

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
4 MOORE ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NEW JERSEY**

The meeting convened with Deputy Clerk Doyle presiding and the following members answering roll call:

Commissioners Desiderio, Morey and Thornton- Present (3)
Commissioners Pierson and Hayes -Virtual (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-Dedicated in memory of Bob Bingham, former county employee.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 06/08/21 MEETINGS
FH Desiderio moved/ FH 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) ENGINEER: Bob Church reported on the following projects: Ingram’s Thorofare Deck Resurfacing, Seashore Road Missing Link, Bayshore Road Resurfacing and the Wildwood Hudson Avenue Pocket Park.
- 2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeff Lindsay had no report.
- 3) COUNTY TREASURER: Brittany Smith had no report.

Commissioner Director Thornton stated Bond Ordinance No. 1-21 was being pulled from the agenda. There would not be a public hearing tonight. The ordinance would be reintroduced following further consideration of it.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- 1) COMMISSIONER PIERSON: Mr. Pierson informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Wandile Hannah, Coast Guard Foundation meeting, Grand Opening of

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Fractured Prune Donut Shop in North Wildwood, Grand Opening of Sol Restaurant in Wildwood and the June 19th VFW Parade in Wildwood.

2) COMMISSIONER MOREY: No report.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES: Ms. Hayes informed her colleagues of her participation and/or experience at the following events: Sea Isle City AARP meeting, Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Wandile Hannah, Grand Opening of the Fractured Prune Donut Shop and Sol Restaurant in the Wildwoods, and the Historic Sites Council Meeting for the City of Cape May Franklin Street Library.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO: Mr. Desiderio informed his colleagues of his participation and/or experience at the following events: Cape May County Technical High School graduation ceremony and Firefighters I graduation for 2020-21 students.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON: Director Thornton indicated that the budget would finally be adopted this evening. He advised the tax rate for the year was .234 percent, with a total budget of \$135 million. The adopted budget was less than the introduced budget due to the addition of rescue plan money for COVID-19 related expenses. The pandemic was the most challenging situation he had ever encountered in his time working for the government, he stated. Cape May County still had the second lowest tax rate in the State of New Jersey thanks to outstanding employees and business practices, he further stated. He thanked residents for their cooperation by following protocols and getting the vaccine. Tourism seemed to be on the rebound too, he noted. He reminded that 2019 was a record year for Cape May County Tourism doing \$6.9 billion in business.

He reported a simulation of a Code Red Alert was sent out last week to 147,470 subscribers. He complimented the Department of Emergency Management for their oversight, everything worked as it should. He participated in the recent Emergency Management coordinators meeting as well.

He attended the Juneteenth Grand Opening of the Harriet Tubman Museum in the City of Cape May along with approximately 200 other people. He acknowledged Culture & Heritage for lending their support to the project.

He participated in the VFW Parade in Wildwood on June 19th with Commissioner Pierson; both judging again this year. He met the National Commander of the American Legion while he was in town visiting the Stone Harbor American Legion.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. MOREY, SECONDED BY MR. DESIDERIO

Mr. Morey offered and read in its' entirety Res. No. 441-21 honoring Robert L. Boyd for 16 years of service on the Cape May County School Districts Board of Education. Director Thornton, Vice-Director Desiderio, Commissioner Hayes, Commissioner Pierson and Commissioner Morey remarked on their interactions with Mr. Boyd over the years. Mr. Boyd acknowledged and thanked the board for their kind words.

441-21 Resolution honoring Robert L. Boyd.

(This Resolution honors Robert L. Boyd for 16 years of service on the Cape May County School Districts Board of Education.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					X
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

- 415-21 Resolution cancelling the Special Emergency Appropriation COVID-19.
(This Resolution cancels the unexpended balance of the Special Emergency Appropriation COVID-19 from the 2020 Budget.)
- 416-21 Resolution to amend the approved 2021 County Budget.
(This Resolution amends the approved 2021 County Budget.)
- 417-21 Resolution authorizing the use of Competitive Contracting for project management/owners representation for Franklin Street School and Government Services District pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.1.i.
(This Resolution authorizes the use of competitive contracting project management pool established pursuant to Resolution 589-19).
- 418-21 Resolution accepting Subgrant Award from New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA/Victim Assistance Grant Program No. V-47-19) for the period 7/1/21 to 6/30/22 for the total amount of \$342,887.00.
(This Resolution accepts a subgrant award for the VOCA grant from 7/1/21 to 6/30/22 in the amount of \$342,887.00 (Federal) and \$138,160.00 (In-Kind County Match), totaling \$481,047.00.)
- 419-21 Resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2021 Cape May County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
(This Resolution authorizes the adoption of the 2021 Cape May County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.)
- 420-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood.
(This Resolution authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood for landscaping services.)
- 421-21 Resolution accepting check from USAA in the amount of \$237.30 for damage to a County traffic signal support.
(This Resolution accepts payment in the amount of \$237.30 from USAA for damage to a County traffic signal support sustained during a motor vehicle accident on February 27, 2021.)
- 422-21 Resolution authorizing payment to the Travelers Insurance Company for various claims in the total amount of \$16,893.51.
(This Resolution authorizes payment to the Travelers Insurance Company, Property-Casualty Department for various claims.)
- 423-21 Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and Cape May County for Application for Disaster Assistance under the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation Programs for Presidentially Declared Major Disasters.
(This Resolution authorizes an MOU between the NJOEM and the County for disaster assistance under FEMA Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation programs for Presidentially Declared Major Disasters.)
- 424-21 Resolution accepting a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria from the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the token of \$1.00 for use by the Department of Public Safety Training.
(This Resolution authorizes transfer of a vehicle no longer needed by the Borough of Wildwood Crest for use by the County Public Safety Training Center.)
- 425-21 Resolution authorizing court-approved settlement of Claim Petition #2017-15488 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:15-20.
(This Resolution authorizes a court-approved settlement of CP#2017-15488 for total payments of \$2,500.00.)

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426-21 Resolution authorizing Amendment to Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Middle.

(This Resolution amends Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Middle for the installation of a permanent standby generator at the mass care shelter at the Martin Luther King Center.)

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

427-21 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).)

428-21 Resolution authorizing one-year Maintenance Agreement with Accela, Inc. to provide licensing, support services and preventative maintenance for Envision Software in the amount of \$26,012.70.

(This Resolution awards a one-year maintenance agreement to Accela, Inc. to provide licensing, support services and preventative maintenance for Envision Software utilized by the Department of Health in the amount of \$26,012.70.)

429-21 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 for the Department of Human Services.)

430-21 Resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with PRAC of Southern NJ for County-owned property.

(This Resolution authorizes execution of a Lease Agreement with PRAC of Southern NJ for County-owned property for services relating to programs that facilitate social and economic growth for low to moderate income community members.)

431-21 Resolution authorizing extension of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control and the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission.

(This Resolution authorizes extension of a Memorandum of Agreement for the collection and testing of mosquito specimens for identification of various arboviruses.)

432-21 Resolution accepting a renewal agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2008 Shelter + Care Project through the FY 2020 Continuum of Care Grant No. NJ0181L2F032007 for the period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 in the amount of \$61,316.00.

(This Resolution accepts funds for the 2008 Shelter+Care Project NJ0181L2F032007 to continue and expand support to the FY20 Continuum of Care by maximizing efforts and leveraging resources in order to prevent and end homelessness for the period 5/1/21 through 4/30/22 in the amount of \$61,316.00.)

433-21 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Family Planning League for the FY22 Title X Family Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$140,262.00.

(This Resolution accepts a grant award from the New Jersey Family Planning League in the amount of \$140,262.00 with Program Income of \$45,000.00 and \$15,858.00 In Kind Match for Title X Funding for the period 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022.)

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434-21 Resolution authorizing Contract Modification from New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Innovation Substance Abuse Grant for the period June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2022 in the additional amount of \$44,689.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Contract Modification from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the period of 6/30/20 to 9/30/22 in the additional amount of \$44,689.00.)

435-21 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Human Services for Corrections Center Mat Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$300,000.00.

(This Resolution authorizes application for Corrections Center MAT Grant for the period of 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 in the amount of \$300,000.00.)

436-21 Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Cape May County Municipal Alliance Plan for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$106,199.00.

(This Resolution authorizes Board approval of the FY2022 Municipal Alliance Plan, in the amount of \$106,199.00 and authorizes that it be submitted to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.)

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

437-21 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.)

438-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 5 with R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction for Safari Café in a net credit amount of -\$30,827.33.

(This Resolution authorizes change order No. 5 with R. Wilkinson & Sons Construction for additions and deductions, a credit in the amount of -\$30,827.33.)

439-21 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on June 22, 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.

(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.)

440-21 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Fellowship of Christian Athletes for use of County Park East for a summer sport camp.

(This Resolution permits use of County Park East for a summer sport camp for youth.)

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

- 442-21 Resolution reappointing members to the Cape May County Agricultural Development Board.
(This Resolution authorizes the reappointments of members to the Cape May County Agricultural Development Board for terms of four years.)
- 443-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for Emergency Paving Restoration.
(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for emergency paving restoration.)
- 444-21 Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the City of North Wildwood for use of County resources at Special Municipal Events.
(This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement for the request of County resources by the City of North Wildwood for Special Municipal Events and establishes a fee schedule for the resource at such events.)
- 445-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into temporary Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with Jersey Shore properties, LLC regarding right-of-way along Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City.)
- 446-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with POGO, Inc. regarding right-of-way along Landis Avenue, City of Sea Isle.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City.)
- 447-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with Fishin Pier Grille South, LLC regarding right-of-way along Third Avenue, Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Third Avenue, Stone Harbor.)
- 448-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with Cape Coachman Realty, LLC regarding right-of-way along Beach Avenue, City of Cape May.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Beach Avenue, Cape May.)
- 449-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with Marco Tarantino regarding right-of-way along Third Avenue, Borough of Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Third Avenue, Stone Harbor.)
- 450-21 Resolution authorizing the County of Cape May to enter into Encroachment and Indemnification Agreements with Joseph Iacovino regarding right-of-way along Third avenue, Borough of Stone Harbor.
(This Resolution authorizes a formal agreement between the County of Cape May and the owner of said property to allow for an encroachment into the County right-of-way of Third Avenue, Stone Harbor.)
- 451-21 Resolution granting permission to Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions on Sunset Boulevard (CR606) in the Borough of Cape May Point.

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(This Resolution permits fire company volunteers to hold a 'coin drop' to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)

- 452-21 Resolution granting permission to the Borough of West Wildwood to close a portion of Glenwood Avenue (CR614) in the Borough of West Wildwood on July 4, 2021 for a Fourth of July Parade.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Borough of West Wildwood to temporarily close a portion of Glenwood Avenue (CR614) for their Fourth of July Parade.)
- 453-21 Resolution permitting Villas Volunteer Fire Company to solicit contributions along Bayshore Road (CR603) in the Township of Lower.
(This Resolution permits fire company volunteers to hold 'coin drops' on various dates throughout the summer to obtain public contributions which help offset operational expenses.)
- 454-21 Resolution ratifying to enter first option year of the establishment of a pool of consulting firms for 2020 Professional Bridge Engineering Services on an As-Needed Basis.
(This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner Board to ratify entering into the first 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.)
- 455-21 Resolution ratifying to enter first option year of the establishment of a pool of consulting firms for 2020 Professional Traffic and Roadside Safety Engineering Services on an As-Needed Basis.
(This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner Board to ratify entering into the first option year of the establishment of the pool of consultants to provide professional traffic and roadside safety engineering services on an as-needed basis. The pool of consultants was established through a fair and open process.)
- 456-21 Resolution granting permission to the City of Cape May to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Independence Day Parade, July 3, 2021.
(This Resolution gives permission to the City of Cape May to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Independence Parade on July 3, 2021.)
- 457-21 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 4-Final in the amount of \$144,399.13 to Midlantic Construction, LLC for Lafayette Street (CR633) Bridge over Cape Island Creek Bridge Repairs, City of Cape May and Township of Lower.
(This Resolution authorizes a change order to adjust quantities to reflect the as-built conditions and for additional items of work to complete the project in a satisfactory manner.)
- 458-21 Resolution declaring an emergency on Madison Avenue (CR653) Pump Station Discharge Failure, City of Cape May.
(This Resolution declares an emergency repair at the Madison Avenue (CR653) pump station in the City of Cape May.)
- 459-21 Resolution granting permission to the Township of Lower to close a portion of Townbank Road (CR648) on July 3, 2021 for their 4th of July Fireworks Celebration.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Lower Township Department to close a portion of Townbank Road (CR648) for their 4th of July Fireworks Celebration on July 3, 2021.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X					
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X				X	
Mr. Pierson	X					X
Mr. Thornton	X					

Resolutions to be Read by Title:

460-21 Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Board to read the 2021 Budget by Title.

(This Resolution authorizes the Clerk of the Board to read the 2021 Budget by Title and further acknowledges that copies of the approved budget have been provided for public inspection and the conditions set forth in 1a and 1b of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 have been met.)

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					X
Mr. Morey	X					
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

461-21 Resolution upon adoption of the 2021 Budget.

Commissioners	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Motion	Second
Mr. Desiderio	X				X	
Ms. Hayes	X					
Mr. Morey	X					X
Mr. Pierson	X					
Mr. Thornton	X					

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: FH Desiderio moved/FH 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: 5:20 P.M. FH Desiderio moved/FH 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

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD