

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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, 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 3, 2019.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Freeholder Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 05/14/19 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					

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church reported the emergency repairs to the 17th Street Bridge were complete as of May 22nd. The repairs included underwater cutting of the steel sheeting and disposal of it. On Friday, May 24th, a sink hole developed on the westbound side of the 25th Street Bridge in Avalon. A contractor was brought in immediately to assess and start a repair to restore the paving and eliminate the possibility of more erosion occurring underlying the roadway. The contractor would also go back in and address a similar, but less critical situation occurring on the east side. The goal was to get the road open because it was the only way in and out for the residents at 25th Street. Work had started at the Mill Creek and Upper Thorofare Bridges, part of the guiderail and surface repairs of the bridge deck. They would be pouring the first guiderail tomorrow with an expected finish date of June 21st. It was expected that the ramp to Sea Isle Boulevard would be base painted on Friday, and the other ramp base painted on June 3rd with the expectation of the week of June 10th or 17th having the causeway topped out and being finished with all the asphalt work there. The finish work would be taken care of during a night paving operation. Notification would be provided prior to the start of the work.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

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- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Freeholder Morey appreciated the support and attendance at the Tech Village groundbreaking ceremony he said. Construction was already underway and ACIA was hoping to get the remainder of available space leased out. The marketing RFP was responded to by four or five different firms and being assessed by a committee commissioned for that. The County and DRBA would meet again shortly to pursue further progress at the Airport.
- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Freeholder Pierson offered kudos to Freeholder Morey for the Tech Village groundbreaking and tour of the incubator space.

Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Tech Village groundbreaking, SNJFA Meeting, WOND Radio interview, 8th Grade Student Recognition Dinner at Avalon Links, Technical School GED Ceremony, Somers Point Memorial Day Program and Cape May County Memorial Day Program.

The freeholder reported working with Facilities and Services on “Vets Corner”, which would be an area in the lobby dedicated to the military and veterans that have served over the years.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Freeholder Hayes reported the Cape May County and Atlantic County Women’s Commissions came together in May, for a special presentation by a young women from Ocean City, who had become a victim of human trafficking while visiting a foreign country. She was now a counselor and an advocate for women who had experienced the same. The woman, and her parents who were also present at the meeting, talked about the ordeal from their perspectives. A public forum was planned for the fall of 2019 to help bring awareness to the issue.

The freeholder also reported she was the commencement speaker this past week at one of the graduation ceremonies for Atlantic Cape Community College. She herself graduated from there in 1979, and she credited the school largely for her success.

She attended a grand ribbon cutting for the new Pocket Park located on West Mechanic Street, adjacent to the Main library branch in Cape May Court House. The site, furnished with a garden, cute little statues and picnic tables was funded by an Open Space grant.

Freeholder Hayes informed everybody that one of the Fare Free Transportation drivers who participated in the national rodeo in California came in 4th place, out of competitors from around the whole nation. The drivers who placed in both the state and national competitions would be recognized at an upcoming freeholder meeting.

She had the opportunity to attend the Ocean City Memorial Day event yesterday, she said. The number of people who took the time out of their schedules, in the middle of the day, to attend the ceremonies, to hear the stories of the veterans, was amazing. May we never stop doing that, she remarked.

Ray Brown, Cape May County Tax Administrator was recognized on his retirement. We’re losing someone that has been a true asset to the County for a lot of years, she stated. On behalf of the board, she let Ray know how appreciative they were for the years he had put in with the county. Photographs were taken with the board.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: No report. Yesterday was a great day with the attendance at the Memorial Day services and the weather made it a picture perfect weekend in Cape May County he commented.

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FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Library Commission Meeting for proposed Franklin Street Library in Cape May, SNJFA Dinner Meeting in Ocean County, Victorian Towers Rehab Dedication in Cape May, Armed Forces Day in Cape May Point, Swearing-in of Middle Township Chamber of Commerce officers, American Legion parade in Wildwood, Southern New Jersey Transportation Organization Meeting, Wildwood Memorial Day Program and Cape May County Memorial Day Program.

He reminded that June 6th marked the observance of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 415-19 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$12,252.40.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 416-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 706-17 authorizing Grant Agreement with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Water Quality Management 604(b) Wastewater Management Plan Grant No. WR17-006 for additional Grant Funds and work period extension.
(This Resolution amends Resolution No. 706-17 accepting additional Grant Funds for the completion of the Cape May County Water Quality Management Plan.)
- 417-19 Resolution approving contract documents for Supplementary Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements at the Police Cadet Training Academy and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)

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

- 418-19 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).)
- 419-19 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.)
- 420-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-19 appointing certifying officers for 2019.
(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)
- 421-19 Resolution accepting Cape Regional Home Health Care’s 2019 Financial Plan.
(This Resolution accepts Cape Regional Home Health Care’s 2019 Financial Plan.)

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- 422-19 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement with Walden University, LLC for an Educational Field Experience Program.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement between the County of Cape May and Walden University, LLC for an Educational Field Experience Program.)
- 423-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 1067-16 to increase the surcharge dedicated to the Homelessness Trust Fund.
(This Resolution authorizes an amendment to Resolution No. 1067-16 to increase the surcharge dedicated to the Homelessness Trust Fund.)
- 424-19 Resolution authorizing Use Agreement with State of New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$75.00.
(This Resolution authorizes a Use Agreement Number 20026 for lease of space in the National Guard Armory by the Cape May County Health Department from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.)

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

- 425-19 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.)
- 426-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on May 28, 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); Personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8); Matters falling within the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5); and Pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).
(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.*)

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

- 427-19 Resolution reappointing members to the Cape May County Open Space Review Board.
(This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of Cornelius R. Byrne, Jr. and David Craig to the Open Space Review Board; terms to expire June 1, 2022.)
- 428-19 Resolution appointing Scott Halliday to the Cape May County Bridge Commission.
(This Resolution authorizes the appointment of Scott Halliday to the Cape May County Bridge Commission for a term of 3 years.)
- 429-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 309-19 authorizing ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter for its ALS Express Bike Ride on June 15, 2019.

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(This Resolution modifies Resolution No. 309-19 which changes the route of the “tour”. The new “tour” route includes a portion of Railroad Avenue (CR656) in the Township of Middle.)

430-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Bayshore Road (CR603), Township of Lower.

(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to renew a gas main on Bayshore Road (CR603), Township of Lower. Work will be completed promptly.)

431-19 Resolution authorizing the County to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with South State, Inc. for providing Site Improvements at the Southerly Abutment/Approach Roadway of the former Beasley’s Point Bridge in Upper Township for Waterborne Access from County property.

(This Resolution authorizes a shared services agreement for the use of the southern approach of the former Beasley’s Point Bridge for waterborne access for construction equipment as part of a contract for utility upgrades with Atlantic City Electric. As part of this agreement, South State, Inc. has agreed to install permanent sheeting and slope stabilization of the north, east and west sides of the approach roadway.)

432-19 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to vacate a portion of the Right-of-Way on Fish Dock Road, Lower Township.

(This Resolution vacates a portion of the County right-of-way on Fish Dock Road (CR630) to the owner of the adjoining property.)

Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X		429-19		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: Sharon Lee Kustra, Cape May City resident, vice-president of Cape May City Elementary Board of Education, and French teacher at Cape May County Technical School, read a letter that she presented to the Cape Technical School Board of Education at their April meeting, in her capacity as president of the Technical School Association. The school board had authorized the advertising of bids for services for custodial grounds maintenance management services she informed. The letter, read on behalf of the in-house custodial maintenance staff of the Tech School, asked that the decision to replace the staff with a private firm be fully deliberated, prior to a final outcome. She listed the various positions held by the 15 members of the comprehensive staff. She contrasted services being provided by outsourced individuals versus services provided by the already well-known and seasoned staff.

John Staab, NJEA representative was concerned that the employees were fired from their positions prior to a bid opening, before the district could even know if there would be a savings by privatization. Whether it was a fiscal issue or not was still unknown, he said.

Keith Entead, tech employee presented a petition to the board, started by his daughter, with over 1,500 signatures since May 23rd protesting the action.

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Several other tech employees and/or family members, including Patricia O'Talla, Ciaran and Salvatore McGreevy, Louis Klott and Christine Dennison spoke about the impact privatization would have on their lives.

ADJOURN: 5:34 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