

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 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:

Commissioner Desiderio, Hayes and Thornton- Present (3)
Commissioner Morey and Pierson via virtual access (2)

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 02/23/21 MEETINGS
Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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: Not present.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: No report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY: Mr. Morey recognized Nancy Mauro on her retirement. He highlighted several career accomplishments completed during her 19 years with the County, and 6 years with the County Municipal Utilities Authority.

2) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson reported his activities of the last two weeks. He attended the following virtual meetings: New Jersey Economic Recovery Act meeting, COVID-19 Task Force meetings, Cape Assist webinar on implementation around legalization of marijuana, Lower Township Youth Bias Taskforce roundtable discussion, NJAC federal funding/Capitol hill update, and Stone Harbor Connections, Dr. Paul Offit’s pandemic & vaccination seminar.

He gave a very brief homeless trust fund update and reported from his COVID actions list that the number of positive cases were down from last fall. He named

the pharmacy locations where an appointment for a vaccination could be made in the county. He gave the upcoming date, time and places where one might find the Hope One outreach van.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: Ms. Hayes reported that she had also participated in the virtual NJAC update concerning federal funding for COVID costs. She noted that Cape May County would be receiving the least amount of assistance due to funding amounts were based on population.

She attended the Stone Harbor Connections seminar presented by Dr. Paul Offit on COVID-19 and vaccinations. Anyone interested could visit shnj.org to view the presentation she informed.

She reported the Zoological Society would soon be announcing a fundraiser in support of exhibits that would be coming to the zoo. Featured would be kangaroos, emus and toucans. More information to follow.

She thanked the Board for their support of her, which included the resolutions on tonight's agenda honoring women internationally and recognition that March was Women's History Month.

In conclusion she stated, a new snow leopard was secured for the County Zoo to continue the breeding that began with the now deceased female snow leopard Himani.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio commented that he had toured the newly renovated Cape Commons last week and was wowed by it. He thanked Jeff Lindsay for his contribution and efforts to facilitate the project.

He acknowledged the Health Department and employees for their professionalism in handling COVID-19 and the Avalon Community Center vaccination site. Kevin, Mary and Amy of the Health Department were recognized as being especially helpful. He thanked Kevin Lare and Michael Donohue for their tireless efforts throughout the pandemic. More vaccines were still being sought though, he commented.

He announced that the Board of County Commissioners had honored the American Red Cross earlier today with a flag raising ceremony in recognition of March designated as American Red Cross Month. The ceremony was held in front of the County Administration Building.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton reported that he continued to participate in daily pandemic conference calls with the State. He too was on-line for the virtual seminar presented by Dr. Paul Offit and Stone Harbor Connections. He noted that it was an outstanding presentation, very informative.

He commented regarding the County Health Department, the County Commons project and the American Red Cross ceremony. He acknowledged the efforts of Mayor Sippel of Lower Township and Jeff Lindsay in helping to get seniors without computer access registered for the COVID-19 vaccine.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 158-21 Resolution urging the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to conduct a safety study of the intersections at Roosevelt Boulevard (CR 623) and Interchange 25 of the Garden State Parkway.

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(This Resolution urges the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to conduct a safety study and implement the necessary safety improvements to correct the hazardous conditions of the intersections at Roosevelt Boulevard and Interchange 25 of the Garden State Parkway.)

- 159-21 Resolution designating the month of March as American Red Cross Month 2021.
(This Resolution designates March 2021 as American Red Cross Month in Cape May County.)
- 160-21 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.)
- 161-21 Resolution authorizing Grant Application to United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2020 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).
(This Resolution applies for funding from US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for State Alien Assistance Program.)
- 162-21 Resolution awarding Contract No. C1-42 to DKC Contractors, LLC and Contract No. C1-45 to Coastal Landscaping to provide Property Maintenance for County Commons.
(This Resolution awards contract No. C1-42 to DKC Contractors, LLC and contract C1-45 to Coastal Landscaping to provide property maintenance for County Commons commencing March 10, 2021 for a term of one-year with two one-year options.)
- 163-21 Resolution authorizing an application to New Jersey Department of Children and Families for Child Advocacy Development Grants-CAPITAL for the period of February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$128,104.65.
(This Resolution authorizes application for Child Advocacy Development Grants-CAPITAL in the amount of \$128,104.65 for the period 2/1/2021 to 6/30/21.)

Commissioners	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

- 164-21 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).)
- 165-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May for emergency Code Blue warming center placements.)
- 166-21 Resolution accepting Grant Awards from State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for State Community Partnership and Family Court Appropriations for a total amount of \$314,535.00.
(This Resolution accepts award notices for the following grants 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021: State Community Partnership & Family Court Appropriations-SCP Program Services Funds \$153,833.00, SCP Program Management Funds \$55,550.00, Family Court Services Funds \$105,152.00.)

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- 167-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for the 2021 Statewide Respite Care Program #DOAS21SRP006 in the amount of \$92,180.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes Grant Agreement for the 2021 Statewide Respite Care Program funding to support family or other uncompensated caregivers in meeting demands of daily for the frail elderly and other functionally impaired persons in order to delay, reduce or prevent the need for institutionalization for the budget period 1/1/21 through 12/31/21 in the amount of \$92,180.00.)
- 168-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for State Health Insurance Program Grant (No. DOAS20SHF009) for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$39,000.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes an application for the period 04/01/21 through 03/31/22 to support community-based State Health Insurance Program Services offered to Cape May County Residents through the Cape May County Division of Aging and Disability Services.)
- 169-21 Resolution authorizing an emergency contract with Praxis HCS, Inc. for COVID-19 PRC testing at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes a contract with PRAXIS HCS, Inc. to provide COVID-19 PRC testing at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center utilizing CARES Act grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 ...*emergency affecting the public health.*)
- 170-21 Resolution authorizing application for the Universal Services Fund Program in the amount of \$2,589.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes application for the Universal Services Fund Program in the amount of \$2,589.00 for the period 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)
- 171-21 Resolution authorizing application for the LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$3,884.00.
 (This Resolution authorizes application for the LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$3,884.00 for the period 7/1/20 through 6/30/21.)

Commissioner Pierson gave kudos to Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for performing in an outstanding manner during the pandemic, going above and beyond.

Commissioners	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

- 172-21 Resolution supplementing the 2021 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.)
- 173-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on March 9, 2021 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), and pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7).
 (This Resolution authorizes the Board of County Commissioners 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.)

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- 174-21 Resolution reappointing members to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission.
 (This Resolution reappoints Dottie Pearson and Patricia Taylor as members to the Cape May County Women’s Advisory Commission. Terms to expire as follows: Dottie Pearson, September 11, 2023; Patricia Taylor, January 24, 2024.)
- 175-21 Resolution authorizing Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance applicable to 5310 and 5311 Programs.
 (This Resolution is affirmed by County Counsel of the applicant’s legal authority to certify compliance with said fiscal year’s FTA funding assistance requirements applicable to 5310 and 5311 programs.)
- 176-21 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Cape Express Soccer Club for use of County Park East for youth soccer practice.
 (This Resolution permits use of the soccer field located at County Park East by Cape Express Soccer Club.)
- 177-21 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Fare Free Transportation)
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 178-21 Resolution in honor of the social, economic, cultural and political contributions and achievements of women.
 (This Resolution recognizes the contributions and achievements of women as celebrated on International Women’s Day (March 8) and Women’s History Month (March).

Commissioners	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

- 179-21 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 1046 Lot 8 in the City of Cape May for use in connection with the County road system.
 (This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of a sight triangle easement pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 180-21 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 1046 Lot 8 in the City of Cape May for use in connection with County road system.
 (This Resolution authorizes the acquisition by the County of Cape May of 1,232 sq. ft. portions of County Roads No. 606 & 633 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 181-21 Resolution authorizing various emergency contracts for sinkhole repair, embankment stabilization, Construction Engineering Services, and Design Engineering Services for Ocean Drive (CR621) Bridge over Middle Thorofare Rehabilitation in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
 (This Resolution authorizing emergency contracts with South State, Inc., Pennoni Associates, Inc., and WSP USA, Inc. for sinkhole repair, embankment stabilization, construction engineering services, and design engineering services for Ocean Drive (CR621) Bridge over Middle Thorofare Rehabilitation in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.)

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182-21 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Environmental Permitting and Evaluation associated with a proposed Parking Lot Construction along Landis Avenue (CR619), City of Sea Isle.

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

183-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final in the amount of <\$381,482.72> to South State, Inc. for Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements Phase II, Townships of Dennis and Upper.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions.)

184-21 Resolution accepting the work and closing the contract of South State, Inc. for Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) and Dennisville-Petersburg Road (CR610) Roundabout, Borough of Woodbine.

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

185-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 7-Final in the amount of <380,276.14> to South State, Inc. for Sea Isle Boulevard (CR625) Section II Improvements, Township of Dennis.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust various pay items in the contract to reflect as-built conditions.)

Commissioners	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:

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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: None.

ADJOURN: 5:27 P.M.

Commissioner Desiderio moved/ Commissioner Hayes seconded

Commissioners	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

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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD