \$12.8 million dollars, which pushed the total surplus to \$23 million dollars for the first time in several years. The County’s anticipated surplus in the budget is \$11 million which is 47% of the available surplus. This is consistent with the County's policy.

Cape May County is not isolated from the social problems that have become a national crisis and we are joining with community organizations to address these issues head on. Cape May County government is working on many fronts to deal with the issues that are hurting our families.

We are establishing guidelines to help provide funds to address the homeless population and the Department of Social Services is implementing many new programs to better identify and assist those in need. We are expanding the drug court, and adding additional staffing and training to the Prosecutors' Office to help fight the opioid epidemic that his facing our country.

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This Board takes pride in the accomplishments and improvements made over the past several years. Core services and infrastructure improvements, public safety, health and human services are paramount in our spending plan. We are continuing to work to bring new jobs and economic opportunities to the county. The Office of Emergency Management has instituted programs that will protect lives and properties before, during and after natural disasters.

I am proud to report that many outstanding county programs have gained state and national recognition. Cape May County is in the forefront in the State with innovative programs in public safety and training, libraries, parks, tourism and emergency management. Programs that have earned national awards include; the Office of Emergency Management, Human Resources Wellness Program, the Library system, the Park and Zoo and Public Safety and Training program, to name a few.

In conclusion, we believe this is a good budget that is fair and balanced and will provide the ability to maintain core services while tackling necessary and important projects.

Director Thornton finished by thanking all the staff and county employees for a job well done in 2018 that gave the county the surplus they had to work with, and the budget committee for their months of hard work.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Berg of Upper Township, in his capacity of president and state delegate of Cape May County PBA, Local 401, thanked the board for its' support, past and present.

ADJOURN: 5:03 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH Hayes seconded

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

APPROVED

DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2019 (CONTINUED)

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD