

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 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 06/11/19 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: Freeholder Pierson’s birthday, which was yesterday, was acknowledged.

**REPORTS:**

- 1) COUNTY ENGINEER: Bob Church updated the Board regarding various projects out of the Public Works Department. The ramps on Sea Isle Boulevard were paved to the Parkway last night in the acceleration lane, he informed. Tonight they would pave the eastbound lane followed by the westbound lane tomorrow night. The shoulders would be completed on Thursday night, making the road ready for the weekend. On the Gateway project, the final test pits would be performed tomorrow. Verizon’s relocations were completed today. They completed transferring all of their wires. There were some utility poles that would remain through the summer, because of the traffic out there and lane closure problems that had occurred. Since most of the time consuming work had been completed, it was determined best to get Verizon out of there, to resume in the fall. The parking lot and striping project in Sea Isle City should wrap up on Thursday and Friday. The Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Guiderail project was on hold for an attenuator scheduled for delivery on Friday. Because of that, the replacement guiderail wouldn’t be installed in its entirety until Monday. The only remaining work on that project would be paving of the bridges, to be done during night paving operations, mid-week after July 8th. In conclusion, he described being called out to the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge on Friday to perform a routine follow-up inspection of some bascule framing components. Some issues with the cover plate were discovered at the southwest bascule, causing the plate to bulge out. A consultant was called to come out and do a follow-up inspection. As a result of that inspection, the bridge was closed to marine traffic for openings,

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but would remain open to vehicular traffic. There was concern with the existing number of rivets and their condition, with a possibility of the condition worsening upon opening and closing for marine traffic. As soon as a repair schedule was provided, a contractor would be out to do the repairs.

- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: The opening date for the Townsend Inlet Bridge was addressed by Mr. Morey. The engineer and staff were working collaboratively with the contractor and supporting engineer to move up the open date for the bridge, as early as possible. Currently it was set for July 30<sup>th</sup>, but everyone remained hopeful that it would take place sooner, with the great effort going on to keep the work on the bridge moving along for the benefit of Avalon and Sea Isle City.

He reported his attendance at the Cape Technical School graduation. He noted the numbers were down a little bit this year. Declining enrollment was being experienced by many schools in the area, as well as this one, he commented.

The freeholder reminded that Atlantic County had at one time, been a partner with the county in aviation related matters. They (Atlantic County) had recently opened their National Aviation Research & Technology Park building in Egg Harbor Township, and both the governor and Atlantic County kindly recognized Cape May County, in that partnership with Atlantic County. Now, our county was pursuing a major grant opportunity, that would provide support to both counties, and to the UAS aspects and incubator aspects of Cape May County's program, he explained.

Updating on Open Space and Farmland Preservation, the freeholder informed that the program was now in the process of integrating its creative placemaking efforts into at least 10 projects which had already been approved. There was still time to assimilate certain aspects of the creative placemaking enhancements into the projects. That would give us an early start on the program, he noted. Any project that comes before us after that would be expected to follow those guidelines.

The Strathmere improvements were nearly complete and looked great, he informed. The parking facility was coming along well too. That was clearly a safety issue, as seen by the recent cyclist incident which occurred last week. The cyclist ended up with a broken rib and punctured lung. The improvements were very important, and the freeholder was glad to see them taking place, he stated.

Related to the Middle Thorofare Bridge, everyone was pleased that Scott Halliday had recently joined the Bridge Commission, as Vice Chairman. Freeholder Morey attended a meeting yesterday with Mr. Halliday and the other principals, looking at the next steps and funding for the Middle Thorofare Bridge. He would be a productive part of the team and they were glad to have him aboard, the freeholder commented.

- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation or experience at the following events: Citizen/Freeholder coffee chat at Pan American in Wildwood Crest, Cape Tech Cosmetology graduation, Grand opening of Square Peg Round Hole Eatery, American Legion GI Bill ceremony, Union League dinner, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VFW conventions & parades, new gazebo ribbon cutting at Rambler Road, Wildwood Crest, Judge panel of VFW parade, Wetlands Institute 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, and Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association (SNJFA) dinner at Marie's in Sea Isle City.

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Freeholders Morey and Pierson met with Curtis Bashaw, Barbara Wilde, and daughter, Hamilton Wilde at Beach Plum Farms to discuss artisanal expansion. The expansion could be with wine, or ham for instance, anything they wanted to make or grow, he explained. It would benefit future growth, provide more jobs on a year round basis, and extend the tourist season. The meeting was held to discuss this idea, which was in its initial phases. A report on the program would be provided the freeholder board upon completion.

Awards presented to Delores Rambo and Colleen Bingham-Pron for their roles in a widespread investigation that led to Sheila Kahl pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson in Trenton federal court for her part in \$1-million dollar Medicare fraud scheme. Rambo and Bingham-Pron work for Cape May County Departments of Consumer Affairs and Aging and Disability Services respectively. Freeholder Desiderio commented on the excellent job performed by Delores Rambo and the Department of Consumer Affairs, which was one of the departments he oversees.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes announced Lori Rosell was chosen by the Tax Board and named as replacement for retiring Tax Administrator, Ray Brown. Lori stood and was recognized on her promotion.

She attended the ribbon cutting of a new, free Jitney service in the City of Cape May. The jitney will make rounds of the entire island but an "Express" will travel up and down Beach Drive specifically. An App can be downloaded which will tell you where the Jitney is located if you are waiting for it, she explained. A parking committee in the town had come up with the idea.

The freeholder reported her attendance at an event held in Ocean City on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the third Annual Juneteenth Celebration. The purpose for the national event was to commemorate the national ending of slavery in the United States. Ocean City's celebration also commemorated the historical and cultural legacy of Ocean City's Black community. Councilman Antwan McClellan was honored at this year's celebration.

She attended the Area Plan Public Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Howard Stainton Senior Center in Ocean City. A presentation was given by Mary Dozier, Director of Cape May County Aging and Disability Services. A lot of conversation, questions and suggestions for improvement were shared.

Additionally, Ms. Hayes reported her attendance at the VFW Convention, SNJFA dinner and the dedication ceremony of the Cape May County Park & Zoo's Discovery Outpost Building. The educational building was newly renovated with a donation (\$7,500) from Tracey Francois, in memory of her late husband, Adam Francois, lover of animals and the park & zoo. A plaque was dedicated and will hang on the wall outside the building.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Thirty two graduates of the Fire Fighting Academy I & II were addressed and congratulated on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> by Freeholder Desiderio at the Cape May County Police Academy.

He attended the opening night of the New Jersey Police Chief's Association Convention in Atlantic City, last evening. It was a nice event for all the police chiefs from across the state to get together and mingle he stated. Then, on Wednesday night, Chief Christopher Leusner of Middle Township Police Department, will become the chief of all the chiefs in the state of New Jersey by becoming the president of the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association. He is something special and we're very proud of him, he commented.

- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton attended and spoke at the opening of the New Jersey American Legion convention held on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood. He attended the VFW Convention and welcomed them to the county as well, one week later, he informed.

He met along with the County Administrator regarding the Rio Mall (K-Mart) project. "County Commons" would be the name of the completed complex. Signage and wayfinding within the complex itself were discussed. Things were working well with that. A tractor supply was interested in leasing there, they were making investments in the movie theatre down there, and the Vets clinic, he added.

He commented on the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association dinner in Sea Isle City, last night, hosted by the County of Cape May. Emergency Management Coordinator, Marty Pagliughi was the keynote speaker. He spoke about how the county would be recognized and receiving an award out of 3,096 other counties for Emergency Management communications throughout the county.

The County would participate in Chief Leusner's ceremony tomorrow night in Atlantic City he stated.

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

- 462-19 Resolution awarding various contracts for Provision of Special Counsel Services.

(This Resolution awards various contracts to Birchmeier & Powell, LLC, Blaney & Karavan, PC, Brown & Connery, LLP, Cooper Levenson, Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth P.A. and Parker McCay P.A. to provide Special Counsel Services for a term of one year, commencing June 26, 2019 with two one-year options.)

- 463-19 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for Project Management Services for various projects for County of Cape May.

(This Resolution authorizes use of Competitive Contracting for Project Management Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (a)(i) Professional Services.)

- 464-19 Resolution authorizing Death Pronouncement Agreements with various Professional Licensed Registered Nurses.

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with various Professional Licensed Registered Nurses for a term of one year commencing June 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020 at the rate of \$125.00 per response and pronouncement and \$75.00 per scene response when no pronouncement.)

- 465-19 Resolution authorizing execution of Release of All Claims between GEICO Indemnity Company and County of Cape May and accepting check from GEICO Indemnity Company in the amount of \$1,363.95 for damage to a County Traffic Signal.

(This Resolution authorizes execution by the County of a Release of All Claims and accepts payment in the amount of \$1,363.95 from GEICO Indemnity Company for damage to a County traffic signal sustained during a motor vehicle accident on May 7, 2016.)

- 466-19 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$11,811.86.

(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)

- 467-19 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Purchasing)

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

- 468-19 Resolution applying to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for FY19 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$55,000.00.

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(This Resolution authorizes application to the State of NJ Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police Office of Emergency Management for the period of 7/1/19 to 6/30/20.)

- 469-19 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding between the State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office and Third-Party Contractor Computer Square, Incorporated.

(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding between The State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts, the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office and Third-Party Contractor Computer Square, Incorporated.)

- 470-19 Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May and First United Methodist Church of Cape May Court House for Safety and Security and Evacuation Procedures.

(This Resolution authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May and First United Methodist Church of Cape May Court House for Safety and Security and Evacuation Procedures.)

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**

- 471-19 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).)

- 472-19 Resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of the Judiciary, Cape May Vicinage, Probation Enrichment Program.

(This Resolution authorizes an agreement with the State of the Judiciary, Cape May Vicinage Probation Division for a Probation Enrichment Program in the amount of \$5,000.00.)

- 473-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-104 to KCI USA, INC. for leasing of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

(This Resolution awards Contract No. C9-104 to KCI USA, INC. for leasing of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System for a term of one year, commencing July 1, 2019 with two (2) one-year options.)

- 474-19 Resolution urging full funding of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs.

(This Resolution urges the Governor and the State Legislature to review the Budget for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2019 and to replace the funding at a level consistent with Fiscal Year 2018.)

- 475-19 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.)

- 476-19 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Subrecipient Agreement with the New Jersey Family Planning League.

(This Resolution authorizes the County to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the New Jersey Family Planning League.)

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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**

- 477-19 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.)
- 478-19 Resolution rejecting proposals submitted June 7, 2019 in response to 2019 Specification No. 29, for construction of Eagle, Capybara and Porcupine Exhibits at Cape May County Park and Zoo.  
 (This Resolution rejects the proposals received on June 7, 2019 in response to 2019 Specification No. 29 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d).)
- 479-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on June 25, 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); and Personnel matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).  
 (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**

- 480-19 Resolution reappointing Nancy Ramundo to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Cape May.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the reappointment of Nancy Ramundo as a member to the Cape May County Special Services School District and the Vocational School District. Term to expire June 30, 2022.)
- 481-19 Resolution rejecting all proposals submitted May 22, 2019 in response to 2019 Specification No. 34 for Professional Branding and Marketing Services for Cape May County.  
 (This Resolution rejects all proposals that were received on May 22, 2019 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (d) to substantially revise the specifications.)
- 482-19 Resolution designating new members to the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board and establishing terms of appointment, per the New Jersey State Employment Commission “Policy on Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) member appointments and process”.  
 (This Resolution appoints one member to represent Cape May County on the Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Workforce Development Board and establishes the terms of those appointments.)
- 483-19 Resolution appointing Christopher Kobik to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Cape May.  
 (This Resolution authorizes the appointment of Christopher Kobik to the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Cape May. Term to expire June 30, 2022.)

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- 484-19 Resolution authorizing execution of a Redevelopment Collaboration Agreement with the City of Wildwood.  
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Redevelopment Collaboration Agreement with the City of Wildwood.)
- 485-19 Resolution granting permission to the Cape May Beach Patrol to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Super Athalon on July 1, 2019.  
(This Resolution gives permission to the Cape May Beach Patrol to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Super Athalon on July 1, 2019.)
- 486-19 Resolution granting permission to Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions on Sunset Boulevard (CR606) in the Borough of Cape May Point.  
(This Resolution permits fire-company volunteers to hold a 'coin drop' to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 487-19 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of STV, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Improvements to Lafayette Street, Sydney Avenue and Washington Street (CR633) in the City of Cape May.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 488-19 Resolution closing the contract and accepting the work of Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. for Licensed Site Remediation Professional and Environmental Services for Building 22 and other areas at the Cape May County Airport.  
(This Resolution accepts the work and closes the contract.)
- 489-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement among the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the County of Cape May for their 2019 Bike MS City to Shore Ride.  
(This Resolution gives permission to the National MS Society to close a portion of Bay Avenue (CR656) for their annual Bike MS City to Shore Ride on September 21 and 22, 2019.)
- 490-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Magnolia Avenue (CR614), Township of Middle.  
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to renew a gas main on Magnolia Avenue (CR614), Township of Middle. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 491-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Fishing Creek Road (CR639), Township of Lower.  
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to renew a gas main extension on Fishing Creek Road (CR639), Township of Lower. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 492-19 Resolution declaring an emergency due to undermining of the roadway at the 25<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Street Bridges in the Borough of Avalon and authorizing the County to engage contractor for the repair.  
(This Resolution allows the County to proceed with emergency repairs at the 25<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Street Bridges in the Borough of Avalon.)
- 493-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Agate Construction Company, Inc. for Ocean Drive (CR619) Bridge over Townsends Inlet Spans 1-7 Replacement, Borough of Avalon.  
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to establish a not to exceed allowance of \$50,000.00.)
- 494-19 Resolution modifying No Passing Zones along Landis Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue (CR619) in the City of Sea Isle City and the Township of Upper.  
(This Resolution modifies existing no passing zones on Landis Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue (CR619) in the City of Sea Isle City and the Township of Upper.)

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495-19 Resolution designating No Parking along Landis Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue (CR619), City of Sea Isle City and the Township of Upper, Cape May County, NJ.

(This Resolution establishes a no parking zone along Landis Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue (County Road No. 619) in the City of Sea Isle City and the Township of Upper.)

496-19 Resolution authorizing modification to the agreement signed by the Freeholder Board for the 2018 Local Bridges Future Needs Program eliminating the grant request of \$575,000.00 for the Ocean Drive (CR619) over Great Channel Bridge Railing Recoating and amending the 2019 Local Bridges Future Needs grant allotment to include the addition of \$575,000.00 to the Ocean Drive (CR619) over Townsends Inlet spans 1-7 Replacement Project.

(This Resolution authorizes modification to the 2018 Local Bridges Future Needs Program eliminating the grant request for Great Channel Bridge Railing Recoating and rolling the funds over to 2019 Local Bridges Future Needs Program for the Townsends Inlet Spans 1-7 Replacement Project.)

Freeholder Morey recognized Commissioner Pete Byron on his attendance. He referenced Res. No. 484-19 authorizing execution of a Redevelopment Collaboration Agreement with the City of Wildwood. The County looked forward to engaging with the City of Wildwood on the municipal redevelopment agreement he stated.

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 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 of Cape May thanked the Board, on behalf of the Cape May County Technical High School Education Association, for listening at the last freeholder meeting to the plight of the members of the custodial unit at risk of losing their jobs due to privatization.

Commissioner Pete Byron, Wildwood acknowledged the intent to revitalize downtown Wildwood with Res. No. 484-19 and thanked the board for taking the initiative to form this redevelopment collaboration with Wildwood.

ADJOURN: 5:16 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					

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APPROVED

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DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD