

**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, APRIL 26, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson (Virtual) and Thornton-Present (5)

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

Flag Salute-Led by Director Thornton.

Presentation: Maria Kellett, Dean of Atlantic Cape Community College Campus in Cape May Court House

**Women’s Commission- Women of Wonder 10-year program history**

Women’s Commission members in attendance: Maria Kellett, Krista Fitzsimons, Secretary, Barbara Zuzulock, Dr. Pat Gentile, Chair, Camille Fitzmartin, Jackie Simonson, Vice-Chair, Violet Rixey, Immediate Past Chair & Treasurer, Commissioner E. Marie Hayes, Liaison

The program began in 2011, when the partnership between Cape COMPACT High School and A.C.C.C. at that time, was recognized for the success it brought for certain students. Thus began one of the college’s first capital campaigns. Pat Gentile, Dean at the time, made a generous donation towards a scholarship which was given the name the “Wonder Woman Scholarship”. The idea of superheroes being inspirational to both children and young people, prompted the foundation women to hold a fundraising event and call themselves the “Women of Wonder League”. More women, those who held careers in the fields of Social Work and Education, were asked to join and form an alliance to help support the youth of the county. For the first event, it was requested everyone come dressed up as their superhero alter egos (it was around Halloween 2011). The first “WOW” fundraiser was held at the Pan American Hotel Penthouse Suite, courtesy of the Morey family.

Fun Facts: Seven (7) events held over the past 10 years, attendance of eight hundred and one (801) persons, total of \$57,700 raised in scholarships, fifty-five (55) scholarships awarded, thirty-four (34) to COMPACT students and twenty-one (21) to Atlantic Cape students. Due to 2021 fundraising efforts, endowments, \$15,000 scholarships, now available.

Previously honored Women of Wonder recipients:

**2011-** Myra Belasco, Counselor, Lower Cape May Regional High School District

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**2012** –Martina Singleton, Sexual Assault Program Director, Coalition Against Rape & Abuse

**2013** –Noel Hiers, Director, School Based Youth Services, CMC Technical High School

**2016**- E. Marie Hayes, County Commissioner, Alumni of Atlantic Cape Community College

**2018**- Vicki T. Clark, Director, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce

**2019**-Stormy Freese, Microbiologist, Cape May County Mosquito Control

Karen Mahar, Director, Ocean City Free Public Library

Shirley “Becki” Wilson, Commissioner, DRBA

**2021**-Michele Gillian, Executive Director, Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

Chase Jackson, Executive Director, Ocean City Arts Center

Marilyn Miller, Director, Samuel S. De Vico Senior Center

Doris E. Barnes, 100 yr. old Veteran, United States Marines

**2022**-October 27, 2022 at the Flanders, Ocean City, New Jersey, honorees not yet chosen

### **1. Allison Hansen- Purchasing Report**

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 257-22, 258-22, 259-22 and 260-22.

Res. 257-22 authorizing use of Competitive Contracting to solicit proposals for the Provision of Methadone Treatment Services for the County of Cape May.

Res. 258-22 awarding Contract No. C2-76 to Bonfire Engineering and Consulting, Inc. to provide a Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Study for the County of Cape May in the amount of \$238,935.00.

Res. 259-22 amending Contract No. C1-194 with International City Management Association Retirement Corporation dba MissionSquare Retirement for Deferred Compensation Plan Services for the County of Cape May.

Res. 260-22 rejecting all proposals submitted April 13, 2022, in response to 2022 Specification No. 7 to furnish and deliver maintenance of existing County Wide Security Access & Video Surveillance Systems.

### **2. Kevin Lare-Administrator Report**

Mr. Lare told the Board of Commissioners he would provide them with his report in closed session. Instead, he gave a brief report on the status of the emergency repair of the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (Res. No. 292-22) and several maintenance paving projects for Bob Church, County Engineer, in his absence.

### **3. Commissioner Discussions**

**Commissioner Desiderio**-No discussion.

**Commissioner Hayes**-No discussion.

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**Commissioner Morey**-No discussion.

**Commissioner Pierson**-No discussion.

**Commissioner Thornton**-No discussion.

Moved by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey, Pierson and Thornton (AYE-5) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-None). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

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Administrator/Clerk of the Board