

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 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:

Commissioners 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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE-Dedicated in memory of Assemblyman Erik Simonsen’s father, Frank Simonsen of Lower Township.

FLAG SALUTE-Led by Commissioner General Pierson.

MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/13/22 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.

Presentations:

1. Recognition of 2022 National Marbles Tournament Winners

The National Marbles Tournament took place June 20–23, 2022 at Ringer Stadium, Wildwood Avenue and the Beach in the City of Wildwood. Commissioner Pierson introduced Jessica Johnson, “Queen” of the girls’ final and Evelyn Merino, girls’ final runner-up. Marco Juarez, boys’ final runner-up was introduced, as were coaches Betty Harshaw and Jerry Seiber. Recognition included certificates and a group photo with the Board of Commissioners.

2. Presentation of plaque to Maria Kellett upon her retirement from ACCC

Commissioner Hayes first acknowledged her friendship with, and her high regard for the person, Maria Kellett. She thanked her for her numerous contributions to the community college over the last 14 years, as she served as Dean of the Cape May Court House campus and as Associate Director of the ACCC Foundation. The plaque presented to Ms. Kellett on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners congratulated her and thanked her for her years of service, dedicated to community outreach and fundraising efforts. Her leadership and commitment to the students and alumni, evidenced by her passion to work tirelessly for them, was referenced as well.

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Prior to departing, Ms. Kellett stated that it had been her honor to be the Dean of the CMC campus. She let the Board know how grateful she was to have their full support for everything she undertook during her tenure in Cape May County.

REPORTS:

1) COUNTY ENGINEER:

Bob Church provided the Board an update of his projects. The maintenance paving contract was almost complete, he said. Breakwater Road, from Bayshore Road to Fishing Creek Road and Stagecoach Road from Corson Tavern Road to Tuckahoe Road were paved last week. Totaling out of the contract was in process. Any additional quantity would be possibly used to extend it.

A pre-construction meeting took place last week for the Dennisville-Petersburg Road and Stagecoach Road. The reconstruction of Dennisville-Peterburg Rd. and Stagecoach Rd. would start the first week of November and was scheduled to be completed by Christmas. It was the last remaining section of Stagecoach from Tuckahoe Rd. to Old Tuckahoe Rd. that hadn't yet been paved, he commented.

Ongoing road projects consisted of the following: Ocean Drive from 62nd to 80th Streets in Avalon, and Pacific Avenue from St. Louis to Madison Avenue, in WWC. They would be starting, hopefully the end of this week, on the underwater repairs of the 104th Street Bridge, he commented.

The government services building project was proceeding without issue. Footings had been completed and paving of the site was scheduled for this week. They would pour the slab for the building over the next few weeks. It was expected the steel would be erected in November with the building interior work to proceed over the winter months.

2) COUNTY COUNSEL: Jeffrey Lindsay had no report.

3) COUNTY TREASURER :

CFO Smith reported no recommendations or findings this year by the County's auditing firm relative to Resolution Nos. 609-22 and 610-22, both on today's agenda.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1) COMMISSIONER MOREY:

Mr. Morey informed his fellow board members that a county delegation including Ron Simone, Assistant Administrator, and himself, met with the DRBA's executive administrative team to go over various projects that were underway at the airport. The meeting took place today. The time invested by everyone in the partnership was showing good returns, he said. The FBO General Aviation Terminal would start in the spring. The Government Services building construction was underway. The Tech Village construction project was set to begin also. By spring 2023 these projects would equate to \$35 million worth of construction in process at the CMC Airport.

2) COMMISSONER PIERSON:

General Pierson described his experience as the Grand Marshal of the State Firemen's Convention Parade. He said the parade was somewhat smaller than in the past, having less spectators. Despite that difference, it was exhilarating and enjoyable to participate again with his fire company.

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He reported his attendance at last night's SNJCA meeting hosted by Cumberland Co. at Terra Nonno Winery located in Deerfield Township. Commissioner Hayes and Secretary Lisa Vogdes were also in attendance. The meeting was very good, he said. Members of SBJCA benefitted by sharing ideas and staying abreast of what the other counties were doing, he ended.

3) COMMISSIONER HAYES:

Ms. Hayes reported on a recent Ocean City AARP meeting which she had participated in, along with Assemblyman Antwan McClellan. They spoke to the age 55+ group of men and women about many things that were currently going on in the county and around the state, which ultimately affected them in some way. The seniors asked questions and provided a lot of feedback, she said. Overall, it was a positive interaction, and the commissioner and assemblyman came away with some good ideas to work with.

She attended Cape Assist's Endless Summer benefit, which was the biggest fundraiser of the year for the organization, she informed. Kudos to the organizers for doing a fantastic job. The event had grown larger and more popular each year, she noted.

Finishing, she reported she had the opportunity again today, to cut the ribbon on another new business in Lower Township, the Sea Haven Realty. Brokers/owners of the establishment, Mr. and Mrs. Arenberg, were a young couple from the Cape May area. It was nice to see new businesses open, and to have young people opening them, she commented.

4) COMMISSIONER DESIDERIO:

Vice-Director Desiderio reported he and Director Thornton both participated in the SJTPO meeting yesterday. Officials from four southern counties contributed to these meetings. The move to electric energy, electric vehicles and electric charging stations were the topics of discussion, along with other new projects pending. He remarked on the quality of the meeting. It was very good, he said.

5) COMMISSIONER THORNTON:

Director Thornton stated that he had attended the Volunteers in Medicine, 20-year anniversary celebration on September 22nd. The hosts were very complimentary of the county, and the commissioners, for all the support provided them since their formation as a non-profit and savior for uninsured people. At the event, he had accepted a plaque on behalf of the County.

He finished up his report by telling a story about an uninsured woman who received free surgical services and operating room privileges a long time ago, before VIM was established. This transpired due to a chance meeting between the doctor and Director Thornton, who were sitting next to each other, talking, during a meeting they both attended.

RESOLUTIONS:

INTRODUCED BY MR. DESIDERIO, SECONDED BY MS. HAYES

609-22 Resolution approving Corrective Action Plan for the 2021 Audit.

(This Resolution accepts the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report Year – December 31, 2021 with no recommendations being made by the County's Auditing Firm.)

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- 610-22 Resolution certifying the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and accepted the Annual Audit for the year 2021.
(This Resolution certifies that each of the five County Commissioners has reviewed the recommendations and general comments prepared by the auditing firm pertaining to the County's 2021 audit.)
- 611-22 Resolution authorizing court-approved settlement of Claim Petition #2021-13746 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:15-20.
(This Resolution authorizes a court-approved settlement of CP#2021-13746 for total payments of \$15,000.00.)
- 612-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Emergency Management)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 613-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety NJ Cares for SFY 2022 Governor Phil Murphy Budget-Operation Helping Hands Grant Program No. SFYOHH-05-2022 for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$123,809.50.
(This Resolution authorizes the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office to participate in a State Grant No. SFYOHH-05-2022 and accept State funds for Operation Helping Hand.)
- 614-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$123,809.50 for the SFY22 Governor Phil Murphy Budget-Operation Helping Hand Grant.
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$123,809.50 for the SFY 2022 Governor Phil Murphy Budget-Operation Helping Hand Program.)
- 615-22 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-05-21) for the period 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 for a total amount of \$347,474.00.
(This Resolution accepts a subgrant award for the VOCA Grant from 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 in the amount of \$347,474.00 (Federal) and \$273,125.00 (In-Kind County Match), totaling \$620,599.00.)
- 616-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (No. V-05-21) in the amount of \$347,474.00.
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$347,474.00 for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.)
- 617-22 Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for FFY22 Homeland Security Grant No. EMW-2022-SS-00028 in the amount of \$193,129.04.
(This Resolution accepts FFY22 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$193,129.04 for the period 9/1/22 to 7/31/25.)
- 618-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the State Homeland Security Program FFY22 SHSP Local Share Grant No. EMW-2022-SS-00028 in the amount of \$193,129.04.
(This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$193,129.04 providing funding for SHSP Local Share Grant Program for the period 9/1/22 to 7/31/25.)
- 619-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-175 to Ambassador Medical Services, Inc. to provide Professional Drug Screening Services for County of Cape May.
(This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-175 to Ambassador Medical Services, Inc. to provide Professional Drug Screening Services for County of Cape May, on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 28, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 (CONTINUED)

- 620-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-179 to Coastal Landscaping to furnish, deliver, and install Landscape Services for Child Advocacy Center.
 (This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-179 to Coastal Landscaping to furnish, deliver, and install landscape services for Child Advocacy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$79,600.00, commencing on September 28, 2022, and expiring upon completion and closeout pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(9).)

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

- 621-22 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).)
- 622-22 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.)
- 623-22 Resolution recognizing October 6, 2022 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cape May County.
 (This Resolution recognizes October 6, 2022 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cape May County.)
- 624-22 Resolution authorizing Hospital/Facility Agreement with Cape May County Technical School District for Practical Nurse Training.
 (This Resolution authorizes a Hospital/Facility Agreement with the Cape May County Technical School and the Cape May County Health Department for the school year 2022-2023. No funds are involved.)
- 625-22 Resolution authorizing sale of 1369 Old Stagecoach Road, Palermo, in the Township of Upper, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey known as Block 566, Lot 1, and authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement.
 (This Resolution authorizes sale of 1369 Old Stagecoach Road, Palermo, in the Township of Upper, County of Cape May; authorizes execution of a Lease Agreement with the Township of Upper for the Upper Township Senior Center.)
- 626-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Health Department)
 (This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)
- 627-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the National Opioid Settlement in the amount of \$128,996.72.
 (This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$128,996.72 for National Opioid Settlement.)
- 628-22 Resolution applying to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Commission for CY2023 Comprehensive County Funding Allocation Grant in the amount of \$363,189.00 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
 (This Resolution authorizes application to the State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission for CY2023 Comprehensive County Funding for the period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23.)

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- 629-22 Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for use of the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center.
 (This Resolution authorizes a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the placement of Cape May County Juveniles at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center commencing September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.)
- 630-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-180 to Deluxe Italian Bakery, Inc. to furnish and deliver bread and related baked goods to Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
 (This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-180 to Deluxe Italian Bakery, Inc. to furnish and deliver bread and related baked goods to Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 28, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)
- 631-22 Resolution awarding Contract No. C2-176 to Spectrum Fitness, LLC to provide Professional Speech Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
 (This Resolution awards Contract No. C2-176 to Spectrum Fitness, LLC to provide Professional Speech Therapy Services for Crest Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, on an as needed basis, for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 28, 2022, with two (2) one (1) year options.)
- 632-22 Resolution accepting Grant Award from New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services for 2022 Area Plan Grant No. DOAS22AAA013 in the amount of \$733,058.65 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.
 (This Resolution accepts a grant award for Area Plan Mid-Year Allocation finds in the amount of \$733,058.65 for the budget period of 1/1/22 to 12/31/22.)
- 633-22 Resolution amending the 2022 Budget for the 2022 Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$733,058.65.
 (This Resolution amends the 2022 Budget for the Area Plan Grant in the amount of \$733,058.65 providing funding to further support older adults with services such as home meal delivery, state health insurance assistance, thus allowing them to maintain independence and quality of life.)
- 634-22 Resolution transferring the Cape May County One Stop Career Center from the Department of Planning to the Department of Human Services.
 (This Resolution transfers the Cape May County One Stop Career Center from the Department of Planning to the Department of Human Services.)

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

- 635-22 Resolution supplementing the 2022 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.)
- 636-22 Resolution authorizing the Board to hold a meeting excluding the public on September 27, 2022 at 3:00 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); pending litigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 (CONTINUED)

(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.)

- 637-22 Resolution appointing certain County employees to their permanent position in their respective offices. (Park/Zoo)
(This Resolution is appointing County employees to a permanent title from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission based upon a qualifying action.)

- 638-22 Resolution authorizing application to NJ Transit for 2023 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program Grant under The Federal Transit Act in the amount of \$574,338.00.
(This Resolution authorizes an application for funds to support the 2023 Senior Citizen/Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program from 1/1/23 through 12/31/23.)

- 639-22 Resolution authorizing application to NJ Transit Corporation and Department of Transportation On behalf of County of Cape May for FTA Section 5311 Grant for a total amount of \$199,875.86.
(This Resolution authorizes the County to apply for funds to aid in the financing of administration, capital and/or operating assistance projects for a mass transportation program. The approximate County local share will be \$45,917.43 with the State share of \$45,917.43 and Federal share of \$108,041.00 (total amount \$199,875.86); grant period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23.)

- 640-22 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Lower Township Recreation Department to use County Park South for Youth Soccer practices and games.
(This Resolution permits Lower Township Recreation Department to use County Park South for youth soccer practices and games between September 26, 2022, and November 12, 2022.)

- 641-22 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Seven Slot Sales, LLC – DBA Blinkerfluid Productions, for use of County Park Central for a Boo at the Zoo, “Creepy Jeepy” Contest.
(This Resolution permits use of County Park Central by Seven Slot Sales, LLC – DBA Blinkerfluid Productions on October 22, 2022, for a Boo at the Zoo “Creepy Jeepy” Contest.)

- 642-22 Resolution authorizing Application and Indemnification Agreement with Seven Slot Sales, LLC – DBA Blinkerfluid Productions, for use of County Park Central for a Modern Muscle Car Invasion, Trunk N Treat.
(This Resolution permits use of County Park Central by Seven Slot Sales, LLC – DBA Blinkerfluid Productions on October 23, 2022, for a Modern Muscle Car Invasion, Trunk N Treat.)

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

- 643-22 Resolution authorizing execution of a First Amendment to Leasing and Management Agreement with the Township of Upper for Amanda’s Field.
(This Resolution authorizes a Leasing and Management Agreement Amendment with the Township of Upper.)

- 644-22 Resolution authorizing execution of an Amended Jurisdictional Agreement between the State of New Jersey and County of Cape May for highway maintenance and control of County Road 661.
(This Resolution authorizes execution of an amendment to Jurisdictional Agreement #4848 with the State of New Jersey.)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 (CONTINUED)

- 645-22 Resolution authorizing release of Performance Guarantee funds in the amount of \$7,645.00 to Clean Energy for improvements to Shunpike Road (CR #620), Middle Township.
(This Resolution authorizes release of the funds held as a performance guarantee for improvements within a County right-of-way to Clean Energy.)
- 646-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$797,765.25 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with NV5, Inc. for Sunset Boulevard (CR606) Improvements.
(This Resolution increases the ceiling amount of NV5, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for professional engineering services on Sunset Boulevard (CR606) Improvements Project.)
- 647-22 Resolution granting permission to the Cape May Running Company to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their annual Hallowed Half Marathon and 5K on October 28, 2022 and October 29, 2022.
(This Resolution gives permission to the Cape May Running Co. to close a portion of Beach Avenue (CR604) for their Annual Hollowed Half Marathon and 5K on October 28, 2022 and October 29, 2022.)
- 648-22 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with DelMoSports LLC for its Crest Best 10 Miler and Half Marathon on October 9, 2022.
(This Resolution gives permission to DelMoSports, LLC to utilize County roads for a 10 Miler and Half Marathon event.)
- 649-22 Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement No. 22-DT-BLA-863 for Tyler Road (CR611) Resurfacing Improvements, Township of Dennis and Borough of Woodbine, County of Cape May.
(This Resolution establishes the terms for cost reimbursement of Federal funds for Tyler Road (CR611) Resurfacing Improvements.)
- 650-22 Resolution approving contract documents for Beach Avenue (CR604) Resurfacing Improvements, City of Cape May and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)
- 651-22 Resolution approving contract documents for Tyler Road (CR611) Resurfacing Improvements, Township of Dennis and Borough of Woodbine and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids for same.
(This Resolution approves contract documents and authorizes advertisement.)
- 652-22 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$1,414,117.00 for Mill Creek and Upper Thorofare Bridges Substructure Repairs Phase 2 Improvements along Ocean Drive (CR621), Township of Lower.
(This Resolution awards the contract for Mill Creek and Upper Thorofare Bridges Substructure Repairs Phase 2 Improvements along Ocean Drive (CR621), Township of Lower.)
- 653-22 Resolution awarding contract to South State, Inc. in the amount of \$4,974,829.00 for Ocean Drive (CR619) over Great Channel Bridge Superstructure Repairs and Fender Replacement.
(This Resolution awards the contract for Ocean Drive (CR619) over Great Channel Bridge Superstructure Repairs and Fender Replacement.)
- 654-22 Resolution declaring an emergency condition for the 104th Street Bridge over Great Channel (Str. No. 0500-023) in the Borough of Stone Harbor and to authorize the County to engage a contractor to perform emergency repairs.
(This Resolution allows the County to proceed with emergency repairs to the 104th Street Bridge (No. 0500-023) in the Borough of Stone Harbor.)
- 655-22 Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C2-57 with South State Inc. for Corson's Inlet Bridge Concrete Deck Repairs for Cape May County Bridge Commission in the amount of \$27,575.00.
(This Resolution authorizes Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C2-57 for additional spall patch repairs in the amount of \$27,575.00.)

656-22 Resolution authorizing an Indemnification Agreement with the Township of Middle for their 24th Annual Olde Tyme Harvest Festival on October 22, 2022. (This Resolution gives permission to the Township of Middle for the temporary closure of a portion of Mechanic Street (CR615) for their Annual Olde Tyme Harvest Festival.)

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- Deb Moore, Reverend of the Living Waters Veterans Memorial Chapel in Wildwood, addressed the Board about planning efforts already underway in the City of North Wildwood, for USA’s 250-year birthday, or semiquincentennial celebration, taking place on July 4, 2026. She urged the county to start their own planning initiative as soon as possible and asked that they move to bring the municipalities together to do the same.

Jim Chew, Rio Grande, for the second time this month, addressed the Board in support of the homeless in Cape May County. He thanked them for the measures they had already taken to assist the homeless with housing needs. He named the implementation of the Homelessness Trust Fund through the collection of the three-dollar per real estate transaction fee at the County Clerk’s Office, as such a measure. Additional help was needed for people that did not qualify for trust fund money, he said. Mr. Chew asked the Board to authorize a resolution designating the third week of November as homelessness awareness in CMC to help increase compassion for the plight of the homeless. He provided a sample resolution. Additionally, he requested the support of the Board for his mission to designate a specific area in the woods in Rio Grande for the homeless. The area would consist of port-a-pots, fencing, and a trash dumpster with a regular collection service, as he explained it. He spoke about an idea he had for a “druggie reduction” plan, meant to work in combination with his designated homeless area idea.

ADJOURN: 5:28 P.M.

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