

MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 MOORE ROAD, CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.

Director Thornton called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call:

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, and Thornton (3)

Statement of the 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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

Moment of Silence dedicated to the Ukrainians.

Flag Salute-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

Presentations:

1. Leslie Gimeno, Director- Open Space Program

Recommendations of projects from the Open Space Board for the BOCC to consider.

Historic Preservation projects-

- a) **Naval Air Station Wildwood**-rehabilitation of the south shed roof, two stairwells, north elevation windows and canopy roof. Total cost just over \$181,000., county to contribute approximately \$93,000.
- b) **Historic Cold Spring Village**-restoration and rehabilitation of 3 buildings considered to be centerpieces of the village. Focus is on exterior work, siding and some windows. Also, removal of historically inaccurate shutters and landscaping will be undertaken. Total cost \$102,600.,county to contribute \$61,560.

Special Funding projects-

- c) **Norbury’s Landing in Middle Township**-Existing Park area to get ADA upgrades, a pavilion, site work and landscaping, bulkhead replacement, wayfinding signage, low level lighting, benches and picnic tables. Total cost just over \$685,000. County to contribute \$230,256.
- d) **Wildwood Crest Public Beach Access Improvements**-Twenty-two street ends south of Rambler need improvements that would consist of extending existing deck areas 20 feet, therefore creating new public boardwalk space with railings and amenities. County participating in 11 street endings that would have creative placemaking elements in them. Total cost for the 22 streets ends was in the range of \$5.7 to \$6 million with the County to contribute up to \$2.5 million for the 11 street ends.

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Director Thornton asked if beach access for the handicapped was part of the Wildwood Crest project.

Discussion:

1. Allison Hansen- Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 139-22, 142-22 and 158-22.

Res. 139-22 awarding Contract No. C2-31 to EClincalWorks, LLC for software, maintenance and support for Public Health Clinical Management Information System for the Department of Health.

Res. 142-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-43 to Vann Dodge Chrysler, LLC to furnish and deliver one (1) new 2022 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited right-hand drive for the Mosquito Control Department.

Res. 158-22 awarding Contract No. C2-45 to Burns Construction Consulting, LLC, to provide Owner's Representative Services for Cape May City Library at the Historic Franklin Street School.

2. Robert Church-Engineer's Update

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged or discussed by Mr. Church.

Res. 149-22 approving contract documents for 21st Street and 25th Street Bridges over Avalon Canal Scour Erosion Damage and Substructure Repairs and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

Res. 151-22 approving contract documents for Dennisville-Petersburg Road (CR610) Improvements, Township of Dennis and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.

Res. 152-22 approving Modification No. 1-Final in the amount of \$10,185.91 to Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Construction Engineering Services for Avalon Boulevard (CR601) over Ingram's Thorofare Bridge Deck Reconstruction, Township of Middle.

Res. 153-22 authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to P & A Construction, Inc. for Bayshore Road (CR603), Townships of Lower and Middle.

Res. 154-22 authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to P & A Construction, Inc. for Norbury's Landing Road (CR642), Township of Middle.

Res. 155-22 accepting proposal of Gibson Associates, P.A. not exceeding the amount of \$135,250.00 to provide Professional Construction Testing Inspection Services for 2021 Maintenance Paving on various County Roads.

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2. Kevin Lare-Administrator Update

Mr. Lare informed at the next Commissioner's meeting three individual bond ordinances would be on the agenda for introduction. One was for Tech Village II. The second for Tech High School and the third for voting machines.

They were working with Technical School Board of Estimate to coordinate date and time for their budget hearing. They extended their time to which they can approve their budget. Mr. Lare would like the hearing to be held on a day the Commissioner Board was already scheduled a meeting.

If all went well with the State, the 2022 Budget would be adopted on March 22, 2022.

3. Commissioner Discussions

Commissioner Hayes-She recently attended a virtual meeting with representatives from Senator Bob Menendez office. Together they were in support of the reauthorization of the National Flood Act of 2021 to extend NIFP for five years through September 30, 2026 and authorize reforms to assist policyholders and ensure the long-term success of the program.

The Commissioner requested a resolution of support be authorized at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Desiderio-No discussion.

Commissioner Director Thornton-No discussion.

Moved by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, and Thornton (AYE-3) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-Two). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Administrator/Clerk of the Board