

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 7:00 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 05/28/19 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: Phase 1 of the Gateway Project was winding down, although work would continue inside the pump station. Verizon was now transferring their utilities, the last of the utilities to be transferred. No impediments for the actual roadwork starting in September, he reported.

The Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek Bridge work continued and was on schedule. The contractor completed the work at the Upper Thorofare portion and was currently working on the guiderail and parapet construction on Mill Creek which should be complete by June 21st. The new guiderail insets should be in place by Friday, June 14th, increasing the safety of the approaches for those bridges.

The northbound exit ramp at Stone Harbor Boulevard was scheduled to open June 12th, making the exit free flowing. Night paving was scheduled to begin June 17th, taking approximately 4 days for completion of the various phases.

Revisions had been made to the traffic signal at Crest Haven Road to attempt to free up the queuing that was occurring. It was taken off coordination with the Rt. 9 signal and would now operate independently. Ten seconds was added to the southbound exit ramp so more cars could make the light. Between the 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. time slot, a preemptive phase was added to eliminate some of the queuing that was backing up traffic to the parkway from the northbound exit. An employee from the Traffic Signal Division monitored

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the intersection for a week, to make sure the changes weren't causing unintended consequences. The next phase entailed installing cameras on all of the signal heads, making them fully actuated. The final thing to be done at the Crest Haven Road exit was make the right lane a right turn only, with the left lane becoming a left turn/thru lane, eliminating vehicles being blocked from making a right turn during the red light. Stantec would have to do the design on the project due to technical details.

The Prosecutor's Office parking lot was out to bid with an anticipated August completion date.

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

FREEHOLDER REPORTS:

- 1) FREEHOLDER MOREY: Freeholder Morey commented on the issue affecting the custodial team at the Technical School which was discussed during the public comment portion of the May 28th Freeholder meeting. Everything had been worked out; a settlement had been reached between the workers and administration.

He reported the Townsends Inlet Bridge was now slated to re-open around July 30th. Work was proceeding fairly well there; this was something Bob, Lou and team were engaging with on a daily basis in terms of looking for ways to ensure or improve the schedule if possible.

He attended a stakeholder meeting for aquaculture last week. Trying to get both the birding and oyster industries to come together was going slowly. The meeting took place at the Haskin Shellfish Research Lab which was helpful for the stakeholders to see the operations first hand, observe the care taken by the oyster farmers, and the different provisions that were being made. He was hopeful that would advance the cause and aquaculture and birding would be able to flourish and merge harmoniously.

He was invited to give a presentation Saturday for the Stone Harbor Property Owners Association regarding bridge infrastructure generally, including the Stone Harbor Bridge. He filled them in on the county's overall perspective and plans for the future. He thanked Bob Church for the information on what had been going on the last few years with the bridges. The association was happy to get the report on the Stone Harbor Bridge. The freeholder received a thank you note from Bob, the chairman of the association.

- 2) FREEHOLDER PIERSON: A Code Blue meeting was held. Freeholder Pierson and Director Thornton participated in the session along with key people from the different municipalities, discussing the pros and cons, measuring progress, input and recommendations for the coming year. Everyone agreed the plan worked out better than anticipated. It was decided they should move forward in the same manner again this year.

Freeholders Pierson and Hayes attended the Boarding House Cape May ribbon cutting. The updated establishment, owned by the Hirsch family, was bright, attractive and a positive for the area, he commented.

He attended the opening of the annual Senior Art Show reception to be held June 5 through June 18th at Atlantic Cape Community College, 241 Court House-South Dennisville Road in Cape May Court House.

He attended the Power of the Purse luncheon in Linwood sponsored by the United Way of Atlantic and Cape May Counties. This year Freeholder Hayes was one of three women honored for their outstanding contributions and dedication to changing the lives of others for the better.

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He reported forward movement in the area of homelessness. A task force was in the process of being established. Specifics were being worked out between members of the team. Once the project was underway it would really be beneficial to the county he noted.

Director Thornton and Freeholder Pierson recently completed a short, 30 minute videotaping at Willow Creek Winery to talk about what Cape May County does, and how it helps the Veterans that live in this area.

He presented an award to Jack Hagan of Ocean City at the Ocean City Kiwanis Club's 54th Annual Book of Golden Deeds Award event.

The freeholder took part in the annual **We Check for 21** Program today at Wildwood Convention Center. He recognized the non-profit Cape Assist, county employees Donna Groome, Pat Devaney and others who sponsor the event each year. The forum was started by former Sheriff, Jim Plousis, 27 years ago, he reminded. It was a wonderful event, focused on the safety of young people, second to ensuring that bar owners and employees learn the correct procedure to check for proper identification of bar patrons.

He attended the grand opening of the Angelic Health organization in Atlantic County. They served all of South Jersey with hospice care and he felt it important to recognize them, he commented.

- 3) FREEHOLDER HAYES: Ms. Hayes informed her colleagues of her participation and/or experience at the following events: Grand opening/ribbon cutting of the Boarding House Cape May, Pride Day at the Park & Zoo on Thursday, May 30th, Cape Women's Resource Fund's 18th annual fashion show and luncheon, Cape Technical School Dental Assistant graduation and Dreamnight at the Park & Zoo.

She announced the Park/Zoo would welcome a new baby boy giraffe, coming from the Philadelphia Zoo, on Thursday. His name was Beau, born last year to Stella, who was originally one of the County's giraffes before being transferred to the Philadelphia Zoo. Beau would be joining a herd of two other females and two males.

- 4) FREEHOLDER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Cape May County Police Academy graduation at Ocean City High School on Friday, June 7th.

He commented on the continued success of the **We Check for 21** Program.

- 5) FREEHOLDER THORNTON: Director Thornton reported a Code Red Notification was tested on Friday, June 7th, going out to approximately 100,000 people. In addition, a monthly e-mail newsletter was started, going out to more than 1,000 individuals in the county. Go to the county website to sign up to receive the newsletter, he stated.

He participated in the television interview about bridging the gap, regarding the veterans, with Freeholder Pierson. Everybody should recognize that almost 7% of all the adults in New Jersey are veterans, which was significant he noted.

He attended the Code Blue Recap meeting. The Fare Free Transportation drivers were praised for their dedication to transporting the homeless during Code Blue events. Also mentioned, was that many times the drivers buy breakfast for the people they are transporting to the warming centers, he commented.

He attended the Jersey Shore Partnership (Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties) function held in Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Lund's and Cape May Fisheries donate the seafood each year to feed the 400-500 attendees, he informed.

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

434-19 Resolution accepting check from Allstate Insurance Company in the amount of \$35,391.73 for heavy damage to a County Traffic Signal Controller.

(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$35,391.73 from Allstate Insurance Company for heavy damage to a county traffic signal controller sustained during a motor vehicle accident on July 26, 2018.)

435-19 Resolution applying for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant No. V-05-17 for a period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$589,795.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application to the State in the amount of \$589,795.00 (Federal Agency \$338,340.00, In Kind Match \$251,455.00) through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Grant #V-05-17 to support victim service projects for the period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020.)

436-19 Resolution authorizing use of Competitive Contracting for Architectural, Engineering and Project Management Services.

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

437-19 Resolution constituting an agreement with certain State and National Contract Vendors for 2019.

(This Resolution enables the County to utilize State, National and Cooperative contracted vendors.)

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

438-19 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).)

439-19 Resolution authorizing the renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for use of the Atlantic County Detention Center, known as Harborfields.

(This Resolution authorizes renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for the placement of Cape May County juveniles at the Atlantic County Detention Center, known as Harborfields, commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.)

440-19 Resolution authorizing renewal of subcontract with Cape Counseling Services, Inc. for Substance Abuse Recovery Case Management through Department of Human Services Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$72,729.00.

(This Resolution authorizes renewal of Contract No. C7-241 with Cape Counseling Services, Inc. for Substance Abuse Recovery Case Management Program administrated through the Department of Human Services Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services.)

441-19 Resolution awarding Contract No. C9-84 to General Healthcare Resources, LLC for Professional Speech Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

(This Resolution awards County Contract No. C9-84 to General Healthcare Resources, LLC for Professional Speech Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for a term of one year, commencing July 1, 2019 with two one-year options.)

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442-19 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Health for Cancer Education and Early Detection 2019 Grant No. DCHS19CED019 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award from the New Jersey Department of Health for Cancer Education and Early Detection 2019 in the amount of \$10,000.00, increasing the total state funding to \$191,265.00.)

443-19 Resolution amending the 2019 Budget for the Cancer Education and Early Detection Grant No. DCHS19CED019 for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

(This Resolution amends the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$10,000.00, bringing the total state funding up to \$191,265.00, to support cancer screenings, abnormal screening results and education services to low income, uninsured and underinsured women.)

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

444-19 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.)

445-19 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on June 11, 2019 at 6:00 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 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

446-19 Resolution amending Resolution No. 9-19 appointing certifying officers for 2019.

(This Resolution changes/clarifies certifying officers for departments for auditing purposes.)

447-19 Resolution establishing the Cape May County Municipal Redevelopment Initiative.

(This Resolution establishes the Cape May County Municipal Redevelopment Initiative and authorizes the implementation of a pilot project.)

448-19 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Planning)

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

449-19 Resolution amending the 2019 Budget for the Clean Communities Grant for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$74,444.53.

(This Resolution amends the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$74,444.53 to aid in litter cleanup and removal, enforcement of local anti-littering laws, education programs to promote clean communities, purchase of

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trash/recycling receptacles for public areas, and sponsorship of "Adopt a Highway, Beach, Park, or School" Programs.)

- 450-19 Resolution authorizing acquisition of interest in real estate known as Block 751 Lot 15 in the Township of Lower for use in connection with the County Road System.
(This Resolution authorizes acquisition by the County of Cape May of 45 sq. ft. portions of County Road 649 pursuant to the County Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1, et seq.)
- 451-19 Resolution supporting an amendment to designate the Cape May County Airport as a New Jersey Economic Development Authority "Garden State Growth Zone".
(This Resolution encourages the State of New Jersey to designate the Cape May County Airport as a New Jersey Economic Development Authority "Garden State Growth Zone", which would help stimulate economic development activities.)
- 452-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May for the Cape May Summer Fun Festival on June 15, 2019.
(This Resolution gives permission to Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May to close a portion of Delaware Avenue (CR640) for their Cape May Summer Fun Festival.)
- 453-19 Resolution authorizing application for Road Opening Permit to South Jersey Gas Company for Dias Creek Road (CR621), Middle Township.
(This Resolution authorizes South Jersey Gas Company to renew a gas main on Dias Creek Road (CR612), Middle Township. Work will be completed promptly.)
- 454-19 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to execute "Temporary Construction Easements" for Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements, Phase II from south of Tattlers Road to north of Gracetown Road and from south of Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) to south of Unnamed Street, Townships of Dennis and Upper.
(This Resolution authorizes execution of Temporary Construction Easements. By executing the Easements, the property owners grant to the County a right of entry upon their property to make certain planned improvements associated with Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Resurfacing Improvements, Phase II from South of Tattlers Road to North of Gracetown Road and from South of Woodbine-Ocean View Road (CR550) to South of Unnamed Street, Townships of Dennis and Upper.)
- 455-19 Resolution ratifying to enter second option year of the Establishment of a Pool of Consulting Firms for 2017 Professional Bridge Engineering Services on an as needed basis.
(This Resolution authorizes the Freeholder Board to ratify entering into the second option year of the establishment of the pool of consultants to provide professional bridge engineering services on an as-needed basis. The pool of consultants was established through a fair and open process.)
- 456-19 Resolution ratifying to enter first option year of the Establishment of a Pool of Consulting Firms for 2018 Professional General Engineering Services on an as needed basis.
(This Resolution authorizes the Freeholder Board to ratify entering into the first option year of the establishment of the pool of consultants to provide professional general engineering services on an as-needed basis. The pool of consultants was established through a fair and open process.)
- 457-19 Resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting for 2019 Professional Traffic and Roadside Safety Engineering Services on an as needed basis.
(This Resolution authorizes the use of competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(3)i for selecting consultants.)

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458-19 Resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting to provide Professional Engineering Services for Dias Creek Road (CR612) Improvements from Mechanic Street (CR615) to Stites Avenue and from 300 Ft. west of Galloping Way to US Route 47, Township of Middle.

(This Resolution authorizes the use of competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(3)i for selecting consultants for professional construction engineering services.)

459-19 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement among the Ocean City Aquatic and Fitness Center, Cape May County Bridge Commission, and the County for OCNJ Half Marathon, 5K & 10 Mile Non-Competitive Walk/Run – September 29, 2019.

(This Resolution grants permission for marathon participants to use Gardens Parkway (CR 656), Battersea Road (CR656), and to cross over the Ocean City-Longport Bridge during its event.)

460-19 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$0.00 to Landberg Construction, LLC for 2018 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements I on an as-needed basis throughout Cape May County.

(This Resolution authorizes a change order for additional items of construction for the project in order to complete the work of the project in a satisfactory manner.)

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: Shirley Greene, Executive Director and founder of the Whitesboro Historical Museum in Whitesboro, informed that the town of Whitesboro had been incorporated as of January 3, 2019. Mayor and council were sworn in on March 5, 2019 by Honorable Joyce Ford, retired United States Magistrate, under the leadership of Honorable Johnny Ford, President of Small Black Town and Alliance in the World Conference of Mayors. Town Whitesboro was in the process of completing the draft for the Charter. Historic Town Whitesboro was requesting the Board of Chosen Freeholders support and guidance through the chartering process. She thanked the Board for their time and stated they were looking forward to working with the Board.

ADJOURN: 7:27 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

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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD