

**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, MAY 24, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, and Thornton-Present (3)  
Commissioner Pierson-Absent (1)  
Commissioner Morey arrived at 3:07 p.m. (1)

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2021.”

Moment of Silence

Flag Salute-Led by Director Thornton

**1. Allison Hansen-** Purchasing Report

Ms. Hansen detailed awards, extensions, or changes to contracts, and competitive contracting of the following resolutions: Res. Nos. 339-22, 358-22 and 371-22.

Res. 339-22 establishing a pool of firms for as needed Landscape Architecture Services and awarding Contract No. C2-96 to Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., for Task 1 – Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$4,600.00.

Res. 358-22 authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. C1-89 with Heyer Gruel & Associates, P.A. for the development of a Farmland Preservation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Res. 371-22 rejecting all proposals submitted April 27, 2022, in response to 2022 Specification No. 19 Request for Proposals for the Provision of Special Counsel for County of Cape May.

*Jeff Lindsay named the various law case categories and explained that formal reporting requirements had been found to be required to keep the county apprised on the progress of lawsuits.*

**2. Robert Church-**Engineers Update

The following resolutions on the agenda to be authorized during the Regular Meeting of Board tonight were acknowledged or discussed by Mr. Church.

Res. 353-22 authorizing the County of Cape May to share costs with the Borough of Avalon for Ocean Drive and 78th Street drainage improvements in the amount of \$672,000.00.

Res. 360-22 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Cape May and South Jersey Gas for Paving Restoration Services.

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Res. 363-22 closing the contract and accepting the work of South State, Inc. for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.

Res. 365-22 accepting the work and closing the contract of Gibson Associates, P.A. for Construction Engineering Services required for Seashore Road (CR626) Missing Bicycle Link Improvements, Township of Lower.

Res. 366-22 authorizing execution of Agreement Modification No. 1 to Federal Agreement No. 21-DT-BLA-834 for Ocean Drive (CR619) 62<sup>nd</sup> Street to 80<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing, Borough of Avalon.

Res. 367-22 authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$0.00 to South State, Inc. for Pacific Avenue (CR621) Resurfacing Improvements, Borough of Wildwood Crest and Township of Lower.

Res. 368-22 authorizing the County of Cape May to execute "Temporary Construction Easements" for New Bridge Road & portions of Corsons Tavern Road (CR628) Roadway Improvements, Township of Upper and Township of Dennis.

Res. 369-22 closing the contract and accepting the work of South State, Inc. for emergency repair of the southwest bascule web and exterior cover plate at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Great Channel (Str. No. 0500-006) in the Township of Middle and Borough of Stone Harbor.

**3. Kevin Lare**-County Administrator

He informed the board that at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Caucus meeting, Administration would present one or two additional bond ordinances for consideration. One for road projects, and the other for ancillary requests.

**4. Commissioner Discussions**- No discussion.

Moved by Mr. Desiderio seconded by Ms. Hayes to adjourn the caucus. Roll call: Commissioners Desiderio, Hayes, Morey and Thornton (AYE-4) (NAYE-None) (ABSTAIN-None) (ABSENT-One). Carried.

Caucus adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

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Administrator/Clerk of the Board