

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 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, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (5)

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 5, 2017.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 2/14/17 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					

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Dale Foster had no report.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jim Arsenault had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Francine Springer had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Freeholder Morey reported *Aviation Weekly* was at the Airport this week reporting on Luftronix, Inc. which is great for publicity for Cape May County and its’ effort in this area.

Regarding an article in today’s Press of Atlantic City covering the issue of the Bridge Commission moving forward with EZ-Pass he commented the projections for revenue could have been covered more extensively. He would provide figures to the Board obtained through the South Jersey Transportation Authority estimates.

- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Freeholder Pierson attended a retirement party for 30 plus year security staff employee, Sean Breslin. It was an excellent event with a nice turn out he stated.

He attended a NJ Run for the Fallen Beef and Beer dinner. It was a superb event and he was looking forward to the next one.

He reported the most recent kitchen inspection at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center done by the state was passed with flying colors.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Freeholder Hayes met with the new president of Atlantic Cape Community College, President Gaba discussing ideas and concerns here in Cape May County with her she stated.

She attended the annual criminal justice meeting of the college, learning about new initiatives to be put in place for this year. One such initiative is a Criminal Justice Academy which would bring in well-known speakers for the students and community alike.

Also at the college, the freeholder had the opportunity to speak to some of the college psychology and social worker classes on the topic of sexual assault on college campuses relating to some of her background in law enforcement; actions being taken by colleges and some of the new regulations and laws recently passed.

Freeholders Pierson and Hayes both sat in on a conference call with the Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force. They heard from several individuals from around the state regarding the current initiatives for the protection of children, especially related to computer activities.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: No report.

- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: No report.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 155-17 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$12,403.00.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 156-17 Resolution awarding contracts to various firms for grant writing, grant administration, and related services for the County of Cape May and participating County cooperative members.
(This Resolution awards six Contracts for grant writing, grant administration, and related services on an as-needed basis for the County of Cape May and participating County cooperative agencies 25-CMaCP.)
- 157-17 Resolution authorizing sale of surplus vehicles through contracted on-line auction service.
(This Resolution authorizes the sale of surplus and forfeiture vehicles through GovDeals on-line auction service.)
- 158-17 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for a claim in the amount of \$760.00.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Deductible Billing Department for a claim in the amount of \$760.00.)
- 159-17 Resolution accepting check from City of Wildwood, New Jersey in the amount of \$4,875.50 for damage to County vehicle while on loan to the City of Wildwood.
(This Resolution accepts payment for a County vehicle damaged during a motor vehicle accident on September 8, 2016.)
- 160-17 Resolution authorizing a Reciprocal Use of Facilities for Emergency-Displaced Residents Memorandums of Agreement within the County of Cape May on behalf of Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution authorizes Memorandums of Agreement within the County of Cape May for reciprocal use of facilities for emergency-displaced residents from Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017 (CONTINUED)

- 161-17 Resolution adding new classification for County Employees.
(This Resolution establishes the use of additional NJCSC titles and their salary ranges for County employees by amending Resolution No. 5117-78.)
- 162-17 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on February 28, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible or as practicable. Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
(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.)
- 163-17 Resolution Transferring Funds 2016 Budget.
(This Resolution authorizes the transfer of funds from one department to another department.)

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. MOREY

- 164-17 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).)
- 165-17 Resolution awarding Contract No. 17-90 to Elyse L. Tepper for provision of pharmaceutical consulting services for Cape May County Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
(This Resolution awards County Contract No. 17-90 to Elyse L. Tepper for pharmaceutical consulting services for Cape May County Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.)
- 166-17 Resolution designating February 2017 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness month in Cape May County.
(This Resolution designates March as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness month in Cape May County.)
- 167-17 Resolution awarding contracts to various staffing agencies for professional nurse staffing services for County of Cape May.
(This Resolution awards contracts to five (5) professional nurse staffing agencies for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.)
- 168-17 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 for Human Services.)

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. DESIDERIO

- 169-17 Resolution supplementing the 2017 Salary Resolution and approving appointments and salaries.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017 (CONTINUED)

(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.)

170-17 Resolution reconfirming Resolution No. 153-17 and Resolution No. 154-17 adopted February 14, 2017.

(This Resolution reconfirms and ratifies the following Resolutions as adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at a regular meeting held on February 14, 2017:

1. Resolution No. 153-17: Establishing the 2017 County Library Tax of .00033 of a mil per dollar.
2. Resolution No. 154-17: Authorizing purchase not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 with South Jersey Transportation Authority for Bridge Commission EZ Pass project equipment and services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).)

171-17 Resolution authorizing Marmora Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions along Roosevelt Boulevard (CR623), Township of Upper.

(This Resolution permits fire-company volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ on various dates throughout the summer to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)

172-17 Resolution authorizing Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department to solicit contributions at the intersection of Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) and Dennisville-Petersburg Road (CR610) in the Borough of Woodbine.

(This Resolution permits fire-company volunteers to hold ‘coin drops’ on various dates throughout the summer to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)

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. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. PIERSON

173-17 Resolution reappointing Bob Humphries as a member to the Cape May County Planning Board.

(This Resolution authorizes reappointment of Bob Humphries to the Cape May County Planning Board, term to expire 2/10/20.)

174-17 Resolution reappointing Sue Ann Wheeler as a member to the Cape May County Agricultural Development Board.

(This Resolution authorizes Sue Ann Wheeler to be reappointed to the Cape May County Agriculture Development Board for a term of four years.)

175-17 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices (Bridge Department).

(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

176-17 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement among the Police Unity Tour, Inc., Cape May County Bridge Commission and the County for their Bike Tour – May 10, 2017.

(This Resolution authorizes an organization to conduct its annual Bike Tour involving the use of bridges and roads owned by the Bridge Commission and the County, respectively.)

177-17 Resolution granting permission to the Township of Lower to close a portion of Townbank Road (CR648) on August 5, 2017 for their Annual Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run.

(This Resolution gives permission to the Township of Lower to temporarily close a portion of Townbank Road (CR648) for a memorial run.)

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- 178-17 Resolution awarding contract to Agate Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$734,165.00 for 2017 Priority Structural Repairs of Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657) Bridge over Great Channel, Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution awards the contract for 2017 Priority Structural Repairs to Stone Harbor Boulevard (CR657) Bridge over Great Channel.)
- 179-17 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 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.)
- 180-17 Resolution awarding 2017 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements I on an As-Needed Basis throughout Cape May County to Landberg Construction, LLC based upon unit prices.
(This Resolution awards the contract for 2017 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements I on an As-Needed Basis throughout Cape May County.)
- 181-17 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Somerset Wheelmen to conduct bicycle time trials on Court House-South Dennis Road (CR657) on April 9, 2017.
(This Resolution grants permission for an organization to conduct USA Cycling-sanctioned time trials on a County road.)
- 182-17 Resolution authorizing the acquisition of Block 99.02, Lot 125, Township of Middle, and further authorizing engagement of Foundation Title, LLC for Title Insurance and Closing Services (Open Space).
(This Resolution authorizes the County of Cape May to execute a Contract for Sale of Real Estate for the acquisition of .51± acres of land in the Township of Middle (619 Route 9 North). The purchase price for this property is \$228,300.00.)

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

Public Hearing on the 2016 County Budget

Director Thornton stated this is the date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the 2017 Cape May County Budget.

Elizabeth Bozzelli stated she had Proof of Publication for the 2017 Budget.

Director Thornton stated the Public Hearing is now open and asked if there was any public comment. Seeing no hands he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

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

Director Thornton announced the governor had requested that no county budget be passed prior to the state budget address scheduled for today. As a result the County 2017 Budget was scheduled to be passed on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017 (CONTINUED)

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

General Fund	7,275,027.61
Grant Fund	141,907.65
Tax Appeal Trust	1,808.92
County Clerk Trust	4,413.72
Motor Vehicle Trust	40,854.92
CMC Zoo Trust	61,904.73
Workers Compensation	1,742.00
Open Space Dedicated Fund	2,797.80
Self-Insurance Trust	708,981.89
Accumulated Absences	11,506.66
Prosecutors Clearing Acct.	10,821.52
Prosecutors Forfeited Fnd	9,789.43
Prosecutors Forensic Lab	125.00
CMC Spay/Neuter Program	3,352.72
Animal Shelter Donations	3,506.98
Capital Improvements	1,569,612.53

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: Approximately 17 people addressed the Board regarding a proposal made by Sheriff Gary Schaffer (not present) to have three corrections officers trained by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to process illegal immigrants who become incarcerated in the County Correctional Facility. Almost all who spoke were in opposition to the program entitled, "287(g)" Each speaker cited their reasons as to why this program shouldn't be implemented in the county.

ADJOURN: 5:44 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

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD